



VENTURA BENNELONG AUSTRALIAN EQUITIES CORE MODEL

April 2022

COMMENTARY

The March quarter contained the company reporting period for the six months to 31 December 2021, and so was a busy month from an information flow perspective. One of the common features of companies reporting was upward pressure on costs, especially freight and other supply chain related costs. Cost pressures generally are expected to intensify going forward. Issues with supply chains were another common feature reported across all types of domestically-focused and global companies. These issues generally revolved around difficulties in accessing raw materials and other essential components required in the manufacturing or production process. The impact could be seen in sales shortfalls, increased costs – especially freight – and, in some cases, higher inventory levels as companies built 'safety stock' where they could.

As discussed in previous quarter's update, 2022 is expected to be a year of rising rates globally. This is already being witnessed with the Federal Reserve in the US raising the official interest rate by 25 basis points in March. The RBA is also expected to begin Australia's rate rising cycle in the middle of this calendar year.

Given expectations for rising interest rates and a more difficult operating environment, BAEP believes higher quality companies with strong pricing power are positioned to perform best. They also remain positive on global economies and equity markets and will continue to focus on investing in high quality companies with strong growth prospects.

Model performance

30/04/2022

Period	Income %	Growth %	Total %
1 month	0.00	-4.65	-4.65
3 month	0.00	-6.79	-6.79
6 month	0.27	-17.76	-17.49
1 year	4.59	-8.96	-4.37
3 year pa	5.98	6.92	12.90
5 year pa	5.40	7.45	12.85

* The Ventura Bennelong Australian Equities core model became available for investment on the 3 October 2016. The performance shown is indicative only and may vary to actual investor performance due to investment model trading requirements at the individual investor account level. To provide a longer term view of this Model's performance we have shown returns from the underlying Model Manager which has been managed on the same basis.

Top Holdings

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Security	Portfolio %
1 CSL	13.83
2 BHP	8.68
3 JHX	8.16
4 ALL	6.96
5 IEL	6.52
6 ARB	5.32
7 BRG	5.15
8 DMP	3.98
9 CTD	3.91
10 RWC	3.39
11 CCP	3.37
12 GMG	3.18
13 SEK	2.77
14 FPH	2.73
15 BWX	2.42
16 BBN	2.41
17 HUB	2.09
18 REA	1.81
19 CAR	1.63
20 RMD	1.62

Model Composition

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Asset Class	Australian Core	
	Index	Actual
Consumer Discretionary	6.8	36.5
Consumer Staples	4.9	2.4
Energy	4.0	0.0
Financials exProperty Trusts	28.3	7.0
Property Trusts	7.0	3.2
Health Care	9.2	21.1
Industrials	5.8	3.4
Information & Technology	3.5	0.0
Materials	25.1	16.8
Telecos	4.0	6.2
Utilities	1.4	0.0
Cash	0.0	3.4

Model Details

Objective	Outperform S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index by 2%pa (net of fees) over rolling 3yr periods.
Suggested timeframe	7 yrs
Number of securities	20–60 stocks
Estimated max. turnover	<75% (typically 50%)
Model management fee	0.70% pa
Active stock limits	+/-6%
Cash limit	0–10%

About Bennelong Australian Equity Partners

Bennelong Australian Equity Partners (BAEP) is a boutique fund manager that invests in Australian listed equities. The business was founded in 2008 by Mark East in partnership with Bennelong Funds Management. It is now established as an award winning and highly rated fund manager. BAEP manages funds on behalf of retail and institutional clients, as well as on a pro bono basis for charitable organisations.

Investment philosophy

BAEP believes that high quality companies with solid growth prospects are best positioned to grow value over time. The team also believes that stocks are generally priced to reflect the market's expectations of future earnings, and that it is companies' earnings performance relative to expectations that drives investment returns. BAEP seeks to invest selectively in those companies whose earnings growth potential is underestimated by the market. An actively managed portfolio comprising a hand-picked selection of stocks with prospects that are potentially more favourable than perceived should deliver attractive returns over time.

Investment style

Managing funds actively and according to a fundamental 'core' style, BAEP does not confine itself to selecting stocks according to any one investment approach. Instead, the team focuses on companies that exhibit an attractive combination of quality, growth and value attributes, with an underlying bias towards quality.

Investment process

BAEP's investment process is based on fundamental bottom-up stock picking. At its core, BAEP's process has a focus on extensive on-the-ground and other proprietary research and analysis that includes a comprehensive program of meetings and engagement with listed companies, their competitors, suppliers, customers, regulators, and other relevant industry contacts. Individual stock analysis and portfolio construction is supported by macroeconomic and quantitative research and insights.

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To deliver this, we have created three series of investment solutions that can be tailored to individual circumstances and goals. Through our scale and expertise, our investors gain access to some of the world's leading asset managers.

Whether you're starting out, a sophisticated investor, or anywhere in between, we have professionally managed investment solutions that help ease the burden of the four key areas to building and maintaining investment portfolios: research, blending of selected assets, monitoring selected assets for quality and valuation and implementation.

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3. Transparency of portfolio holdings with quality online reporting
4. Low cost trading of portfolio holdings
5. Professional portfolio construction and management

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