

Quarterly update for month ending December 2023

Investment objective

The managed portfolio aims to provide income with a high level of capital growth and a high level of capital volatility.

Key information

Code	NTH1115
Manager name	Zenith Investment Partners
Inception date	30 June 2021
Benchmark	Morningstar Australia Aggressive Target Allocation NR
Asset class	Diversified
Number of underlying assets	20
Minimum investment horizon	5 years
Portfolio income	Paid to Cash Account
Management fees and costs	1.12%
Performance fee	0.43%
Estimated net transaction costs	0.11%
Estimated buy/sell spread	0.19%/0.20%
Risk band/label	6/High
Minimum investment amount	\$500

About the manager

Zenith Investment Partners

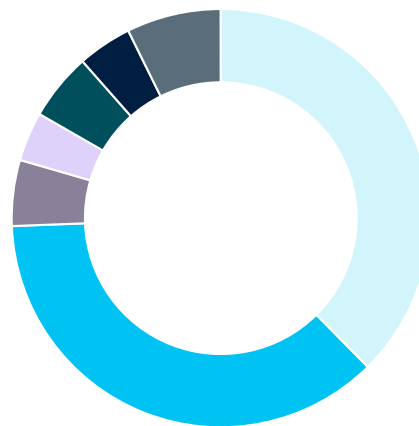
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Returns

as at 31 December 2023

	Since inception*	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
Total return ¹	1.70	4.19	6.24	6.34	13.55	-	-
Income	2.23	0.01	0.21	1.54	2.61	-	-
Growth	-0.53	4.18	6.03	4.80	10.94	-	-
Benchmark ²	4.78	4.68	7.27	6.16	15.46	-	-

Asset allocation



as at 31 December 2023

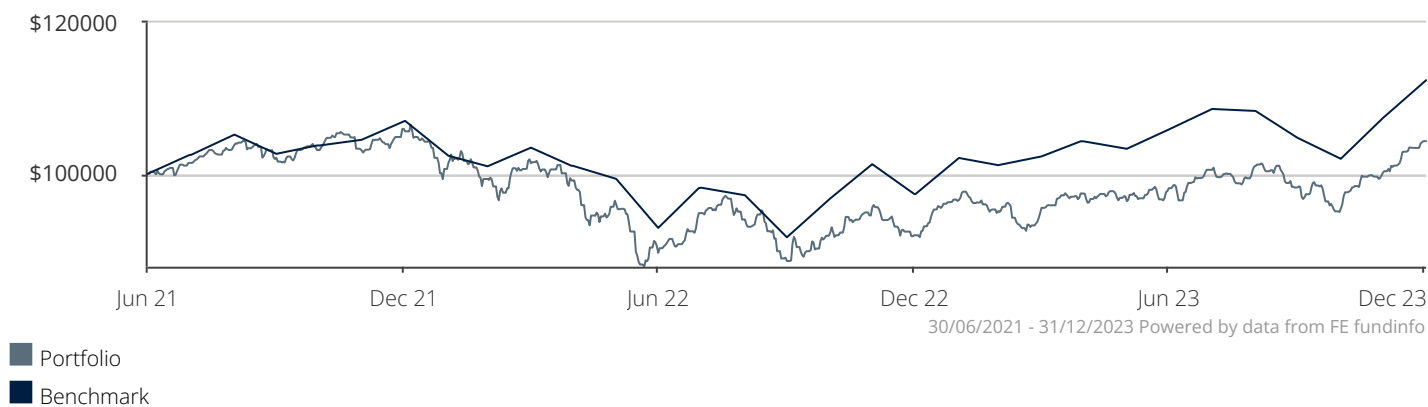
Growth assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Equities	37.6
International Equities	36.8
Property	5.1
Other	3.8
Total	83.3%
Defensive assets	Allocation (%)
Australian Fixed Interest	5.2
International Fixed Interest	4.2
Cash	7.3
Total	16.7%

