

# MyNorth Managed Portfolios

## DIRECT 50 PORTFOLIO

Monthly Update for Month Ending March 2026

### Investment objective

Aims to deliver a balance of income with moderate capital growth over the suggested minimum investment timeframe of 5 years through exposure across a range of asset classes and by using several investment managers.

### Key information

<b>Code</b>	NTH0494
<b>Manager name</b>	Lonsec Investment Solutions Pty Ltd
<b>Inception date</b>	15 November 2024
<b>Benchmark</b>	Morningstar Australian Multi-Sector Balanced Average Category
<b>Asset class</b>	Diversified
<b>Number of underlying assets</b>	30
<b>Minimum investment horizon</b>	5 years
<b>Portfolio income</b>	Default - Paid to Platform Cash
<b>Management fees and costs</b>	'0.55%
<b>Performance fee</b>	'0.01%
<b>Estimated Transaction Costs</b>	'0.04%
<b>Risk band/label</b>	5/Medium to high
<b>Minimum investment amount</b>	\$25,000

### About the manager

#### Lonsec Investment Solutions Pty Ltd

Lonsec Investment Solutions is a specialist model portfolio manager with extensive expertise in portfolio construction, asset allocation and investment selection, with our best ideas encapsulated in a series of Lonsec managed portfolios to meet different client needs. Lonsec's research-driven approach to portfolio construction and building quality investment solutions is underpinned by four key beliefs: 1. Dynamic approach to portfolio management. 2. Investing in high quality products rated 'Recommended' or higher. 3. Risk management focus and a rigorous governance process. 4. Diversification across asset classes.

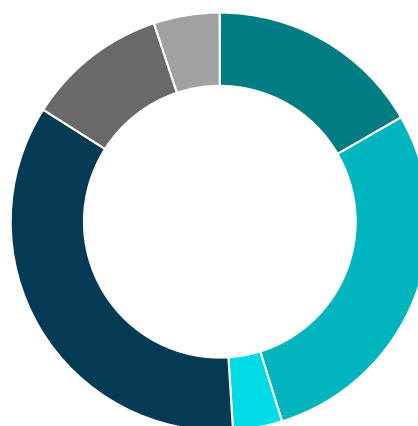
### Returns

as at 31 March 2026

	Since inception*	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
Total return <sup>1</sup>	4.56	-4.22	-1.00	-0.67	6.66	-	-
Income	3.86	0.20	0.80	1.47	4.00	-	-
Growth	0.70	-4.42	-1.80	-2.14	2.66	-	-
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	4.27	-3.70	-1.71	-0.92	6.61	-	-

\* Since inception returns commence from the month end of the portfolio's launch.

### Asset allocation



as at 31 March 2026

Growth assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Equities	16.7
International Equities	28.5
Property	3.8
Other	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.0%</b>
Defensive assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Fixed Interest	35.0
International Fixed Interest	10.9
Cash	5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>51.0%</b>

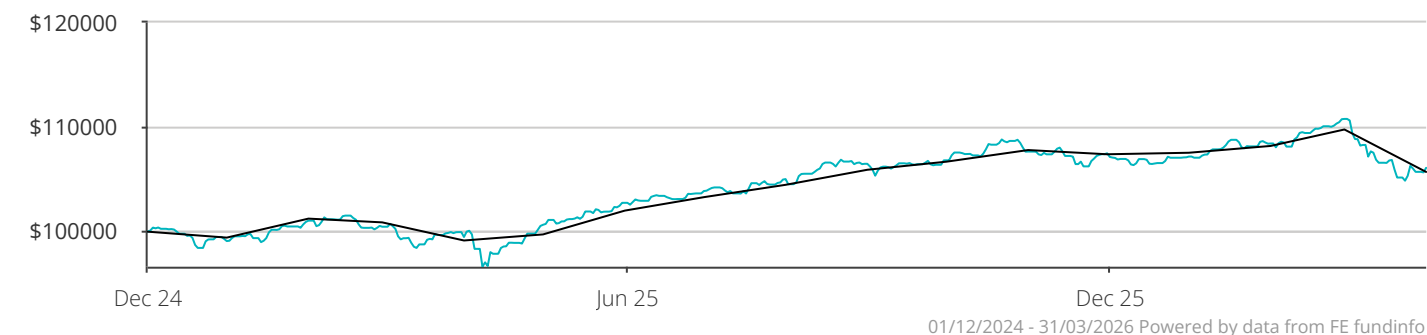
Asset allocation data sourced via Morningstar® from the underlying fund manager.

