

# PORTFOLIO UPDATE

## HNW Australian Equity Portfolio

### Monthly Report January 2025

- The Santa Claus Rally came late this year, with January 2025 being the best month for Australian Equities since January 2023. This saw a reversal of December's sharp falls on expectations of rate cuts with inflation continuing to ease, a weak Australian Dollar and optimism of an economic bump from the second coming of Trump.
- The **HNW Australian Equity Portfolio** gained +4.1%, just behind the index return of +4.57%, an acceptable outcome for a lower beta portfolio in a strong month. Share price movements in January are driven by macroeconomic events rather than actual company earnings, with swings both positive and negative amplified by low trade volumes on the ASX.
- Atlas is looking forward to the February profit season, and the Fund has started the month off strongly. We expect the reporting season will continue to show the resilience of company earnings from the companies held in the Fund and that management will guide to higher profits and dividends over the coming year. The fall in the Australian dollar will positively impact the Portfolio, which has a high weight toward companies that generate profits in USD.

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	12m rolling	Incept annual
HNW Australian Equity Portfolio	1.7%	3.3%	-3.5%	0.2%	1.2%	4.6%	-0.2%	1.7%	-1.8%	3.8%	-2.7%	4.1%	12.7%	10.2%
ASX 200 TR	0.8%	3.3%	-2.9%	0.9%	1.0%	4.2%	0.5%	3.0%	-1.3%	3.8%	-3.2%	4.6%	15.2%	11.6%
Active return	0.9%	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.7%	0.2%	0.4%	-0.7%	-1.3%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	-0.5%	-2.5%	-1.3%

#### Portfolio Objective

The objective is to build a portfolio of high-quality companies that will provide returns for 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

There was minimal news flow in January, with companies in a "blackout" before releasing their financial results in February 2024. During January, a few mining and toll road companies within the Portfolio provided second-quarter trading updates and production, all of which were within expectations.

The critical global news in January was the inauguration of US President Donald Trump, which came with threats of global tariffs, with the major tariff threats being placed against Canada, Mexico, and China.

#### Top Ten Active Positions end January 2025

##### Positive

Ampol

Transurban

Amcor

ANZ Bank

QBE Insurance

##### Negative

BHP

NAB

Rio Tinto

Fortescue

Telstra

#### Estimated portfolio metrics for FY25

	ASX 200	HNW AE
PE (x) fwd.	18.4	16.0
Dividend yield (net)	3.3%	4.6%
Est Franking	67%	82%
<b>Grossed Up Yield</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
Number of stocks	200	23
Avg mcap \$B	14	71
Beta (3mth rolling)	1.0	0.91

Source: Bloomberg & UBS

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### Portfolio Performance

In January, the **HNW Australian Equity Portfolio** gained by +4.1%. As always, in January, it is tough to outperform the index, with the majority of companies blackout before the February reporting season. January also has low trade volumes, with most institutional fund managers sitting on their hands and not making significant changes before reporting season.

Over the month, positions in JB Hi-Fi (+10%), Suncorp (+9%), Deterra (+9%), QBE Insurance (+9%), and Macquarie Group (+9%) added value. On the negative side of the ledger, Whitehaven Coal (-1%), CSL (0%), and Transurban (0%) detracted value.

### Portfolio Trading

No trading was done during the month.

### Sector Exposure January 2025

GICS Sector	ASX200	AEP	ACTIVE
Consumer Discretionary	7.7%	10.7%	3.1%
Consumer Staples	4.8%	0.0%	-4.8%
Energy	6.9%	9.3%	2.5%
Banks	24.7%	26.7%	2.0%
Diversified Fins	4.7%	12.7%	7.9%
Health Care	9.6%	12.7%	3.0%
Industrials	5.5%	8.4%	2.9%
Materials	22.4%	14.6%	-7.9%
Telecommunication Services	2.5%	0.0%	-2.5%
Listed Property	5.5%	2.0%	-3.5%
Utilities	1.3%	3.9%	2.6%

### 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