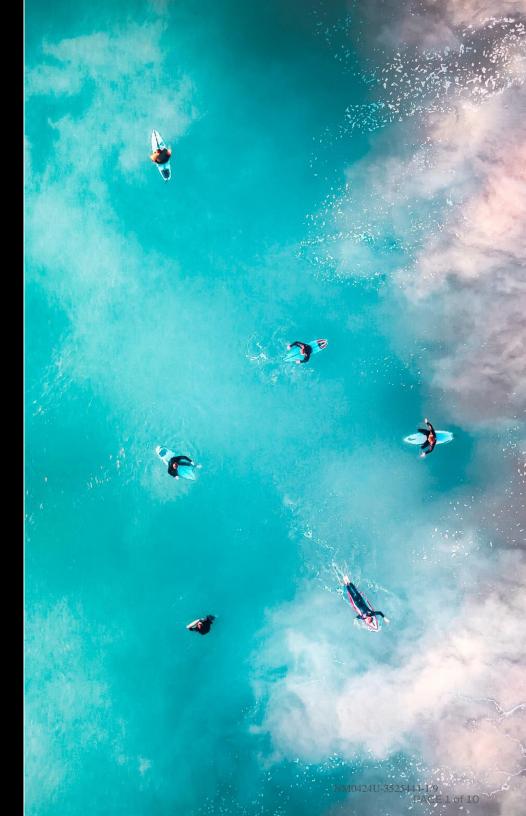
# Enhanced Strategic Models

## Moderate Model Portfolio Summary

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### **TRADE RATIONALE**

#### As of 3/04/2024

We recently conducted our annual strategic asset allocation (SAA) review, where we re-assessed the latest capital market assumptions, investment universe and strategic holdings of the portfolio. These SAA changes were implemented on 3rd April 2024, along with our latest tactical asset allocation (TAA) trades. The following summarises the key changes made in the portfolio.

#### **KEY TRADES**

Maintain a "risk-on" stance: Ongoing resilience in economic fundamentals, upward revisions to forward earnings, and higher return expectations for equities over bonds lead us to continue favouring growth assets.

Add new asset classes for further portfolio diversification: We add Global Listed Infrastructure and Property, along with Gold as new asset classes in our annual SAA review. Infrastructure acts as a defensive growth asset that can deliver equity-like returns with lower volatility whilst offering inflation protection. REITs are also in a favourable position to benefit from the peaking of interest rates, and Gold can offer further diversification through its negative beta to growth assets.

Increase FX hedge ratio: We increase the hedge ratio within growth assets given the potential for the Australian dollar to strengthen following depreciation of the currency in 2023. A higher currency hedge ratio would better protect the value of the portfolio in the event of a stronger Australian dollar.

**Re-calibration of cross-sectional equity tilts:** Japanese equities have outperformed the broad market in 2023 and year-to-date, leading us to take some profits in this position to fund an increase in US and European equities.

Reduce cash to fund inflation-linked bonds: We believe inflation may settle above central banks' target bands, which continues to underpin our preference for inflation-linked bonds.

Notes: For more information on the SAA Changes, please refer to the SAA Note under "Additional Resources".

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#### LATEST TACTICAL POSITIONING (VS. SAA)

### **PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY**

As of 31/03/2024

#### **Market Commentary**

**Risk assets continued to rally over the quarter**: Global equities, as measured by the MSCI All Country World Index (unhedged), delivered positive returns of 13.2% over the quarter amid investor hopes for a soft economic landing and bullish sentiment regarding artificial intelligence (Al). Fixed income markets, as represented by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (hedged), declined 0.3% over the quarter as markets pushed out the timing and magnitude of central bank rate cuts amid sticky inflation.

**Equity rally was broad-based:** Both Developed market and Emerging market equities recorded strong returns in Q1, driven by resilient economic data and the AI-fuelled rally. Japanese equities, as represented by the Nikkei 225 Index, outperformed most major markets, rising by 21.5% in Q1 (in local currency terms), buoyed by robust corporate earnings and strong wages growth.

**Fixed income returns were mixed:** Global bonds underperformed Australian bonds in Q1 amid the re-pricing of interest rate expectations. The Global Aggregate Index (hedged) was down 0.3%, while the Australian composite bond index rose 1.0% over the period. Meanwhile, riskier parts of the fixed income market delivered positive returns, with high yield corporate credit and emerging market debt indices realising gains as credit spreads tightened.

