

MAPS Diversified Opportunities Balanced Portfolio



As at 31 December 2024

Growth of \$100,000 since inception



● Portfolio

Performance

	Portfolio
Since inception (% p.a.)	5.01%
10 Years (%p.a.)	
7 Years (%p.a.)	
5 Years (%p.a.)	4.58%
3 Years (%p.a.)	3.78%
1 Year	10.68%
6 Months	6.04%
3 Months	3.29%
1 Month	0.26%

Source: Atrium Investment Management, HUB24. Inception date is 23 August 2018. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Future performance and return of capital are not guaranteed. Performance figures are based on input data available as at the date of this report. Individual investor portfolio performance may be different from the results above and will differ among clients depending on the timing of their investment and the level of variation from the models. Performance is net of investment management fees, does not take into account platform administration fees that may apply and may not take into account some or all of the rebates you may receive.



A rating is only one factor to be taken into account when deciding whether to invest.

Investment objective

To provide long-term returns through a mix of capital growth and regular income with a medium to high level of portfolio volatility.

Investment strategy

The Portfolio provides investors with diversification across a range of asset classes; Australian and international shares, rates and credit, cash and liquid alternatives, as well as diversification within those asset classes.

The Portfolio is actively managed with the flexibility to change the asset class mix at any time within the asset class ranges.

The underlying asset class exposures are invested in a range of predominantly actively managed investment strategies managed by professional asset managers.

Key facts

Inception date	23 August 2018
Product code	AIM003
Investment strategy	Diversified - Market Linked
Investment horizon	5-7 years
Liquidity	Daily [^]
Platform availability	HUB24

[^]Liquidity dependent on underlying holdings. Varies from daily to weekly.

Volatility & Sharpe Ratio

	10 Years	7 Years	5 Years	3 Years
Volatility (% p.a.)	-	-	6.63	5.52
Sharpe Ratio	-	-	0.39	0.10

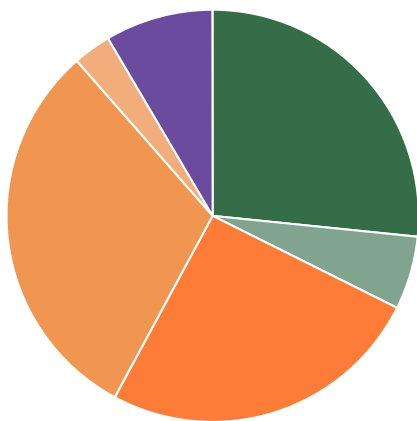
What is volatility?

Volatility measures the fluctuations, or changes, in the price of an asset or market index. Assets with higher volatility generally have greater price changes, both positive and negative, and so higher volatility is generally an indication of higher risk.

What is the Sharpe Ratio?

The Sharpe Ratio measures returns relative to the volatility, or risk, that was taken to achieve that return. The higher the ratio, the better the risk-adjusted performance has been - in other words, the investment risks taken have delivered better returns to the portfolio.

Asset allocation



● Rates & credit	26.62%
● Cash	5.75%
● Australian equities	25.51%
● International equities	30.68%
● Listed infrastructure	2.98%
● Liquid alternatives	8.47%

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Top holdings

Holding	Weight	Asset Class
KAPSTREAM ABSOLUTE RETURN INCOME FUND CLASS I	8.52%	Rates & credit
CASH POSITION	5.75%	Cash
BETA GBL SHARES ETF ETF UNITS	5.74%	Equities
BETA SP500 EW CH ETF ETF UNITS	5.27%	Equities
VANGUARD INTERNATIONAL SHARES ETF	5.00%	Equities
ANTIPODES GLOBAL FUND - LONG ONLY CLASS I	4.94%	Equities
VANGUARD FTSE EMERGING MARKETS ETF (ASX LISTED)	4.70%	Equities
FAIRLIGHT GLOBAL SMALL AND MID CAP (SMID) FUND - FOUNDATION CLASS	4.38%	Equities
BETA SP500 EQUAL ETF ETF UNITS	4.10%	Equities
HYPERION GLOBAL GROWTH COMPANIES FUND - CLASS C	4.03%	Equities

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Market update

Equities rose in the December quarter, the fifth consecutive quarterly gain, to close out a strong year. The US market outperformed, helped by ongoing strong returns in Information Technology. Australian equities actually fell slightly over the quarter. Government bond yields rose sharply in major markets in December. The Australian dollar fell sharply, and the gold price slid slightly from record highs earlier in the quarter.

