# MyNorth Managed Portfolios



RUSSELL INVESTMENTS SUSTAINABLE MANAGED PORTFOLIO- BALANCED

Monthly Update for Month Ending March 2025

# Investment objective

To provide returns over the medium to long term, with moderate to high volatility, consistent with a diversified mix of predominately growth-oriented assets and some defensive assets. The portfolio aims to provide exposure to predominantly sustainable investment strategies and outperform the benchmark over a rolling fiveyear period.

# **Key information**

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Code		NTH0289
Manager name	Russell Investment Management	
Inception date	05 August 2022	
Benchmark	Morningstar Australia Growth Target Allocation NR AUD	
Asset class Diversified		
Number of underl	ying assets	50
Minimum investm	ent horizon	5 years
Portfolio income	Default - Paid	to Platform Cash
Management fees	and costs	'0.83%
Performance fee		'0%
Estimated net tran	nsaction costs	'0.04%
Estimated buy/sel	l spread '0	.08%/0.07%
Risk band/label	5/Med	dium to high
Minimum investm	ent amount	\$25,000

# About the manager

#### **Russell Investment Management**

With more than 80 years of experience, Russell Investments is a global investment solutions provider, dedicated to helping investors reach their long-term goals. Russell Investments offers investment solutions in 32 countries. Russell Investments specialises in multi-asset solutions and investment and implementation services with a goal of delivering the best investment strategies, managers and asset classes to its clients around the world. Headquartered in Seattle, Washington, Russell Investments operates globally with 20 offices.

### Returns

as at 31 March 2025

	Since inception*	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
Total return <sup>1</sup>	9.01	-2.56	-1.01	0.04	4.41	-	-
Income	4.56	0.09	0.66	1.01	7.36	-	-
Growth	4.45	-2.65	-1.67	-0.97	-2.95	-	-
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	9.28	-2.51	-1.00	0.52	5.38	-	-

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

## Asset allocation



as at 31 March 2025

Growth assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Equities	34.3
International Equities	25.0
Property	5.9
Other	0.0
Total	65.2%

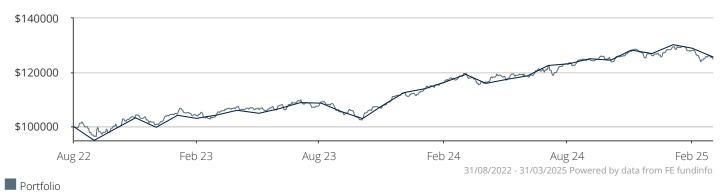
Total	65.2%
Defensive assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Fixed Interest	20.2
International Fixed Interest	11.4
Cash	3.3
Total	34.9%

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

<sup>1</sup> 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 applicable Benchmark for this portfolio is shown in the Key Information section.

# Performance history

\$100,000 invested since 31/08/2022



Benchmark

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

Holding	Asset class	Allocation (%)
Russell Investments Low Carbon Global Shares Fund - Class AUDH	International Equities	10.5
Russell Investments Low Carbon Global Shares Fund - Class A	International Equities	9.2
Pendal Sustainable Australian Fixed Interest Fund	Australian Fixed Interest	9.0
Vanguard Ethically Conscious Glb Agg Bond Index (Hedged) Etf Vanguard	International Fixed Interest	7.9
Russell Sust Global Opportunities Complex Etf Russell Sust Global Opportunities Complex Etf	Australian Equities	7.3
Altius Green Bond Fund	Australian Fixed Interest	4.8
Ausbil Active Sustainable Equity Fund	Australian Equities	4.0
Russell Intl Property Securities \$A Hedged Class A Fund	Property	3.9
Altius Sustainable Short Term Income Fund	Australian Fixed Interest	3.7
Impax Sustainable Leaders Fund	International Equities	3.4
Perpetual ESG Australian Share Fund	Australian Equities	3.3
Alphinity Sustainable Share Fund	Australian Equities	3.3
First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund	International Equities	2.4
Ishares U.S. Treasury Bond (Aud Hedged) Etf Ishares U.S. Treasury Bond (Aud Hedged) Etf	International Fixed Interest	2.1
Commonwealth Bank Of Australia Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	1.9
Ardea Real Outcome Fund	Other	1.8
Regnan Credit Impact Trust	Australian Fixed Interest	1.7
Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Etf Vanguard Australian	Property	1.3
Robeco SDG Credit Income Fund (AUD Hedged) - Class C	International Fixed Interest	1.2
CSL Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	1.2
Cash Account	Cash	1.2
Westpac Banking Corporation Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	1.1
National Australia Bank Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	1.0
Wesfarmers Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	1.0
ANZ Group Holdings Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.9
RIO Tinto Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.8
Telstra Group Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.8
Macquarie Group Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.6

