

## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

- Markets remained calm in Q3, with emerging markets outperforming and bonds regaining appeal amid global rate-cutting cycles. Domestically, economic recovery is underway, but concentration risk in Australian equities and cautious RBA policy suggest selective investing remains key.
- Australian shares rose around 4% for the quarter, led by small caps and Materials, while global equities surged with the MSCI ACWI ex Australia up circa 6%, driven by strength in tech, communication services, and emerging markets.
- Fixed income showed steady gains, with the Bloomberg AusBond Composite up 0.40% for the quarter and 4% calendar year to date. While global hedged bonds outperformed short term with a 3-month return of a little over 1%.
- Global infrastructure remains strong, up nearly 15% calendar year to date. • The AUD strengthened against major currencies, hitting a 10-month high against the USD, which dampened unhedged global investment returns for Australian investors.

### Model performance 31/10/25

Period	Income %	Growth %	Total %
1 month	0.02	-0.28	-0.26
3 months	0.34	1.17	1.50
6 months	0.73	5.14	5.87
1 yr pa	1.56	7.39	8.96
3 yr pa	2.16	6.57	8.73
5 yr pa	2.06	4.07	6.13
7 yr pa	0.02	-0.28	-0.26

The Ventura Morningstar Balanced Model has been operating since September 2014.  
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.

### Model Composition 31/10/25

Asset Class	Min	NP	Actual	Max
Australian Equities	0.0	18.0	15.4	38.0
Global Equities	3.0	23.0	26.9	43.0
AREIT	0.0	0.0	1.2	20.0
Global Property	0.0	3.0	1.9	23.0
Global Infrastructure	0.0	3.0	2.6	23.0
Alternatives	0.0	6.0	6.2	25.0
Aust Fixed Income	0.0	20.0	19.9	40.0
Global Fixed Income (Hedged)	0.0	19.0	17.7	39.0
Cash	0.0	8.0	8.3	28.0
		<b>100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
	Growth	15.0	51.0	
	Income	85.0	49.0	

### Top Holdings

Security	Portfolio
Morningstar International Bonds (Hedged) Fund	17.68
iShares Core Composite Bond ETF	12.38
Morningstar International Shares Active ETF	7.50
Morningstar Global Opportunities Fund	6.94
Vanguard Australian Fixed Interest Index ETF	6.29
Morningstar Multi Asset Real Return Fund	6.21
iShares Core Cash ETF	5.82
iShares Core S&P/ASX 200 ETF	5.38
iShares Core MSCI World Ex Australia ESG Leaders (AUD Hedged) ETF	4.80
iShares Core MSCI World Ex Australia ESG Leaders ETF	3.81
ISHARES FTSE GBL Infrastructure (AUD HEDGED) ETF	2.57
Australian Dollar	2.44
VanEck FTSE International Property (Hedged) ETF	1.90
iShares China Large-Cap ETF CDI	1.26
BetaShares Australian Investment Grade Corporate Bd ETF	1.26
Morningstar Australian Shares Fund	1.13
Westpac Banking Corporation	1.13
iShares Core Corporate Bond ETF	0.99
ANZ Group Holdings Ltd	0.93
ResMed Inc. CHESS Depositary Interests on a ratio of 10 CDIs per ord.sh	0.84

## Model Details

Objective	CPI+0.75%
Suggested timeframe	2 years
Number of securities	15-80
Estimated max. turnover	<40%
Model management fee	0.55%pa
Indirect Cost Ratio (ICR)	0.22%pa

## Authorised Investments

ASX shares & ETFs, A-REITs, LICs, Global ETFs, Cash & Fixed Income ETFs, Managed Funds, and Cash & Term Deposits.

## About Morningstar

Morningstar Investment Management Australia Limited (ABN 54 071 808 501; AFSL 228986) is a leading provider of asset allocation, portfolio construction and investment research services with over 35 years experience in the United States, Australia and other international markets. Morningstar advises and manages funds for superannuation funds, institutions, platform distributors, financial advisers and individuals.

## Morningstar's Investment Approach

Morningstar's disciplined investment approach delivers independent, cost effective and holistic solutions for our clients – helping them reach their financial goals. This long-term, valuation driven approach is underpinned by an emphasis on preserving capital and undertaking meticulous comprehensive fundamental analysis of global asset classes and securities.

## Portfolio Construction Process

When building diversified portfolios to achieve long-term real returns (after fees and taxes), a dynamic approach to asset allocation improves the outcome for investors. A total-portfolio-perspective approach that seeks to adjust the portfolio when the reward for risk changes, and measures risk in a more meaningful way to preserve capital for investors, is expected to provide a more stable and improved path to wealth accumulation. This approach is often contrarian to market consensus with patience and discipline provides significant investment opportunities.

## Security Selection

Buying shares of superior businesses and allowing them to compound over time is the surest way to create wealth in the stock market. The long-term fundamentals of businesses, such as cash flow, competition, economic cycles, and stewardship, are the primary focus because history has shown that market sentiment is fleeting, momentum can quickly reverse, and the herd is sometimes a dangerous crowd. Occasionally, this approach causes our investment models to appear out of step, but willingness to be contrarian is an important source of outperformance.

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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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2. Personal tax positions (including franking credits)
3. Transparency of portfolio holdings with quality online reporting
4. Low cost trading of portfolio holdings
5. Professional portfolio construction and management

With no minimum investment amount, the VMAPS solution offers choice of insurer and is available for Superannuation & Pension, or as ordinary, Non-Superannuation monies (including Self-Managed Superannuation Funds).

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