

Lonsec Listed Managed Portfolios - Conservative

Portfolio performance - October 2023

	1 mth (%)	3 mth (%)	1 yr (% pa)	3 yr (% pa)	5 yr (% pa)	S.I. (% pa)
Portfolio Total Return*	-1.66	-3.47	1.37	2.21	4.00	5.46
Peer Group Benchmark**	-1.28	-2.86	1.78	1.03	2.11	3.53
Excess Return	-0.38	-0.61	-0.41	1.18	1.89	1.93

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Market review

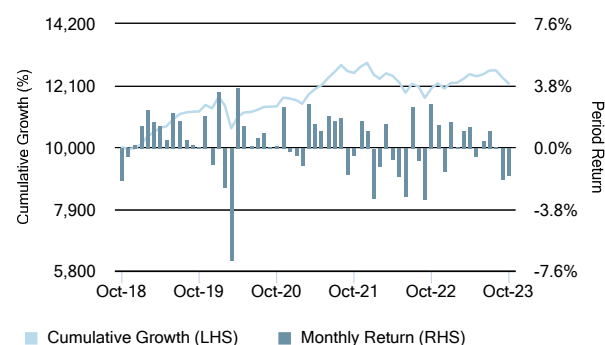
The Australian share market fell 4% in October, as all sectors apart from Utilities (+2%) posted negative returns. Apart from Utilities, the best performing sectors for the month were Materials (-1%), and Communication Services (-3%), while Information Technology (-8%), Healthcare (-7%) and Industrials (-6%) saw the largest declines.

Global equity markets were weaker in October (in local currency terms), with the US falling 2%, and European indices down around 4% across the UK, Germany and France. The Japanese Nikkei declined by 3%. The MSCI World ex Australia benchmark fell 1% in AUD terms, as the currency declined 1.5% against the US dollar.

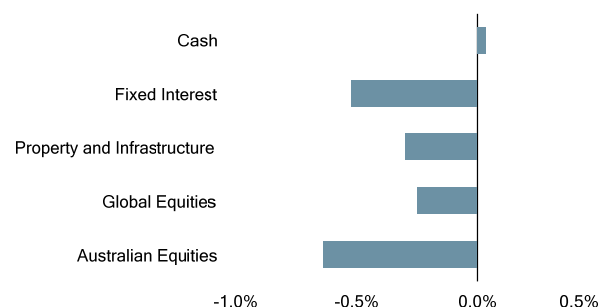
The 'higher for longer' interest rate environment and possibility of further rate hikes continued to create negative headwinds for listed real estate and infrastructure. Within REITs, the S&P/ASX 200 A-REIT Accumulation Index and the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Ex Australia Index (AUD Hedged) returned -6% and -5%, respectively over the month. The Global Infrastructure sector (as represented by the FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Index (AUD Hedged)) finished 1% lower for October.

Although the RBA kept rates on hold for a fourth consecutive month, bond yields were dragged higher by stronger than expected Q3 inflation data, hawkish comments from the local central bank and concerns over US rates and debt issuance. 10-year yields rose 41bps for the month, ending October at 4.91%. US bond yields ended October higher, up 35 bps to 4.93%. Comments from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell that suggested rates could be on hold for now eased upward pressure on yields, although the 10-year rate briefly passed 5% for the first time since 2007, before declining by month end. The domestic and global fixed interest indices declined over the month, with the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Years Index falling 1.9% and the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (AUD Hedged) falling 0.8%.

Cumulative performance (5 years)



Performance contribution



Performance contribution measures the absolute contribution of each constituent asset class to the total performance of the portfolio.

Top 3 contributors to performance %

iShares Core Cash ETF	0.03
Betashares Australian Bank Senior Floating Rate Bond ETF	0.01
VanEck Australian Subordinated Debt ETF	0.01

Bottom 3 contributors to performance %

Lonsec SMA - Core	-0.57
iShares Core Composite Bond ETF	-0.21
Betashares Western Asset Australian Bond Fund (Managed Fund)	-0.21

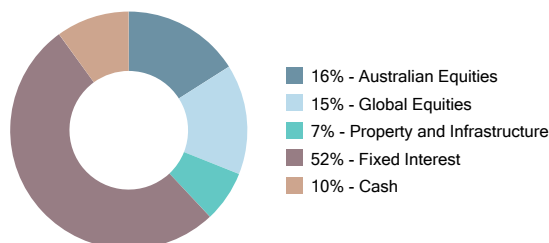
Portfolio changes %

iShares Core Composite Bond ETF	4%
Betashares Western Asset Australian Bond Fund (Managed Fund)	4%
VanEck FTSE Global Infrastructure (Hedged) ETF	-1%
iShares Core Cash ETF	-1%
ActiveX Ardea Real Outcome Bond Fund (Managed Fund)	-6%

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Asset allocation breakdown



Portfolio Commentary

The portfolio returned -1.7% in October. All major asset classes generated negative returns for the month, as inflation, concerns over a 'higher for longer' interest rate environment and increasing Treasury debt issuance continued to affect both equity and bond markets. Longer term returns remain well above the portfolio's peer group and cash plus benchmarks.

