# Sestante Balanced Index Portfolio

Monthly Investment Report

As of 30/09/2023

# Latest Performance\*

	1-mth	3-mths	1-yr	3-yr	Inception
Sestante Balanced Index	-2.75	-1.19	9.08	3.74	4.01
RBA Cash Rate + 2.5% p.a.	0.55	1.68	6.22	3.97	3.74

# **Market Review**

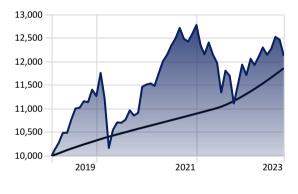
All eyes were once again on Central Banks whose "higher for longer" narrative fuelled a climate of general risk aversion which also contributed to the rally in commodities prices, particularly gas and oil, a real threat to price stability. Equity markets that had so far shown resilience began to show the first signs of fatigue, ahead of the quarterly earnings season that will start around mid-October. September was a poor month for investors with all asset classes apart from cash generating negative returns. International shares were down nearly 4% for the month in AUD terms with Australian shares losing nearly 3%. This was despite a backdrop of inflation still declining and jobs numbers holding up well. In fixed income, 10-year Government bond yields continued to hit fresh cycle highs, including the US (4.61%) and Germany (2.93%). Increased oil prices were also an issue following the extension of production cuts by Saudi Arabia. The Aussie dollar lost further ground against the US dollar, depreciating to 0.645. A soft landing in the U.S. economy may be becoming the market consensus, but is not without risks, and a soft landing in the economy may not be a safe landing for the markets. However, there is also more divergence in global growth and variation in asset valuations, which creates opportunities for active investors. The reset in bond yields suggests that fixed income will once again be a diversifier if weaker growth helps to break the back of the inflation outlook.

For a detailed market review and outlook, please refer to the *Monthly Market Commentary* document for more.





# \$10,000 invested over time



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### Portfolio information

- Investment Objective: target RBA cash rate +2.5% per annum over rolling 6-year periods after fees.
- · Asset Class: Diversified
- 70% Growth / 30% Defensive
- Portfolio Inception Date: 8 August 2020



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## **Major Index Returns**

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years
S&P/ASX 200 TR AUD	-2.84	-0.77	0.24	13.46	11.00
MSCI World Ex Australia GR AUD	-3.97	-0.33	7.45	22.27	12.46
Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+Y TR AUD	-1.53	-0.28	-3.22	1.61	-3.92
Bloomberg Global Aggregate TR Hdg AUD	-1.84	-2.14	-2.44	0.53	-4.55
S&P Global Infrastructure NR AUD	-4.42	-4.60	-4.41	5.49	10.24

#### Important information

\*Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Performance is calculated before taxes, model management and platform fees and after underlying investment management fees. For full details of fees please refer to the relevant platform offer documents. Performance is notional in nature and an individual investor's actual performance may differ to the that of the model portfolio. Investment performance is shown from 7/2/2019 and represents modelled performance only and assumes income received is reinvested.

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### **Current Asset Allocation**



## Where your funds are invested

Australian Equities	30.11	_
iShares Core S&P/ASX 200 ETF	26.75	000
iShares Australian Equity Index	3.36	000
International Equities	27.96	_
Vanguard All-World ex-US Shares ETF	14.77	000
iShares S&P 500 AUD Hedged ETF	10.92	000
iShares S&P 500 ETF	2.26	000
Australian Fixed Income	17.66	_
iShares Australian Bond Index	17.66	
Cash	8.25	_
BetaShares Aus High Interest Cash ETF	5.35	
RBA Cash Rate Target	2.89	
International Fixed Income	8.22	_
iShares Global Bond Index	8.22	000
Global Infrastructure	7.81	_
Vanguard Global Infrastructure Index	5.35	00
VanEck FTSE Glbl Infras(Hdg)ETF	2.46	000
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# **Portfolio changes**

There are no portfolio changes this month.

### Active Asset Allocation: AZ Sestante Model Portfolio vs Investment Policy Target As of 30/09/2023