1 The managed portfolio performance represents total return for the periods. Returns have been calculated using the time-weighted method, they assume distributions are reinvested and are after investment management fees and indirect costs. Total and growth returns include accrued distributions, while income return includes paid distributions only. Returns do not take into account tax payable. Individual client returns may vary based on the contributions, withdrawals, and timing differences within the managed portfolio

2 The benchmark is calculated based on the average performance from peers in the same multi sector category, as compiled and sourced from Morningstar Direct™ in March 2026.

## Performance history

\$100,000 invested since 01/12/2024



■ Portfolio  
■ Benchmark

## Managed portfolio holdings<sup>3</sup>

Holding	Asset class	Allocation (%)
Western Asset Australian Bond Fund - Class M	Australian Fixed Interest	17.0
PIMCO Diversified Fixed Interest Fund	Other	15.0
Yarra Enhanced Income Fund - Class A	Australian Fixed Interest	9.0
Realm Short Term Income Fund	Australian Fixed Interest	7.0
Arrowstreet Global Equity No. 2 Fund (Hedged) - Class I	International Equities	5.0
Vanguard All-World Ex-US Shares Index Etf Vanguard All-World Ex-US Sha	International Equities	5.0
ClearBridge RARE Infrastructure Income Fund - Hedged Class C Units	International Equities	4.0
Lazard Global Infrastructure Fund (Hedged) - S Class	International Equities	4.0
Vanguard US Total Market Shares Index Etf Vanguard US Total Market Sha	International Equities	4.0
GQG Partners Global Equity Fund - Z Class	International Equities	3.0
BHP Group Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	2.1
Cash Account	Cash	2.0
Pzena Emerging Markets Value Fund - P Class	International Equities	2.0
Vaneck Australian Property Etf Vaneck Australian Property Etf	Property	2.0
Macquarie Australian Small Companies No.1 Fund - Class W Units	Australian Equities	1.7
Westpac Banking Corporation Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	1.6
Commonwealth Bank Of Australia Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	1.5
Goodman Group Fully Paid Ordinary/Units Stapled Securities	Property	1.5
CSL Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	1.4
Macquarie Group Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	1.4
Wesfarmers Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	1.4
Amcor PLC Cdi 1:1 Foreign Exempt NYSE	Australian Equities	1.1
Northern Star Resources Ltd Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	1.1
Quay Global Real Estate (AUD Hedged) - Class M	Property	1.0
Aristocrat Leisure Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.9
CAR Group Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.9
Origin Energy Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.9
Resmed Inc Cdi 10:1 Foreign Exempt NYSE	Australian Equities	0.9
Transurban Group Fully Paid Ordinary/Units Stapled Securities	Australian Equities	0.9
Woodside Energy Group Ltd Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.7

## Quarterly manager commentary

### Market Update

Global share markets declined over the March quarter, with a positive start to the year reversing as conditions weakened sharply late in the period. Early support from resilient economic conditions, easing inflation in some regions and solid earnings was overtaken by escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, centred on coordinated US-Israeli strikes on Iranian targets. The resulting disruption to key energy supply routes drove a sharp rise in oil prices, increasing inflation concerns and prompting a reassessment of interest rate expectations. This shift led to a broad risk-off environment, with higher yields and increased volatility weighing on markets. Australian shares were volatile over the quarter, ultimately finishing lower, with the S&P/ASX 200 Index declining -1.6%. Early gains were supported by firmer commodity prices and strength in materials, alongside resilient earnings in financials. However, these gains were offset by a pullback in March, with weakness across most sectors, particularly growth and interest-sensitive

sectors such as technology and real estate. Energy was a notable exception, benefiting from higher oil prices. Smaller companies underperformed, with the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Index falling -10.9%, reflecting their greater sensitivity to shifts in risk appetite and economic expectations.

International shares declined across most regions, with the MSCI All Country World Index falling -5.8% unhedged and -2.7% hedged. Losses were broad-based, with the US, Europe and China all finishing lower, while Japan was a notable exception. Weakness in technology shares weighed on performance as investors reassessed AI-related valuations. Emerging markets also declined, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index down -2.8%, reflecting weaker sentiment and higher energy prices that impacted China and India in particular. Global small companies were more resilient, with the MSCI World ex Australia Small Cap Index down -1.0%. Property and infrastructure delivered positive returns over the quarter. Global listed property rose modestly, with the FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed Index (hedged) up +1.0%, supported by gains earlier in the period. Infrastructure outperformed broader share markets, with the FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Index (hedged) rising +8.3%, reflecting strong early gains and its more defensive characteristics, which helped it hold up relatively well during the March sell-off.

Fixed interest markets were relatively resilient despite volatility. Bond yields declined in February before rising again in March as higher oil prices lifted inflation expectations. Global bonds declined modestly, with the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (hedged) down -0.3%, while Australian fixed interest also eased, with the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index down -0.3%. Credit markets were mixed, with global credit declining modestly and high yield underperforming, while Australian credit delivered positive returns, with the Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN 0+ Yr Index up +1.0%, supported by income and relatively stable domestic conditions.