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

Performance history

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



Managed portfolio holdings³

Holding	Asset class	Allocation (%)
Alphinity Concentrated Australian Share Fund	Australian Equities	11.5
Arrowstreet Global Equity No. 2 Fund (Hedged) - Class W	International Equities	10.8
Solaris Australian Equity Long Short Fund	Australian Equities	10.1
L1 Capital International Fund - Z Class	International Equities	7.8
Bennelong ex-20 Australian Equities Fund	Australian Equities	7.4
Eiger Australian Small Companies Fund - Class A	Australian Equities	5.5
MFS Hedged Global Equity Trust	International Equities	5.4
Legg Mason Western Asset Australian Bond Fund - Class M	Australian Fixed Interest	4.9
Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Fund (Hedged)	International Equities	4.8
PIMCO Global Bond Fund - Wholesale Class	International Fixed Interest	4.7
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity Fund - Z Class	International Equities	3.8
Fairlight Global Small & Mid Cap (SMID) Fund - Class A	International Equities	3.6
Eley Griffiths Group Emerging Companies Fund	Australian Equities	3.5
Resolution Capital Global Property Securities Fund	Property	3.0
Barrow Hanley Global Share Fund - Class S	International Equities	2.8
Firetrail Absolute Return Fund	Cash	2.5
UBS CBRE Property Securities Fund	Property	2.2
Cash Account	Cash	2.0
Janus Henderson Global Multi-Strategy Fund - Institutional Class	Other	2.0
Man AHL Alpha (AUD) - Class B	Other	1.9

Quarterly manager commentary

Market Update

The growing expectation of interest rate cuts, sooner than expected, was a key market driver over the quarter. This resulted in significant rallies across markets.

In Australia, the share market posted strong gains for the December quarter. Property shares, such as Scentre Group, and Healthcare shares, like CSL, led the quarter's gains. Australian banks continued to profit from higher earnings, while the miners, such as BHP and Rio Tinto, benefited from rising commodity prices.

Similarly, global shares ended the year on a very strong note, driven by clear signs that the interest rate hiking cycle in the United States is likely over. Technology shares, led by the so-called "Magnificent Seven" (Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon, Tesla, Nvidia and Meta), were the key performers over the quarter, while global Property shares were also buoyed.

In its final meeting of 2023, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) held the cash rate at its current level of 4.35%, stating there had been "encouraging signs of progress" in bringing inflation down, although they required time to assess the impact and would not hastily lower the cash rate. This more cautious stance adopted by the RBA relative to its US counterpart boosted the Australian dollar.

Portfolio update

The portfolio grew by 6.24% over the quarter, and by 13.55% over the 12-month period to 31 December 2023.

Listed Property was the strongest performer over the quarter, followed by Australian Shares and International Shares. Your Bond exposures delivered strong results, while your diversifying strategies were the only laggards over the period. Over the year, International Shares were the key driver of absolute performance, with substantial contributions also coming from Australian Shares and Bonds.

Market Outlook

The prospect of a 'soft-landing' scenario seems increasingly plausible. This scenario is where interest rates are lifted just enough to curb inflation without causing a major recession or a meaningful spike in unemployment. This scenario is broadly positive for markets, although we will likely see economic growth slow below the current trend. With this in mind, we currently favour areas of the market that we believe offer attractive value (i.e. markets which didn't rally as strongly in 2023) and higher growth potential, such as global & Australian smaller companies and emerging market shares.

During the quarter, changes were made to prepare your portfolio for the two most likely outcomes; the 'soft-landing' scenario and 'higher for longer' scenario. This centred around reducing the allocation to Australian smaller companies, and increasing its exposure to high quality companies that have a history of consistent earnings and strong balance sheets. These enhancements were made to make your portfolio more resilient while enhancing your portfolio's potential to generate capital growth.

Rebalancing action was also conducted during the quarter to reallocate cash distributions and align the portfolio with its strategic asset allocation weights.

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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