

# MyNorth Managed Portfolios



## MYNORTH SUSTAINABLE MODERATELY CONSERVATIVE MANAGED PORTFOLIO

Monthly Update for Month Ending September 2024

### Investment objective

This managed portfolio seeks to provide moderate returns over the medium term through a diversified portfolio of defensive and growth assets.

### Key information

Code	NTH1116
Manager name	Pendal
Inception date	30 June 2021
Benchmark	Morningstar Australian Multi-Sector Balanced Average Category
Asset class	Diversified
Number of underlying assets	15
Minimum investment horizon	4 years
Portfolio income	Default - Reinvest
Management fees and costs	0.76%
Performance fee	0%
Estimated net transaction costs	0.02%
Estimated buy/sell spread	0.13%/0.13%
Risk band/label	4/Medium
Minimum investment amount	\$500

### About the manager

#### Pendal

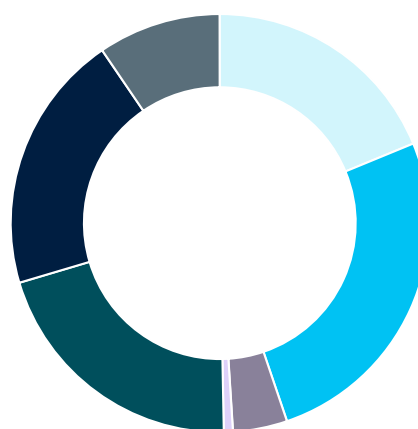
Pendal is a global Investment Manager offering investors a range of Australian and international investment choices. As of December 2020, Pendal has \$97.4 billion in funds under management. Pendal's core asset allocation process is expected to generate the bulk of the return for each portfolio over the long term. Portfolios are built using longer term investment insights and various proprietary quantitative tools, as well as medium term active asset allocation. Longer term investment insights also takes into account ESG insights and preferences. Pendal has more than 35 years' experience managing dedicated ethical and sustainable strategies.

### Returns

as at 30 September 2024

	Since inception*	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
Total return <sup>1</sup>	2.78	0.94	4.31	3.83	14.49	2.63	-
Income	1.96	0.02	0.96	1.40	2.24	2.05	-
Growth	0.82	0.92	3.35	2.43	12.25	0.58	-
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	4.23	1.22	4.21	3.70	13.81	4.15	-

### Asset allocation



as at 30 September 2024

Growth assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Equities	18.8
International Equities	26.0
Property	4.2
Other	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.7%</b>

Defensive assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Fixed Interest	20.7
International Fixed Interest	20.1
Cash	9.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.3%</b>

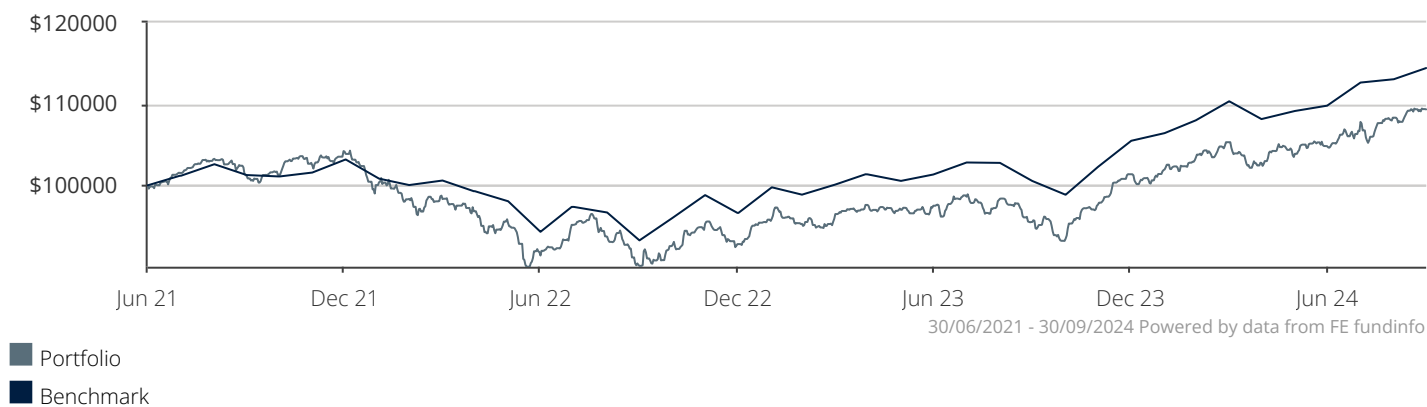
Asset allocation data sourced via Morningstar® from the underlying fund manager.

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 September 2024.