#### **Performance commentary**

**Total portfolio returns were positive in Q1**, supported by the broad-based rally in both Developed and Emerging market equities. US and Japanese equities were amongst the largest positive contributors to total returns, while the allocation to Australian fixed income also added value. Tactical positioning relative to the strategic asset allocation was also positive over the quarter, as the preference for Japanese and US equities, along with the reduced exposure to Global fixed income added value to the portfolio. Over the long-term horizon, the strategy has continued to outperform its peer group median, with both the strategic and tactical asset allocation delivering value over time.

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 (%)

	As of Date	*Moderate (30/70)
Latest Allocat	33.6/66.4	
Australian Equ	9.7	
IOZ	iShares Core S&P/ASX 200 ETF	9.7
Emerging Mar	2.0	
IEM	iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (AU)	1.0
IZZ	iShares China Large-Cap ETF (AU)	1.0
Developed Ma	16.9	
IEU	iShares Europe ETF (AU)	2.0
IHVV	iShares S&P 500 AUD Hedged ETF	3.1
IJP	iShares MSCI Japan ETF (AU)	1.7
IVE	iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (AU)	-
IVV	iShares S&P 500 ETF	10.1
Property & Inf	5.0	
GLIN	iShares Core FTSE Global Infrastructure (AUD Hedged) ETF	4.0
GLPR	iShares Core FTSE Global Property Ex Australia (AUD) Hedged) ETF	1.0
Australian Fixe	ed Income	48.0
IAF	iShares Core Composite Bond ETF	32.7
IGB	iShares Treasury ETF	5.3
ILB	iShares Government Inflation ETF	10.0
International F	Fixed Income	10.4
AESG	iShares Global Aggregate Bond ESG (AUD Hedged) ETF	1.4
IHCB	iShares Core Global Corporate Bond (AUD Hedged) ETF	2.5
IHEB	iShares JP Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond (AUD Hedged) ETF	2.1
IHHY	iShares Global High Yield Bond (AUD Hedged) ETF	4.4
Alternatives		2.5
GLDN	iShares Physical Gold ETF	2.5
Cash		5.5
18357	BlackRock Cash Fund	2.5
ISEC	iShares Enhanced Cash ETF	3.0

Allocation as of 3/04/2024

### **Changes to Holdings (%)**

		*Moderate (30/70)	
Australian E	0.5		
IOZ	iShares Core S&P/ASX 200 ETF	+0.5	
Emerging Ma	-3.4		
IEM	iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (AU)	-1.2	
IKO	iShares MSCI South Korea ETF (AU)	-1.0	
IZZ	iShares China Large-Cap ETF (AU)	-1.2	
Developed N	-1.0		
IEU	iShares Europe ETF (AU)	+0.5	
IHVV	iShares S&P 500 AUD Hedged ETF	-0.5	
IJP	iShares MSCI Japan ETF (AU)	-0.2	
VE	iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (AU)	-	
IVV	iShares S&P 500 ETF	+3.2	
WVOL	iShares MSCI World ex Australia Minimum Volatility ETF	-4.0	
Property & Ir	5.0		
GLIN	iShares Core FTSE Global Infrastructure (AUD Hedged)	+4.0	
GLPR	iShares Core FTSE Global Property Ex Australia (AUD) Hedged) ETF	+1.0	
Australian Fi	3.5		
IAF	iShares Core Composite Bond ETF	-0.3	
IGB	iShares Treasury ETF	-1.2	
LB	iShares Government Inflation ETF	+5.0	
Internationa	-2.7		
AESG	iShares Global Aggregate Bond ESG (AUD Hedged) ETF	-1.6	
ІНСВ	iShares Core Global Corporate Bond (AUD Hedged) ETF	-3.6	
IHEB	iShares JP Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond (AUD Hedged) ETF	+0.1	
IHHY	iShares Global High Yield Bond (AUD Hedged) ETF	+2.4	
Alternatives		2.5	
GLDN	iShares Physical Gold ETF	+2.5	
Cash		-4.4	
18357	BlackRock Cash Fund	-	
SEC	iShares Enhanced Cash ETF	-4.4	

Allocation as of 3/04/2024

### **Performance (%)**

#### As of 31/03/2024

Model	Last Month (%)	3 Month (%)	Year to Date (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)
*Moderate (30/70)	1.72	3.54	3.54	6.85	2.46	3.41

### Inception date for the Conservative (15/85), Moderate (30/70), Balanced (50/50), Growth (70/30), Aggressive (85/15) models are **31/01/2015**. Inception date for the All Growth (98/2) model is **8/09/2022**.

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