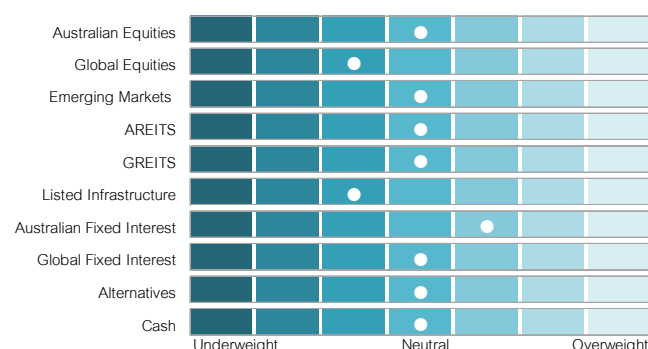
The portfolio's developed markets global equities allocations were mixed against the benchmark, led by the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF, which returned -0.3% and -0.9% respectively. QUAL broadly matched the benchmark (-1%).

The Vanguard AREIT ETF and active Resolution GREIT fell during October and returned -6.3% and -3.5% respectively over the month, while IFRA returned -1.6%. The overall portfolio allocation to real assets has been a key detractor to portfolio performance over the rolling year.

In Australian equities, the overall allocation returned -3.9% in October, lagging the benchmark by 16bps. This was primarily driven by the portfolio's exposure to Healthcare, with Resmed (RMD) continuing its decline in October on the back of ongoing concerns over the threat of weight loss drugs to the Group's CPAP business, despite a positive Q1 FY24 results release during the month. We believe this is a short-term overreaction, with the current share price offering a compelling valuation opportunity. CSL also fell during October, as investors remained cautious on product margins and competition from generic medicines. MVR returned -4% for the month.

The portfolio's fixed income allocations strongly outperformed over the month, driven by the shorter duration exposures, with the VanEck Australian Subordinated Debt ETF (+0.4%) and Betashares Australian Bank Senior Floating Rate Bond ETF (+0.3%) generating positive returns over the month, versus a -0.8% return from the global bond benchmark.

Dynamic Asset Allocation Positioning



Outlook

We believe that we are at the beginning of the end of this economic cycle. However, the duration of this slowdown remains elusive as employment conditions remain robust. Historical US recessions have been as short as two months to as long as 18 months but have averaged ten months overall. As a result, we believe now is the time to be cautious but not outright bearish.

Interest rates will stay higher for longer. Short-term interest rates continue to be influenced by inflation that, in turn, is not falling fast enough because of factors outside Central Banks' control. For example, Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) rate hikes will not mitigate the inflationary impact of strong immigration pushing up rental prices. For long term interest rates, the unsustainability of the US fiscal path remains a simmering issue, putting upward pressure on long-term interest rates.

Compensation to equity investors is poor for taking on equity risk at this point in the cycle. Equally poor expected earnings growth compounds the disadvantage to equity investors.

During the month we made changes to the portfolio's Dynamic Asset Allocation positioning, and some stock changes within the Australian equities portfolio. Refer to the relevant portfolio change reports for further details

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Portfolio at a glance

Designed for

The portfolio is designed to provide investors with a balance of income and capital growth over the medium term through exposure across a range of asset classes by investing in listed securities.

Investment objective

1.6% p.a. above cash

Suggested minimum investment timeframe

4 years

Investment strategy

The portfolio invests in a mix of income and growth assets, which may include Australian and global equities, property and infrastructure, fixed interest and income securities, alternative assets and cash.

Investment universe

The portfolio invests across a diversified range of Australian equities, global equities, property and infrastructure, fixed interest assets alternative assets.

The portfolio can access such exposure through Australian Listed Securities including Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), Exchange Traded Products (ETPs) such as Listed Investment Companies (LICs) and Listed Investment Trusts (LITs), Exchange Traded Bonds (XTBs) and Exchange Traded Hybrids, Separately Managed Accounts (SMAs) and cash.

Target exposure

Growth assets	Defensive assets
40%	60%



Platform availability

HUB24
Netwealth
Macquarie Wrap
BT Panorama
AMP North

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