# MyNorth Managed Portfolios





Quarterly update for Month ending March 2024

# Investment objective

This managed portfolio seeks to provide moderately high returns over the long term through a diversified portfolio of primarily growth assets and some defensive assets.

## Key information

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Code		NTH1117	
Manager name		Pendal	
Inception date		30 June 2021	
Benchmark	Morningstar Australian Multi-Sector Aggressive Average Category		
Asset class		Diversified	
Number of underlying assets 12			
Minimum investmen	t horizon	6 years	
Portfolio income	Det	fault - Reinvest	
Management fees ar	nd costs	'0.9%	
Performance fee		'0%	
Estimated net transa	action cos	ts '0.03%	
Estimated buy/sell sp	pread	'0.16%/0.16%	
Risk band/label		6/High	
Minimum investmen	it amount	\$500	

# About the manager

#### **Pendal**

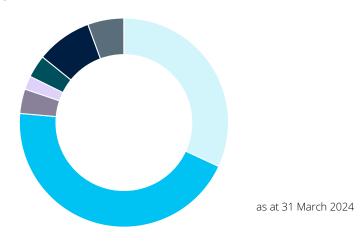
Pendal is a global Investment Manager offering investors a range of Australian and international investment choices. As of December 2020, Pendal has \$97.4 billion in funds under management. Pendal's core asset allocation process is expected to generate the bulk of the return for each portfolio over 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 31 March 2024

	Since inception*	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
Total return <sup>1</sup>	4.78	2.51	7.10	14.85	15.45	-	-
Income	2.35	0.00	0.42	0.71	1.84	-	-
Growth	2.43	2.51	6.68	14.14	13.61	-	-
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	6.34	3.04	8.12	15.03	17.67	-	-

## Asset allocation



31.9 44.5 3.8 2.1 <b>82.3%</b>
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Allocation (%)
3.5
8.6
5.6
17.7%

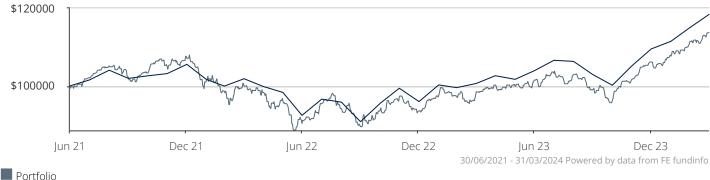
Asset allocation data sourced via Morningstar® from the underlying fund manager.

<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

<sup>2</sup> 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 July 2023.

# Performance history

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



■ Portfolio ■ Benchmark

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

Holding	Asset class	Allocation (%)
Vanguard Ethically Conscious International Shares Index	International Equities	19.5
Impax Sustainable Leaders Fund	International Equities	14.0
Pendal Multi Asset Target Return Fund	International Fixed Interest	13.3
Alphinity Sustainable Share Fund	Australian Equities	12.5
Pendal Horizon Sustainable Australian Share Fund	Australian Equities	12.5
Vanguard Ethically Conscious Int. Shares Index Fund (AUD Hedged)	International Equities	8.5
Ausbil Active Sustainable Equity Fund	Australian Equities	8.0
Pendal Sustainable Australian Fixed Interest Fund	Australian Fixed Interest	3.5
Vanguard Ethically Conscious Global Aggregate Bond Index Fund	International Fixed Interest	3.5
Macquarie Global Listed Real Estate Fund - Class A Units	Property	2.8
Cash Account	Cash	1.0
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#### 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**

Global equities rallied strongly over the first quarter of 2024, supported by resilient economic indicators, robust corporate earnings results, and anticipation of easing monetary policy.

-US Equities (+10.6%) rallied strongly, led by long duration growth stocks, while value stocks continued to trail.

- -Australian equities (+5.4%) rallied but lagged behind the broader global market. Similar to the US, growth sectors such as Technology outperformed but, of course, the weight to such growth stocks is much lower in Australia.
- -European equities (12.9%) performed very well supported by economic data confirming that a recession was narrowly avoided in the fourth quarter of 2023. Meanwhile, UK equities (+4.0%) trailed, weighed down by their recession confirmation.
- -lapanese equities (+21.5%) were the standout over the guarter supported by a resilient corporate sector. Chinese equities (-1.8%) fell on economic concerns despite a number of policy announcements intended to prop up the equity market.
- -US 10-year government bond yields (+32bps) rose over the March quarter, rising back above 4% as underlying inflation reaccelerated. The Australian yield curve ended the quarter in line with December 2023 despite ongoing volatility as investors attempt to anticipate the path of central bank policy.
- -The Australian dollar depreciated -4.4% against the Greenback, reflecting the ongoing resilience of the US economy and rising US long term yields.

## **Portfolio Update**

The portfolio delivered a return of 114.20% over the past quarter.. Strong performance was seen across both Australian and global shares as equity markets were spurred on by continued hopes for central bank rate cuts and declining fears over a recession. Fixed income markets however were more mixed with markets pricing a slower and more modest cutting cycle in Australia and the US over the quarter.

In regard to benchmark underperformance, it was driven by security selection from the underlying managers in Alternatives and International Equities, whilst the Australian shares managers made a positive contribution. Driving underperformance within Alternatives was the Pendal Multi-Asset Target Return Fund. The fund's exposure to sustainable listed investment companies underperformed as they sold off in line with interest rate uncertainties given their longer dated bond like cashflows. With regard to international equities, underperformance was driven by the Impax Sustainable Leaders Fund where some of its key holdings (Schneider Electric SE, American Water Works) dragged compared to the market.

Returns from active asset allocation were flat for the quarter where positive contributions from Global REITs (GREITs) were offset by other factors. The portfolio's underweight GREITs position added value as GREITs underperformed the market. Global REITs yields are less attractive now relative to much higher bonds yield. The sector also faces secular headwinds with the substantial increase in interest rates, reversing the secularly low rates of the past which has provided cheap financing costs.

The portfolio finished the quarter with an overweight Alternatives position and underweight GREITs position. The consensus view today is for the US to experience a soft landing in 2024 but markets pulled a lot of the good news from 2024 into last year's return. This leaves the market with elevated valuations, expected 12-month earnings growth close to double the historic average supported by dovish interest rate expectations. With so much good news already priced in, we remain cautious on the outlook.

### **Market Outlook**

While the US economy and markets proved more resilient than we expected in 2023 and into 2024, we remain cautious on the market outlook. The consensus view today is for the US to experience a soft landing in 2024 as growth moderated down to a trend-like pace and markets pulled a lot of the returns from 2024 into last year. This leaves the market with elevated valuations, expected 12-month earnings growth close to double the historic average and interest rate expectations aligned to what the US Fed had guided for 2024 with some doubts about the rate cuts they highlighted in 2025 and 26. With so much good news already priced in, we remain cautious.

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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