

PORTFOLIO UPDATE

HNW Australian Equity Portfolio

Monthly Report June 2024

- In June, the key piece of news impacting the ASX over the month was the spike in inflation to 4%, which raises the spectre of an interest rate rise in August rather than the cuts that some market participants were forecasting. Despite this negative news, the market was able to finish up in the green for the month.
- The **HNW Australian Equity Portfolio** gained by +1.25% ahead of the benchmark return of 1.05%. This marks the end of a satisfactory 12 months for the Portfolio. There was minimal stock-specific news in June, with companies in blackout prior to releasing their results in August. Overall, we are happy with the past year and the Portfolio finishing slightly ahead of the index not including franking credits.
- Over the past twelve months, every company in the Portfolio has paid a dividend, with the majority of the companies increasing their dividends, a key metric for a company's financial health. Across the Portfolio, the average dividend increase was +7%, ahead of both inflation and the wider ASX 200, which saw dividends shrink by -8%.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	12m rolling	Incept annual
HNW Australian Equity Portfolio	3.0%	-0.8%	-2.4%	-4.8%	5.2%	6.3%	2.9%	1.7%	3.3%	-3.5%	0.2%	1.2%	12.5%	7.8%
ASX 200 TR	2.9%	-0.7%	-2.8%	-3.8%	5.0%	7.3%	1.2%	0.8%	3.3%	-2.9%	0.9%	1.0%	12.1%	8.3%
Active return	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	-1.0%	0.2%	-1.0%	1.8%	0.9%	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.7%	0.2%	0.4%	-0.5%

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 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

June was a very volatile month, driven primarily by concerns about higher inflation in the Australian economy and whether an interest rate increase would be needed at the August monetary policy meeting. There was minimal company specific news with companies in black-out prior to reporting their profit results in August.

Over the month, oil continued to climb by 6% to US\$86 per barrel, driven by higher consumption during the northern hemisphere summer break.

Top Ten Active Positions end June 2024

Positive

Ampol
Transurban
Amcor
ANZ Bank
QBE Insurance

Negative

BHP
NAB
Rio Tinto
Fortescue
Telstra

Estimated portfolio metrics for FY24

	ASX 200	HNW AE
PE (x) fwd.	16.9	13.7
Dividend yield (net)	3.8%	5.0%
Est Franking	67%	82%
Grossed Up Yield	4.8%	6.0%
Number of stocks	200	23
Avg mcap \$B	14	55
Beta (3mth rolling)	1.0	0.91

Source: Bloomberg & UBS

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Portfolio Performance

In June, the **HNW Australian Equity Portfolio** gained by 1.25%, ahead of the benchmark's return of 1.05%. Over the month, positions in Bapcor (+21%), Suncorp (+9%), Sonic Healthcare (+8%), and Macquarie Group (+7%) added value. On the negative side of the ledger, Mineral Resources (-25%), Deterra (-14%) and Lendlease (-9%) detracted from value.

It was disappointing to see Deterra down -14% for the month after announcing the acquisition of London-based Trident Royalties for A\$276 million. Trident is a diversified royalty company with 27 royalties, the largest of which is a 1.05% revenue royalty from the Thacker Pass lithium project in Nevada. The acquisition ultimately will diversify Deterra's revenue away from solely iron ore and provide earnings accretion.

Year in Review

The 2024 financial year was very volatile, with falls in the market across September and October offset by a strong rally in equity markets across November and December and continued through the first half of 2024. Inflation has been a key driver for global equity markets, with the most recent rally coming from the thoughts that interest rates could be coming down earlier than first thought.

Despite what feels like a bruising twelve months for investors, the ASX 200 has enjoyed a pretty good year, up +7.8% or +12.1% with dividends. Across the Portfolio, we have seen significant gains from positions in JB Hi-Fi (+46%), Wesfarmers (+36%), Westpac (+35%) and Suncorp (+34%). Additionally, every stock in the Portfolio paid a dividend. While the market is a voting machine over the short term, it is a weighing machine over the longer term, rewarding companies that increase cash flows to their investors.

Portfolio Trading

During June, Atlas made the decision to trim our Commonwealth Bank exposure, at \$128, back to market weight due to its current PE ratio of 22 times, diverging from its long-

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

run average of 16 times. Atlas still believes that CBA will have a good result in August, but the current share price is pricing in perfection. The proceeds of this reduction were deployed to increase holdings in Sonic (+8%), Bapcor (+21%) and Atlas Arteria (-4%).

Sector Exposure June 2024

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%

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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