# MyNorth Managed Portfolios



QUILLA INCOME GENERATOR PORTFOLIO

Quarterly update for Month ending March 2024

## Investment objective

Aims to deliver a predominantly income based investment return of 2.5% p.a. above inflation over rolling 3 year periods.

## Key information

Code		NTH1020	
Manager name		Quilla	
Inception date		30 June 2019	
Benchmark	Consumer Price Index (CPI) Trimmed Mean + 2.5%		
Asset class		Diversified	
Number of underlying assets 18			
Minimum investment horizon 3 years			
Portfolio income	Default - Pa	aid to Platform Cash	
Management fee	s and costs	'0.86%	
Performance fee		'0.13%	
Estimated net tra	ansaction cost	'0.1%	
Estimated buy/se	ell spread	'0.10%/0.10%	
Risk band/label	3/Lc	ow to Medium	
Minimum investr	ment amount	\$500	

## About the manager

### Quilla

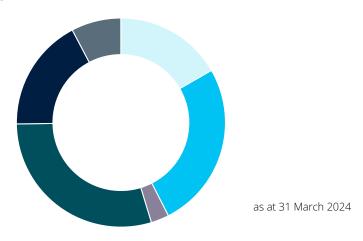
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### Returns

as at 31 March 2024

	Since inception*	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
Total return <sup>1</sup>	4.75	1.45	2.92	6.91	8.32	5.70	-
Income	4.30	0.10	0.91	2.11	5.30	4.64	-
Growth	0.45	1.35	2.01	4.80	3.02	1.06	-
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	5.91	0.56	1.65	3.35	7.45	7.08	-

## Asset allocation



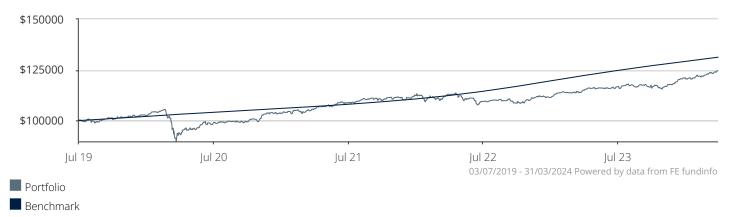
Growth assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Equities	16.7
International Equities	25.8
Property	2.8
Other	0.0
Total	45.3%
Defensive assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Fixed Interest	29.5
International Fixed Interest	17.5
Cash	7.7
Total	54.7%

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 Benchmark is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) as of the current reporting period.

## Performance history

\$100,000 invested since 03/07/2019



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

Holding	Asset class	Allocation (%)
Global X US Treasury Bond Etf (Currency Hedged). Global X US Treasury	International Fixed Interest	12.8
Alexander Credit Income Fund	Australian Fixed Interest	12.8
MyNorth Australian Fixed Interest Index	Australian Fixed Interest	10.9
Realm Short Term Income Fund	Australian Fixed Interest	10.0
MyNorth International Equity Index Hedged	International Equities	8.0
Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Etf Vanguard Australian Shares H	Australian Equities	7.0
DNR Capital Australian Equities High Conviction Fund - W-Class	Australian Equities	4.9
Talaria Global Equity Fund	International Equities	4.5
Fisher Investments Australasia Global Equity Focused Fund - Z Class	International Equities	4.5
Australian Eagle Trust	Australian Equities	4.5
Martin Currie Real Income Fund - Class A	Property	4.0
Ishares China Large-Cap Etf Ishares China Large-Cap Etf	International Equities	3.0
CC Sage Capital Absolute Return Fund	Cash	3.0
GuardCap Global Equity Managed Fund	International Equities	3.0
Perpetual Diversified Income Fund	Australian Fixed Interest	3.0
ClearBridge RARE Infrastructure Income Fund - Hedged	International Equities	3.0
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 2.92% over the past quarter.

The top asset class contributors to total return this quarter were Australian equities and global equities. Global fixed income was the principal detractor.

At a security/Fund level, Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield ETF and MyNorth International Shares Index (Hedged) were the main contributors. Global X US Treasury Bond (Currency Hedged) ETF and Vanguard Australian Government Bond Index Fund were the principal detractors.

#### Portfolio changes during the quarter:

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

The Vanguard Australian Government Bond Index Fund was replaced with MyNorth Australian Fixed Interest Fund to take advantage of an attractive fee in a vehicle that is similar to Vanguard Government Bond in terms of composition. A new position was entered taken in Realm Short Term Income Fund. The Fund provides access to a diversified, actively managed fixed income portfolio that invests in cash and domestic issued fixed interest securities. This was funded from the redemption of the Ardea Real Outcome Fund which has served the portfolio well over recent years, delivering positive returns to the portfolio over a period when traditional fixed income has been impacted by rising rates. However, now that we believe the monetary hiking cycle has finished, Ardea's relative value investment strategy looks relatively less attractive than traditional fixed income.

On the equity allocation front a new position was taken in the Fisher Global Equity Focused Fund. Fisher's core, macro-driven, top-down approach has adeptly steered through the choppy waters of the economic landscape thus far. With our firm conviction that macroeconomic dynamics will once again shape market trends in the coming year, we remain highly confident that the Fund's strategic direction will persist in playing a significant and valuable role within the portfolio. The Vanguard International Share Index Fund (Hedged) was exited and replaced with the MyNorth International Share Index Fund (Hedged) to take advantage of the lower fee.

Within the alternatives allocation the Dexus Core Infrastructure Fund was exited as fund has struggled to deliver meaningful returns over the past year in the face of stubbornly high interest rates, and a rapid deceleration in M&A activity. The PIMCO Trends Managed Futures Strategy WS Fund was also exited as current market conditions haven't suited momentum and CTA strategies. These exits funded a tactical and opportunistic trade in China Large Caps through the acquisition of the iShares China Large-Cap ETF AUD.

#### **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

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