Holding	Asset class	Allocation (%)
Brambles Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.6
Transurban Group Fully Paid Ordinary/Units Stapled Securities	Australian Equities	0.6
Coles Group Limited. Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.5
Fortescue Ltd Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.5
Northern Star Resources Ltd Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.5
Bluescope Steel Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.5
Goodman Group Fully Paid Ordinary/Units Stapled Securities	Property	0.5
Scentre Group Fully Paid Ordinary/Units Stapled Securities	Property	0.5
Xero Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.5
Atlas Arteria Fpo Stap US Prohibited Excluding Qup	Australian Equities	0.4
Woolworths Group Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.4
JB Hi-Fi Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.4
Suncorp Group Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.4
Cochlear Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.4
QBE Insurance Group Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.4
Amcor PLC Cdi 1:1 Foreign Exempt NYSE	Australian Equities	0.3
Ramsay Health Care Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.3
Medibank Private Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.3
Russell Investments Australian Responsible Investment Etf Russell Inve	Australian Equities	0.3
Pro Medicus Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.3
Ishares Core Cash Etf Ishares Core Cash Etf	Cash	0.2
Wisetech Global Limited Ordinary Fully Paid	Australian Equities	0.2

# Quarterly manager commentary

#### **Market Update**

Global share markets fell in the March quarter. Much of the decline was driven by increasing concerns US President Donald Trump's aggressive and chaotic trade agenda will impact US (and global) growth. Tariffs are generally considered bad for growth, bad for consumers and bad for markets. Already analysts have begun to downgrade their US growth forecasts for this year, while recent data implies that confidence amongst US consumers is quickly fading. Meantime, markets have struggled to keep pace with Trump's unpredictable behaviour and flip-flopping on tariffs, resulting in frequent and often wild swings in share market performance. Adding to the uncertainty was Trump's declaration toward the end of the period that 2 April would be 'Liberation Day' for the US economy; the day on which he promised to announce sweeping 'reciprocal' tariffs on all US trading partners. [Note: After markets closed on 2 April, Trump announced higher-than-expected reciprocal tariff rates on over 180 countries and territories, causing global share markets to fall sharply on fears that a global trade war will impact a US economy that's already showing signs of slowing.] Australian shares tracked their global counterparts lower amid concerns over US trade policy and the Reserve Bank of Australia's 'hawkish' rate cut in February, with Governor Michele Bullock telling the market at the time not to expect another move lower any time soon.

Both global and domestic bonds recorded good gains for the quarter.

### **Portfolio Update**

The portfolio delivered a return of -1.01% over the March quarter. Our global equity exposure and the direct Australian equity ESG portfolio delivered negative absolute returns for the quarter; though the direct Australian equity ESG portfolio did outperform its benchmark. Our Australian listed property assets also weighed on returns, while the portfolio's emerging markets exposure and global listed property assets added value. Traditional fixed income assets like government bonds also made good gains (in aggregate), with US Treasuries in particular performing well.

### Portfolio changes during the quarter:

In January, we rebalanced the direct Australian equity ESG portfolio as part of the regular review cycle. We also added to the portfolio's global and Australian fixed income allocations and increased the portfolio's Australian dollar (AUD) hedging exposure after the currency sold off. Most recently, we increased the portfolio's allocation to global equities, which had fallen sharply on the back of Trump's tariff announcements. We also upped the portfolio's AUD hedging exposure amid a further selloff in the currency.

#### **Market Outlook**

Looking ahead, we expect higher levels of volatility to continue, with active management to play an important role in navigating through it. We expect to increase growth asset exposure on market rallies. This is a very important time to remain flexible as there are competing forces related to inflation and growth.

We retain the same themes as recent months, i.e. a preference for less expensive equity markets versus US equities and peer-relative overweights to global small caps and the value factor.

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. Important Information

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