

# PORTFOLIO UPDATE

## HNW Australian Equity Portfolio

### Monthly Report February 2026

- February was a very eventful month, mainly dominated by Australian corporate earnings, which largely showed that Australia's economy is doing well. Share price volatility over the month was high, with small earnings misses leading to strong share price declines and small earnings beats driving large share price gains.
- The **HNW Australian Equity Portfolio** gained 2.7%, underperforming the benchmark return of 4.1%, a disappointing outcome in a month given the strong reporting season we saw from companies within the Portfolio.
- It was pleasing to see the Portfolio companies, on average, increase dividends by +5% in the February reporting season. This is a pleasing outcome, with Portfolio income growing ahead of both inflation and the wider ASX 200. Atlas sees that increasing dividends is a better measure of a company's financial health than earnings per share or management guidance

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	12m rolling	Incept annual
HNW Australian Equity Portfolio	-3.2%	2.0%	4.3%	1.4%	2.7%	1.5%	-2.7%	0.9%	-1.0%	1.2%	0.4%	2.7%	10.5%	9.0%
ASX 200 TR	-3.4%	3.6%	4.2%	1.4%	2.4%	3.1%	-0.8%	0.4%	-2.7%	1.3%	1.8%	4.1%	16.2%	11.3%
Active return	0.2%	-1.6%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	-1.6%	-1.9%	0.5%	1.7%	-0.1%	-1.4%	-1.5%	-5.7%	-2.3%

### 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 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Security Target	Within 5% of S&P ASX 200 weights
Sector Target	Within 10% of S&P GICS sector weights

### Performance Update

As always, February is dominated by Australian corporate earnings, allowing investors to closely examine the financial accounts of large companies that dominate the Australian economy.

The February reporting season showed that Australian corporates were in good financial shape and had experienced minimal to no negative impact from geopolitical issues, such as rising US tariffs. A less pleasant feature of the reporting season was extreme share price volatility, both positive and negative, on results day, with the average move of 8%. We see this as the result of the increasing influence of momentum trading driven by computerised programs immediately after company results are released.

### Top Ten Active Positions as of February 2026

#### Positive

Mineral Resources
ANZ
Transurban
Amcor
Ampol

#### Negative

BHP
NAB
Rio Tinto
Telstra
CBA

### Estimated portfolio metrics for FY26

	ASX 200	HNW AE
PE (x) fwd.	18.7	15.7
Dividend yield (net)	3.3%	4.8%
Est Franking	67%	82%
<b>Grossed Up Yield</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
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 February, the **HNW Australian Equity Portfolio** gained 2.7%. Overall, Atlas was pleased with the Portfolio through the reporting season, with all companies profitable, paying dividends, and increasing income to shareholders above inflation.

Over the month, positions in Woodside (+12%), QBE Insurance (+10%), Amcor (+10%), Westpac (+10%), and ANZ (+9%) added value. All these companies delivered positive results and have a strong outlook for the coming year. On the negative side of the ledger, CSL (-19%), Suncorp Insurance (-13%), and Whitehaven (-11%) detracted value.

CSL provided mixed results over the half, with the Vifor Unit (Iron Deficiency) delivering strong results in combination with weaker-than-expected immunotherapies. This was overshadowed by the CEO's sudden departure the day before results were released. CSL announced a \$750 million on-market share buyback and a \$500 million annual cost savings from restructuring the business. This will see CSL profit increase by 4-7% over the coming year.

### Dividends signal the health of a company.

When a company reports a result, one of the first things we look at is the dividend paid, as this is the best indicator of a company's actual health. A company's board is unlikely to raise dividends if business conditions are deteriorating. Also, earnings per share can be restated later due to "accounting opinions" or financial shenanigans from the CFO. However, once dividends are paid into investors' bank accounts, they cannot be returned.

During the reporting season, on a weighted average, Portfolio dividends increased by 5%.

### 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.

### Portfolio Trading

No significant trading over the month.

### Sector Exposure February 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%

- Performance numbers are presented on an unaudited basis