US equities gained 2.4% in the quarter with notable contributions from:

- Automobile stocks led the market for the quarter, with Tesla gaining 54%, partly reflecting Elon Musk's involvement in the Trump political campaign.

Atrium aims to achieve its investment objectives by investing across a range of asset classes on a global basis that provide exposure to different risk factors.

Each asset is included in the Portfolio for its ability to contribute to returns on a stand alone basis.

The investment universe comprises of 3 broad categories - Preservers, Growth Drivers and Diversifiers.

Preservers

Assets that protect the portfolio during periods of heightened equity market volatility and preserve capital, such as cash, government bonds and high quality investment grade bonds.

Growth Drivers

Assets that are expected to deliver higher rates of return over time with higher levels of associated volatility (risk). This predominantly comprises equities but also includes other assets that are highly correlated to equities such as listed property and infrastructure.

Diversifiers

Assets that generate additional real returns, with performance that is typically uncorrelated to the growth drivers and preservers within the portfolio. Importantly, they are a source of portfolio diversification away from equity market and interest rate risks, such as liquid alternatives and private markets.

- Energy and the Banking Sector were also supported by the election result. Although the exact policy stance is unclear, both stand to benefit from a deregulation focus under Republicans.
- Gold and Copper-related stocks were hit hard, partly reflecting the strong US dollar, and falling commodity prices.

The Australian market underperformed the US market in December and over the quarter.

- Significant weakness was seen in Real Estate, which continues to suffer under higher funding rates, and in particular the Materials Sector, where market leader BHP fell by almost 14% over the quarter, driven by commodity prices, and uncertainty as to whether Chinese authorities have done enough to support their economy and property sector.
- Gains were seen in the Financial Sector, although the major Banks were mixed over the quarter.

US 10-year bond yields rose over the quarter. The rise commenced following the Federal Reserve's rate cut in September, and this continued through October. The US election result saw some further selling pressure in early November, pushing yields higher, before a further push higher in yields through December as the markets started to factor in some possibility that the Fed may need to hike rates, rather than cutting further as previously assumed. Australian bond yields rose, generally moving in line with the much larger US market.

As bond yields rose, one notable victim was the Australian dollar which fell very sharply in December (-5.2%), leaving it almost 11% lower over the quarter.

Performance

The Portfolio ended the year strongly, with global equities, and rates and credit exposure all contributing positively to returns over the month, while Australian equities was the only major detractor and liquid alternative performance was mixed.

The global equities allocation was the key driver of performance, benefitting primarily from a large fall in the Australian dollar against other major currencies, with the Hyperion Global Growth Companies Fund in particular delivering another stellar return. The Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets ETF was also a strong performer as that segment of the market recovered over the month, while our global listed infrastructure and the Betashares S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF exposure were the only major detractors.

The direct Australian equities sleeve was negative over the month, detractors included Car Group Limited and National Australia Bank.

Our Diversifiers had mixed performance over the month, our risk premia manager was lower over the month, while our systematic macro strategies were higher due primarily to the performance of the currency sleeve, in particular the long US dollar and short Euro and Swiss Franc positions.

Amongst the Preserver allocations, the key contributors included our high yield and loans manager CQS and Kapstream.

Portfolio changes

Over the month we reduced some of our global active equity exposure including Hyperion Global Growth which has been performing exceptionally well recently and re-allocated some proceeds towards our passive equity exposure, primarily via the Betashares S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF, which provides a diversified exposure to the smaller cyclical end of the large cap index and offers a compelling opportunity at this point in the cycle. The weakness over the month provided another attractive entry point.

Outlook

Global equity markets ended the year on a high, with the US market in particular the standout performer. As we look into the new year, the key risk is whether inflation will return in the US (after heading lower over 2024) and whether domestic inflation will move within the RBA target band allowing the Reserve Bank of Australia to catch up to global counterparts and lower interest rates. Other risk factors include the impacts of a second Trump Presidency on both global growth and inflation and other geopolitical headwinds.

With the improving macroeconomic backdrop and sentiment over 2024, our decision to increase our weighting to global equities through the year has been rewarded with solid calendar year performance. The Portfolio remains well diversified with an array of return levers. While we continue to hold equity exposure above our longer-term averages with a preference for global over domestic equities, we remain cognisant of the risks of elevated investor bullishness – notably around “US exceptionalism” (US Mega Cap Tech stocks).

For more information

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