# PORTFOLIO UPDATE

# **HNW Australian Equity Concentrated Portfolio**

# Monthly Report June 2025



- June proved to be a volatile month, with concerns in the Middle East driving the oil price up and global markets down. As the spectre of a major war in the Middle East fizzled out, equity markets rallied towards the end of the month to finish in the green. Despite a range of negative news flows over the past year, including the unwinding of the Japan carry trade, Trump tariffs, and sharply increasing tensions in the Middle East, global equity markets all posted above-average returns in the midteens.
- > The **HNW Australian Equity Concentrated Portfolio** gained 1.4% matching the benchmark's return. There was minimal news due to companies being in blackout before releasing their six-month financial results in August, except for the last-minute earnings downgrades that crush the spirits of fund managers. Thankfully, the Portfolio avoided the June downgrades from companies such as Domino's (-18%), IDP Education (-53%), and Reece (-8%).
- > We are looking forward to the upcoming August reporting season. We expect the reporting season will continue to show the resilience of company earnings from the companies held in the Portfolio and that management will guide to higher profits and dividends over the coming year.

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	12m rolling	Incept annual
HNW Equity Concentrated Portfolio	3.0%	-0.7%	2.4%	-2.3%	2.7%	-2.6%	5.2%	-3.5%	-3.1%	0.7%	4.3%	1.4%	7.1%	5.6%
ASX 200TR	4.2%	0.5%	3.0%	-1.3%	3.8%	-3.2%	4.6%	-3.8%	-3.4%	3.6%	4.2%	1.4%	13.8%	10.0%
Active return	-1.2%	-1.2%	-0.6%	-1.0%	-1.1%	0.6%	0.7%	0.2%	0.3%	-2.9%	0.1%	0.0%	-6.7%	-4.5%

### **Portfolio Objective**

Investments within the Australian Equity portfolio is selected based on highest conviction. This June result in some GICs being over or underrepresented relative to the index.

#### **Appropriate Investors**

Accumulation for entities wanting higher conviction or that have more limited resources.

### **Portfolio Details**

Benchmark	Not Aware
Number of Stocks	10-15
Asset Allocation	100% Equity
Inception Date	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Security Target	within 5% of S&P ASX 200 weights

## **Performance Update**

The key news in June was the growing concerns in the Middle East, with oil prices spiking. Over the month, the oil price was very volatile, with oil peaking at US\$79 a barrel due to US airstrikes, up from US\$64 at the start of the month. However, prices retreated to finish at US\$68 following a de-escalation and a tepid response from Iran.

Inflation continues to fall, with the May 2025 print coming in at 2.1% which is likely to open the door to continued rate cuts throughout 2025.

## **Top Dividend Gross Yield end June 2025**

Company	Yield
Commonwealth Bank	4.1%
Woodside	7.3%
ANZ Bank	6.9%
Ampol	6.2%
Transurban	5.0%

#### Estimated portfolio metrics for FY25

	ASX 200	HNW Con
PE (x) fwd.	19.0	14.4
Dividend yield (net)	3.3%	4.9%
Est Franking	67%	82%
Grossed Up Yield	4.1%	6.4%
Number of stocks	200	23
Avg mcap \$B	11	69
Beta (3mth rolling)	1.0	0.93

Source: Bloomberg & UBS

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In June, the **HNW Australian Equity Concentrated Portfolio** gained by +1.4% matching the benchmark.

Over the month, positions in Macquarie Bank (+7%), Woodside (+6%), Medibank and Lotteries (+5%) added value.

On the negative side of the ledger, Bapcor (-4%), CSL (-3%), and Atlas Arteria (-4%) detracted value, albeit on no news flow.

## **Portfolio Trading**

Over the month, we reduced our positions in Commonwealth Bank (+5%) and QBE (+1%). While Atlas remains positive about these businesses' outlooks, we believe there are more attractive opportunities elsewhere in the Portfolio to invest cash, with all three seeing their share prices run ahead of our valuations.

We have added to our position in Amcor (-1%). These moves increased the yield of the Portfolio and reduced its aggregate price-to-earnings ratio.

## **Performance Calculation Methodology**

The following conventions have been adopted for calculating performance:

- Transaction expenses of 10bp are applied to Portfolio buy and sells. Transaction expenses are capitalised into the cost base.
  Rebalancing transactions incur transaction expenses.
- Cash-flow from dividends is credited on the ex-date rather than the pay date. Franking is not considered which is consistent with the calculation methodology of the benchmark. Cash-flow from dividends is assumed to be reinvested in issuer stock at the closing price on the ex-date.
- The Portfolio can participate in entitlement-based capital raisings, however, cannot participate in institutional raisings.
- The Portfolio must fund the required amount by the sale of the equivalent amount of equity. In the event of a subsequent scaleback the Portfolio will also record the pro-rata amount of script issued.
- Performance does not include consideration of taxation including capital gains tax.
- Performance numbers are presented on an unaudited basis

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