# MyNorth Managed Portfolios

DIAMOND DEFENSIVE



as at 31 March 2024

#### Quarterly update for Month ending March 2024

### Investment objective

Aims to deliver a return above the benchmark over rolling 3-year periods.

## Key information

Code		NTH0324
Manager name		Quilla
Inception date	2	0 March 2023
Benchmark	F	RBA Cash Rate
Asset class		Diversified
Number of underly	ing assets	8
Minimum investme	ent horizon	3 years
Portfolio income	Default - Pa	aid to Platform Cash
Management fees	and costs	'0.64%
Performance fee		'0%
Estimated net tran	saction cos	ts '0.04%
Estimated buy/sell	spread	'0.03%/0.04%
Risk band/label		2/Low
Minimum investme	ent amount	\$500

## About the manager

#### Quilla

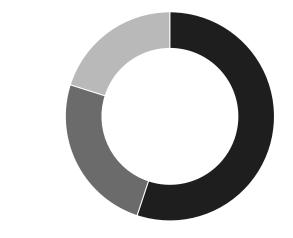
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### Returns

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	Since inception*	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
Total return <sup>1</sup>	3.68	0.77	1.40	3.71	3.68	-	-
Income	4.29	0.30	1.22	2.43	4.29	-	-
Growth	-0.61	0.47	0.18	1.28	-0.61	-	-
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	4.22	0.37	1.09	2.17	4.22	-	-

\* Since inception returns begin from the month end immediately following portfolio launch.

## Asset allocation



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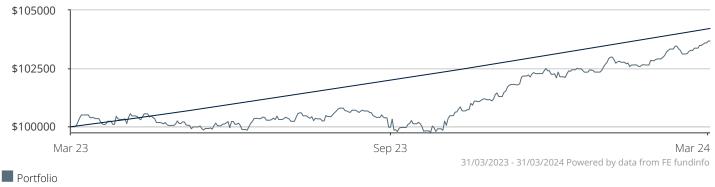
Growth assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Equities	0.0
International Equities	0.0
Property	0.0
Other	0.0
 Total	0.0%
Defensive assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Fixed Interest	55.1
International Fixed Interest	24.8
Cash	20.1
Total	100.0%

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

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
The applicable Benchmark for this portfolio is shown in the Key Information section.

## Performance history

\$100,000 invested since 31/03/2023



Benchmark

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

Holding	Asset class	Allocation (%)
Realm Short Term Income Fund	Australian Fixed Interest	30.2
Vanguard Australian Government Bond Index Etf Vanguard Australian Gove	Australian Fixed Interest	20.0
Alexander Credit Income Fund	Australian Fixed Interest	15.2
Global X US Treasury Bond Etf (Currency Hedged). Global X US Treasury	International Fixed Interest	14.6
Betashares Australian High Interest Cash Etf Betashares Australian Hig	Cash	14.0
Bentham Global Income Fund (W)	International Fixed Interest	5.0
Cash Account	Cash	1.0

# Quarterly manager commentary

#### Market Update

Global markets began the year strongly with the MSCI World Index (USD) gaining 9% in the first quarter as investor confidence remained high, as expectations grew that the global economy was set for a soft landing. Economic data releases showed that economic growth had been resilient and strong enough to indicate that a recession would likely be avoided. The inflation outlook has consistently been a major focal point for both Australian and global financial markets. Coming into the quarter the disinflation trend continued, supporting the outlook that the US Federal Reserve (FED) would begin its interest rate easing cycle with market expectations pricing in approximately five interest rate cuts during the course of 2024.

As the quarter progressed both the inflation and interest rate outlooks became less clear as inflation data showed that inflation was proving stickier than was expected and that achieving central bank targets would be more difficult than anticipated. This coupled with robust jobs markets, particularly in the US, meant that the market expectations of interest rate cuts needed to be recalibrated with the degree and timing of interest rate easing being moderated.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) held rates unchanged during the quarter at 4.35%. However, while Governor Bullock remained steadfast on the need for more data to ensure inflation was heading to the target range, the language used indicated that there was no longer a tightening bias. The Fed in contrast provided less ambiguity and Fed Chair, Jerome Powell reiterated the outlook for three interest rate cuts this year easing market concerns that rate cuts might be pushed out further.

Given the variability of economic announcements and the adjustments to rate expectations the US 10-year bond yield gained 34 basis points for the quarter ending at 4.21%. In contrast the Australian 10-year bond closed the quarter stronger with yields falling 19 basis points to 4%.

Global equity markets performed well despite the moderating of interest rate expectations. Australian earnings season helped lift equity markets with the All Ordinaries gaining 5.5% in the quarter as local earnings releases provided a better than expected picture of Australian corporate earnings. The Small Ordinaries Index gained 7.7% and the S&P/ASX 300 A-REITS Index gained 16.2% both showing accelerating gains into the quarter end.

The US earnings season also provided a strong underpin to equities as 76% of S&P500 companies exceeded earnings estimates. Particularly noteworthy were the results from artificial intelligence (AI) market leader, Nvidia, which beat market expectations while also raising forward guidance helping drive the S&P500 (USD) up by 10.6% for the quarter.

#### Portfolio Update

The portfolio delivered a return of 1.40% over the past quarter.

The top asset class contributors this quarter was Australian fixed income while global fixed income was the principal detractor.

At a security/Fund level, the Realm Short Term Income Fund and the Alexander Credit Income Fund were the largest positive contributors, while the Global X US Treasury Bond (Currency Hedged) ETF was the only detractor.

#### Portfolio changes during the quarter:

During the quarter a select number of portfolio changes were made.

During the quarter bond yields moved higher and an opportunity presented itself to top up government bond exposures. This was executed by adding to the existing position of the Vanguard Australian Government Bond ETF. A new position was initiated in the Bentham Global Income Fund on the basis that absolute income levels from credit are attractive and provide diversification of return drivers via global markets. The new additions to the portfolio were funded via the redemption of the Ardea Real Outcome Fund.

#### Market Outlook

Central bank policy meetings have been the predominant driver of global market sentiment. This is set to continue as investors digest key economic data releases along with central bank pronouncements and actions in the coming months.

Recent economic news and trends suggests a potentially favourable "Goldilocks" scenario, where growth shows signs of stability, inflation is trending lower, and central banks are signalling potential interest rate reductions later in the year. This positive outlook is supportive of risk assets, and any potential corrections are likely to be mild because of this optimistic sentiment.

The growing breadth of market performances is also a positive indicator, as a wider set of companies across the size spectrum participate in a more broad-based market rally.

Still, sentiment indicators remain elevated, potentially adding to the risks of disappointments in the short-term, with particularly heightened risks should it become more evident that central banks will push rate cuts further into the future. In this environment a balanced approach to both portfolio growth and risk is recommended.

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