

PORTFOLIO UPDATE

HNW Australian Equity Portfolio

Monthly Report April 2026

- April was a volatile month, with the dominant theme being the confusion over the status of the Iran conflict. Energy prices gyrated wildly amid conflicting reports on whether the Strait of Hormuz was open or a peace deal was imminent. Despite periodic bouts of hopeful optimism, the NACHO trade (Not A Chance Hormuz Opens) continues to win.
- The **HNW Australian Equity Portfolio** gained by 2.25%, marginally outperforming the benchmark return of 2.18%, with the Portfolio proving quite defensive in a volatile month.
- The last 12 months have seen a high degree of market volatility, with both the Trump tariffs, potential recessions and the war in the Middle East contributing to it. While sometimes exasperating, the Portfolio is populated with companies positioned to navigate changing market conditions. The companies we own have 1) low levels of gearing or, in the case of several portfolio companies, no debt, 2) pricing power to pass on inflation and critically, 3) are established companies offering largely non-discretionary goods and services that have navigated and survived through weak market conditions.

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	12m rolling	Incept annual
HNW Australian Equity Portfolio	4.3%	1.4%	2.7%	1.5%	-2.7%	0.9%	-1.0%	1.2%	0.4%	2.7%	-2.6%	2.3%	11.4%	8.4%
ASX 200 TR	4.2%	1.4%	2.4%	3.1%	-0.8%	0.4%	-2.7%	1.3%	1.8%	4.1%	-7.1%	2.2%	10.1%	9.1%
Active return	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	-1.6%	-1.9%	0.5%	1.7%	-0.1%	-1.4%	-1.5%	4.5%	0.1%	1.2%	-0.7%

Portfolio Objective

The objective is to build a portfolio of high-quality companies that will provide returns to a client in increased value and/or dividends over time.

Portfolio Details

Index	S&P ASX 200 Total Return
Number of Stocks	15 - 30
Asset Allocation	100% Equity
Inception Date	30 th November 2022
Security Target	Within 5% of S&P ASX 200 weights
Sector Target	Within 10% of S&P GICS sector weights

Performance Update

Over the month, the news has continued to be dominated by macroeconomic events in the Middle East and the US military operation in Iran. These events saw oil prices remain elevated above US\$110 per barrel. Global markets rebounded from the March lows, driven primarily by large US technology stocks following their Q3 reporting season.

Domestically, the war in the Middle East has added pressure on consumers, with more discretionary spending shifting towards fuel payments. This was evident in the Australian inflation print, which rose from 3.7% to 4.6% in March.

Top Ten Active Positions as of April 2026

Positive

Mineral Resources

ANZ

Transurban

Ampol

Whitehaven Coal

Negative

BHP

NAB

Rio Tinto

Telstra

CBA

Estimated portfolio metrics for FY26

	ASX 200	HNW AE
PE (x) fwd.	17.6	15.7
Dividend yield (net)	3.5%	4.8%
Est Franking	67%	82%
Grossed Up Yield	4.4%	6.3%
Number of stocks	200	23
Avg mcap \$B	11	69
Beta (3mth rolling)	1.0	0.97

Source: Bloomberg & UBS

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Portfolio Performance

In April, the **HNW Australian Equity Portfolio** gained 2.25%, slightly outperforming the benchmark return of 2.18%, in a volatile month driven by events in the Middle East.

Over the month, positions in Mineral Resources (+18%), Macquarie Bank (+16%), Atlas Arteria (+12%), and Medibank Private (+8%) added value.

On the negative side of the ledger, CSL (-12%) slid amid questions about increased competition in the USA and China, while Whitehaven Coal (-9%) and Woodside (-4%) gave back some of March's gains.

Atlas remains happy to have a large weight on energy, as we see that the full impacts of restricted energy flows are yet to be felt in global economies, and that a lasting peace process is unlikely to be achieved quickly.

Trading Updates

Over the month of April, the portfolio saw trading updates from companies indicating that the war in the Middle East is not having a significant impact on day-to-day operations.

Many of the energy companies in the Portfolio provided very supportive updates, with both Ampol and Woodside benefiting from the higher energy prices. Ampol saw its refining margins increase from US\$6.07 to US\$25.45 per barrel, driven by limited fuel supply across Australia.

Pleasingly, the miners in the portfolio, Mineral Resources, Whitehaven Coal and Newmont, all reported that they are having no issues locating and acquiring diesel across their respective operations.

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 scale-back 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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Portfolio Trading

Over the month, Newmont was added to the Portfolio following a pullback in its share price. Newmont provides portfolio access to both gold and copper mining across Australia, North America, and Papua New Guinea, and is the largest and lowest-cost gold miner globally. Additionally, Newmont has no debt with US\$7.6 billion in gold and cash sitting on its balance sheet. The purchase was funded by the sale of Lendlease out of the Portfolio last month.

Sector Exposure April 2026

GICS Sector	ASX 200	AEP	ACTIVE
Consumer Discretionary	8.6%	11.2%	2.6%
Consumer Staples	3.3%	0.0%	-3.3%
Energy	3.3%	7.6%	4.3%
Banks	27.3%	32.4%	5.0%
Diversified Fins	6.0%	12.0%	6.0%
Health Care	7.0%	10.8%	3.8%
Industrials	5.5%	1.3%	-3.7%
Materials	22.9%	14.4%	-8.5%
IT	2.3%	0.0%	-2.3%
Telecommunication Services	2.4%	0.0%	-2.4%
Listed Property	6.5%	0.0%	-6.5%
Utilities	3.6%	8.9%	5.3%