### **Portfolio Update**

Australian shares were volatile over the quarter, ultimately finishing modestly lower. Macquarie Australian Small Companies (-13.1%) significantly underperformed, with underweight growth exposures and weaker gold positioning detracting from returns, partially offset by support from broader resources holdings.

Top performing holdings included: Woodside Energy Group Ltd (+52.7%) which rose as the top contributor during the quarter, buoyed by a surge in oil prices to >US\$100/barrel following geopolitical instability and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. BHP Group Ltd (+12.9%) delivered solid 1H26 earnings and executing a value-accretive silver streaming transaction at Antamina that successfully monetised non-core by-products to support its copper growth pipeline.

Top detractors included: CAR Group Ltd (-24.6%) which was weaker as record-low consumer confidence dampened automotive demand, while its valuation faced additional pressure from a broader technology sell-off as investors rotated out of high-multiple "AI trade" stocks. Northern Star Resources Ltd (-23.2%) fell after repeatedly cutting its FY26 production guidance due to persistent operational challenges and infrastructure bottlenecks at its KCGM and Jundee operations.

International share markets declined across most regions over the quarter. GQG Partners Global Equity (+5.1%) was the standout performer, supported by positioning in energy, communication services, and utilities. Pzena Emerging Markets Value (+0.9%) also outperformed, driven by effective stock selection across consumer, industrial, and financial sectors. Arrowstreet Global Equity - Hedged (-0.1%) was marginally negative but demonstrated strong relative performance, with stock selection in information technology and materials offsetting an underweight to energy. Vanguard All-World ex-US Shares Index ETF (-3.3%) and Vanguard US Total Market Shares Index ETF (-8.7%) both declined, reflecting broad-based weakness in global markets.

Interest rate-sensitive global property performed well before late bond yield rises pared gains, while infrastructure outperformed broader share markets. ClearBridge RARE Infrastructure Income - Hedged (+11.0%) was the strongest performer, driven by utilities exposure and resilient earnings across developed markets. Lazard Global Listed Infrastructure (+5.7%) also delivered a positive return, though weakness in communications infrastructure tempered relative performance. Quay Global Real Estate - AUD Hedged (-3.0%) declined as weakness in retail and European storage outweighed gains from data centre and residential holdings. VanEck Australian Property ETF (-15.6%) tracked a sharp fall in the domestic A-REIT market.

Fixed interest declined modestly as a late spike in bond yields, driven by oil price-led inflation concerns, weighed on government bonds. However, short duration fixed interest exposure delivered resilient returns over the quarter. Realm Short Term Income (+0.8%) and Yarra Enhanced Income (+0.1%) both delivered positive returns, supported by income generation from short duration credit exposures. Western Asset Australian Bond (-0.4%) broadly tracked the market, with credit selection providing modest support against duration headwinds. PIMCO Diversified Fixed Interest (-1.2%) declined as duration exposure detracted, partially offset by emerging market positioning and inflation-linked securities.

### **Portfolio changes during the quarter:**

No changes were made during the quarter.

### **Market Outlook**

The investment outlook has become more uncertain as expectations of falling inflation and near-term interest rate cuts are being challenged. Higher oil prices, driven in part by the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, are adding to inflationary pressures, while elevated government debt and broader geopolitical tensions are making it harder for central banks to ease policy quickly. The longer the conflict persists, the greater the risk of sustained energy price volatility and further disruption to global growth and inflation dynamics. With inflation risks still present, share market valuations elevated in some areas, and credit spreads in corporate bond markets remaining relatively tight despite some recent widening — suggesting investors are not being well compensated for taking on additional risk — a more cautious and balanced approach is warranted.

In this environment, selectivity is key, focusing on companies with reasonable valuations, resilient earnings, and limited exposure to rising energy costs. Infrastructure assets can provide more stable returns through inflation-linked revenues and long-term contracts, while in fixed interest, an emphasis on higher-quality and domestic exposures can support stability as credit conditions become less certain. Despite increased volatility, the foundations for long-term growth remain in place, with ongoing investment in artificial intelligence supporting productivity and periods of market weakness creating opportunities across regions and sectors, reinforcing the importance of diversification and a focus on quality.

3 A significant percentage of assets comprising this portfolio are only available through the managed portfolios and therefore can't be transferred out of the MyNorth Managed Portfolio Scheme. For more information relating to restrictions that may apply to asset transfers, refer to the 'Transferring assets in and out of your Portfolio' in Part 1 of the MyNorth Managed Portfolios PDS.

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