## Performance history

\$100,000 invested since 30/06/2021



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

Holding	Asset class	Allocation (%)
Pendal Sustainable Australian Fixed Interest Fund	Australian Fixed Interest	21.0
Vanguard Ethically Conscious Global Aggregate Bond Index Fund	International Fixed Interest	19.0
Alphinity Sustainable Share Fund	Australian Equities	8.0
Pendal Horizon Sustainable Australian Share Fund	Australian Equities	8.0
Pendal Multi Asset Target Return Fund	Other	6.8
AXA IM Sustainable Equity Fund	International Equities	5.5
Dimensional Global Sustainability Trust Unhedged	International Equities	5.5
Impax Sustainable Leaders Fund	International Equities	4.8
Janus Henderson Global Sustainable Equity Fund - Class I	International Equities	4.8
Macquarie Cash	Cash	4.6
Vanguard Ethically Conscious Int. Shares Index Fund (AUD Hedged)	International Equities	4.5
Macquarie Global Listed Real Estate Fund - Class A Units	Property	4.0
Ausbil Active Sustainable Equity Fund	Australian Equities	2.7
Cash Account	Cash	1.0

### Sustainable investment

The portfolio employs a responsible and sustainable framework for investing.

The underlying managed funds forming part of the managed portfolio have been selected on the likelihood of meeting their investment objectives and how the relevant fund manager integrates environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations into their decision making. We invest in underlying managed funds that, based on the information provided by the relevant fund managers, avoid investing in companies with material involvement in activities we consider to have a negative impact on the environment or the community.

The assessment is centred around the following sustainability principles:

1. Transitioning to a low carbon economy.
2. Avoid material investments in thermal coal, tobacco, gambling, pornography and controversial weapons.
3. Encourage positive sustainable social and environmental outcomes for the community.

Assets are considered on a case-by-case basis, and we do not apply a particular weighting system or metrics when taking into account labour standards or environmental, social or ethical considerations. Other considerations in selecting an underlying fund include whether the relevant fund manager is a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNIPRI) or is certified by Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA).

Currently, we do not take ESG considerations into account in selecting Cash assets. The underlying funds are reviewed on an on-going basis, however on an annual basis we reconfirm whether the underlying fund continues to be consistent with our sustainability principles. If we form that view (based on information provided by the relevant underlying fund manager) that the underlying fund no longer meets our selection criteria from either a sustainable or investment perspective, we will generally take steps to remove and replace that underlying investment as soon as practicable.

## Quarterly manager commentary

## Market Update

Financial markets shook off a stumble in early August to consolidate their year to date gains, supported by monetary policy easing across The US, UK, EU and China.

- Developed market equities (+4.8%) consolidated their strong start to the year, rising through the September quarter. After a falter in early August, global equities – led by the US (+5.9%) – recovered strongly as the US Fed commenced monetary policy easing.
- Value was ascendant with the Russell 1000 Value index (+9.4%) substantially outperforming the growth variant (+3.2%) as The Magnificent Seven tech stocks underperformed despite robust second quarter earnings results for Meta, Apple and Alphabet.
- Chinese equities (+22.4%) were resurgent on the back of a substantial monetary policy stimulus package intended to resuscitate the economy and support the embattled property market. The Strong Performance of Chinese equities saw emerging market equities (+6.8%) outperform developed markets.
- The ASX 300 (+7.8%) outperformed the global market, supported by falling bond yields, easing inflation concerns, better than expected corporate earnings results and anticipation of rising Chinese demand.

## Portfolio Update

A fall in energy benefitted the portfolios underweight positions especially in Australian equities and the start of a rotation away from some of the higher growth technology stocks towards more defensive industrials and mid cap names benefitted the active managers. The Pandal Horizon Sustainable Australian share fund alongside the Ausbil Active Sustainable Equity strategies contributed to most of the outperformance. Also contributing positively to active returns was the Pandal Multi Asset target return fund. In Global Equities the Vanguard Ethical Conscious fund outperformed due to its tech holdings, this was offset by underperformance in Impax Sustainable fund which was driven by stock selection within Tech and Health Care Stocks.

## Portfolio changes during the quarter:

During the September quarter the portfolio made changes to the strategic and active asset allocation settings. In regard to the strategic asset allocation changes, the primary aim was to increase the allocation to more sustainable investment funds. This led to a reduction in the Alternatives asset class and an increase in Australian and International shares asset classes as well as the Australian fixed income asset class. Within the International shares asset class, the less sustainably managed Vanguard Ethically Conscious International Shares Fund was replaced with a combination of the AXA Sustainable Equity Fund, Dimensional Global Sustainability Trust and Janus Henderson Global Sustainable Fund. As well as an improvement in the overall sustainability traits of the portfolio, the aggregate fee from the underlying managers was also reduced.

In regard to the active asset allocation changes, the underweight to GREITs and overweight to Australian fixed income positions were closed. The GREITs position was closed due to the potential for the asset class to attain support with global central banks generally moving to dovish interest rate policies, and also positive economic surprises in particular in the US. The fixed income position was closed profitably as Australian interest rates fell in line with global interest rates, but in our view to stretched levels. At the same time, an underweight to Australian shares was introduced reflecting high stock market valuations and a relatively unattractive cyclical outlook.

## Market Outlook

Uncertainty surrounding economic growth alongside high starting valuations provide a challenging backdrop for markets to negotiate. While the nascent monetary easing cycle is supportive for risk assets, much of the anticipated benefit has already been priced into valuations. We maintain caution and our equity exposures remain primarily in high quality markets which have more attractive valuations and where earnings growth expectations have the potential to rise once the economy finds a stronger base. As always, we are also looking for markets with attractive valuations and that have elevated dividend yields which tend to have much volatility than earnings growth.

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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