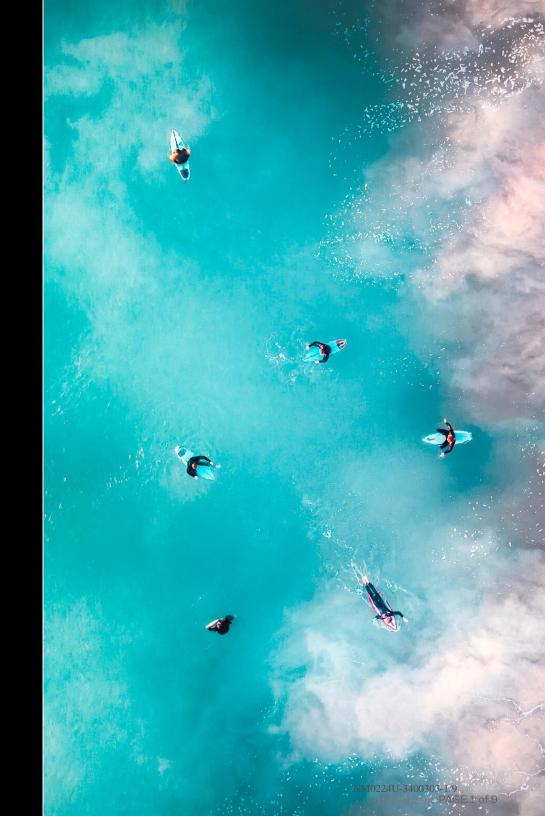
## **ESG Models**

# **Growth Model Portfolio Summary**

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## **PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY**

As of 31/01/2024

#### **Market Commentary**

Risk assets continued to rally in January: Global equities, as measured by the MSCI All Country World Index (unhedged), delivered positive returns of 3.8% over the month, as robust economic data supported risk appetite. Fixed income markets, as represented by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (hedged), declined 0.3% over the month as hopes for near-term rate cuts subsided.

**Developed markets outperformed Emerging markets:** Equity performance diverged across geographies, with Developed market equities advancing and Emerging market equities posting negative returns amid ongoing concerns around the lackluster Chinese economic outlook. Japanese equities, as represented by the Nikkei 225 Index, outperformed most other sharemarkets, rising by 8.4% (in local currency terms) over the month following their strong performance in 2023.

**Fixed income markets weakened slightly:** Global bonds saw a partial reversal in the positive performance experienced at the end of 2023, as investors lost faith that rate cuts by central banks would occur in the near-term. The Global Aggregate Index (hedged) finished the month down 0.3%, while the Australian composite bond index modestly rose 0.2% over January. Riskier parts of the fixed income market saw mixed performance – while corporate credit realised small gains, emerging market debt indices declined over the period.

#### **Performance commentary**

Total portfolio returns were positive in January, supported by strong international equity performance and ongoing strength in the US Information Technology sector. The portfolio's overweight to the technology sector relative to a standard market-capitalisation weighted portfolio, along with the meaningful allocation to Developed Market equities acted as positive tailwinds to performance in January. Over the past year, the strategy has largely achieved 1st quartile performance relative to its peer group and continues to attain higher ESG scores and a lower carbon footprint relative to a non-ESG standard market-capitalisation weighted benchmark.

Notes: Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index.

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Latest Holdings (%)

Allocation as of 16/02/2023

Latest Allocation	ı	As of Date 16/02/2023	*Growth (70/30) 70/30
Australian Equition	es		27.0
IESG	iShares Core MSCI Australia ESG ETF		27.0
International Equities			43.0
IHWL	Shares Core MSCI World ex Australia ESG (AUD Hedged) ETF		8.0
IWLD	iShares Core MSCI World Ex Australia ESG	ETF	35.0
Australian Fixed l	ncome		18.5
43334	iShares ESG Australian Bond Index Fund I	)	18.5
International Fixe	ed Income		7.0
43753	iShares ESG Screened Global Bond Index	Fund Class D	7.0
Cash			4.5
18357	BlackRock Cash Fund		3.0
BILL	iShares Core Cash ETF		1.5

Performance (%)
As of 31/01/2024

Model	Last Month (%)	3 Month (%)	Year to Date (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)
*Growth (70/30)	2.90	12.67	2.90	16.37	-	-

#### The inception date for the model portfolios is 3/08/2021.

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## **ESG METRICS - ESG MODEL**

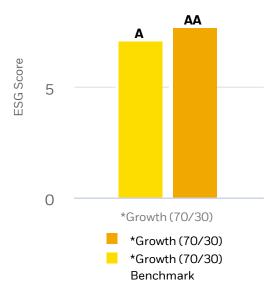
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We quantify the ESG characteristics of the model portfolio by comparing its MSCI ESG Ratings and Carbon Emissions with a non-ESG Benchmark portfolio. The Non-ESG Benchmark portfolio refers to a portfolio that uses traditional non-ESG market indices as building blocks. The following charts show the ESG Uplift and Carbon Reduction obtained from investing in the model portfolio relative to a traditional non-ESG Benchmark.

## **ESG UPLIFT**

O Higher ESG ratings relative to a non-ESG optimized benchmark

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MSCI ESG RATING CCC(worst) to AAA(best)		ESG Category	
CCC	В	<b>→</b>	Laggard
BB	Α	$\rightarrow$	Average
AA	AAA	<b>→</b>	Leader

### **LOWER CARBON FOOTPRINT**

The following metrics illustrates the annual carbon emission reduction\*\* obtained by investing one million USD in the ESG models relative to a non-ESG comparative benchmark (based on MSCI ESG Research analysis of portfolio companies' carbon emissions.

## **CARBON EMISSIONS REDUCTION EQUIVALENTS**

Impact		*Growth (70/30)
%	Carbon Emission Difference	-44.0 %
*	Homes Energy Use for one year	3 homes/yr
-	Distance travelled by an average passenger vehicle	102,550 km
<b>A</b>	Petrol Consumed	10,589 litres

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\*The non-ESG benchmark refers to a portfolio that uses standard (non-ESG) market-capitalisation weighted indices as building blocks. We use the following standard market-capitalisation weighted indices in the benchmark: Australian equity (S&P/ASX 300 Index), International equity (MSCI World ex Australia Index Unhedged & AUD Hedged), Australian fixed income (Bloomberg Ausbond Composite 0+ Yr Index), International fixed income (Bloomberg Global Aggregate AUD Hedged Index).

\*\*Carbon emissions are measured in terms of scope 1 (direct) and scope 2 (indirect) emissions normalised by the most recently available enterprise value including cash (EVIC) in million USD. For more information around the definitions of scope 1+2 emissions, please refer to https://www.msci.com/our-solutions/esg-investing/climate-solutions/climate-data-metrics.

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