# CFS Sestante Index Balanced Portfolio – Super & Pension

Monthly Investment Report

## As of 31/08/2024

### Latest Performance\*

	1-mth	3-mths	6-mths	1-yr	Inception
CFS MA Index Balanced Super	0.80	4.56	5.96	11.84	10.73
CFS MA Index Balanced Pension	0.89	5.03	6.59	13.27	11.97
RBA Cash Rate + 2.5% p.a.	0.59	1.75	3.53	7.09	6.95
Morningstar AUS Growth Tgt Alloc NR AUD	0.52	4.91	5.88	13.38	12.65

### **Market Review**

The Japanese equity market benchmark, the Nikkei 225, tumbled by 20.7% during the first three trading days of August, triggering a ripple effect across global markets, including the United States. On 5th August, the CBOE Volatility Index (VIX), known as the "fear gauge," spiked dramatically from 23 to 66, reflecting heightened investor anxiety. This market turmoil was driven by two key factors: the unwinding of the Japanese Yen carry trade following the Bank of Japan's shift in monetary policy and weaker-than-expected US Nonfarm payroll data, fuelling recession fears. Amid this volatility, there were some positive economic indicators. The second revision of US GDP confirmed 3% growth in Q2, up from the initial estimate of 2.8%, and US inflation data for July continued to cool as expected. Overall, global equity markets lost 1.34% in August, though on an AUD-hedged basis, global equities gained 1.6% as the AUD appreciated by 3.5% against the US dollar.

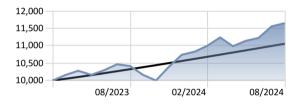
In response to recession concerns and a dovish speech by Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, the US 10-year yield fell by 13 basis points, while the 2-year yield dropped by 34 basis points, contributing to a 1% gain in global fixed income. In Australia, a softer-than-expected Q2 inflation print spurred a bond market rally, with the 10-year yield declining by 8 basis points and the 2-year yield by 20 basis points, leading to a 1.2% return for Australian bonds in August.

The Australian equity market saw mixed results during its reporting season, with corporate earnings down 4.5% for FY24, largely due to weaker commodity prices in the resource sector. However, consumer recovery was evident, with retailers like Super Retail and JB Hi-Fi reporting sales growth in early FY25. Growth stocks, as measured by the price/earnings (P/E) ratio, remained strong, with forward P/Es elevated above the 20-year average, according to Goldman Sachs. Brambles and WiseTech were standout performers, both reporting strong earnings and margin improvements. The Australian equity market ended August with a modest 0.44% gain.

Bond-sensitive sectors outperformed, with global property gaining 5.65%, driven by growth in the North American healthcare sector, particularly in senior housing. Infrastructure returned 3.04%, supported by the continued strength of US regulated utilities.

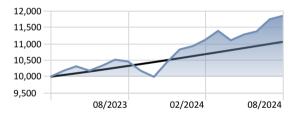
For a detailed market review and outlook, please refer to the Monthly Market Commentary document available on www.azsestante.com/investment-options

### \$10,000 invested over time - Super



CFS MA Index Balanced Super RBA Cash Rate + 2.5% p.a.

### \$10,000 over time - Pension



CFS MA Index Balanced RBA Cash Rate + 2.5% p.a. Pension

#### Portfolio information

- Investment Objective: target RBA cash rate +2.5% per annum over rolling 5-year periods after fees.
- Asset Class: Diversified
- Standard Risk Measure: High
- 70% Growth / 30% Defensive
- Portfolio Inception Date: 1 March 2023
- Estimated Total Cost (before transaction costs and platform fees):

Super: 0.35% Pension: 0.35%



#### **Current Asset Allocation - Super**

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2024		
		%
	<ul> <li>Global Infrastructure</li> </ul>	9.58
	International Fixed Income	8.21
	Cash	4.30
	Australian Equities	30.10
	International Equities	26.31
	Australian Fixed Income	17.33
	Global Property	4.18
	Total	100.00

# Where your funds are invested

Australian Equities	30.10	_
CFS FC W PSup-CFS Index Australian Share	30.10	000
International Equities	26.31	_
CFS FC W PSup-CFS Index Global Share	16.03	()()
CFS FC W PSup-CFS Index Global Shr-Hgd	10.27	_
Australian Fixed Income	17.33	_
CFS FC W PSup-CFS Index Australian Bond	17.33	000
Global Infrastructure	9.58	_
CFS FC W PSup-CFS Ind Glb List Infr Sec	9.58	00
International Fixed Income	8.21	_
CFS FC W PSup-CFS Index Global Bond	8.21	000
Cash	4.30	_
CFS FC W PSup-FSI Strategic Cash	4.30	_
Global Property	4.18	_
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#### Portfolio changes

No changes this month

### **Major Index Returns**

	1 Month 3 I	Months 6	Months	1 Year	3 Years
S&P/ASX 200 TR AUD	0.47	5.74	6.97	14.90	6.73
MSCI World Ex Australia NR AUD	-1.24	4.44	6.18	18.83	9.61
S&P Global Infrastructure NR AUD	0.62	3.69	12.00	13.63	9.47
Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+Y TR AUD	1.21	3.50	2.99	5.15	-1.79
Bloomberg Global Aggregate TR Hdg AUD	0.99	3.69	3.55	5.97	-2.15

#### **Current Asset Allocation - Pension**

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2024



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International Equities	26.30	_
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Australian Fixed Income	17.27	_
CFS FC W Pen-CFS Index Australian Bond	17.27	000
Global Infrastructure	9.63	_
CFS FC W Pen-CFS Ind Glb List Infr Sec	9.63	00
International Fixed Income	8.18	_
CFS FC W Pen-CFS Index Global Bond	8.18	000
Cash	4.29	_
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Global Property	4.19	_
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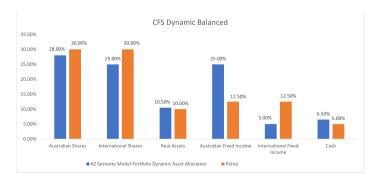
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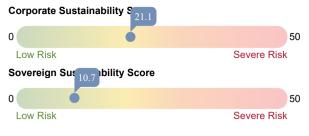
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#### Active Asset Allocation: AZ Sestante Model Portfolio vs Investment Policy Target



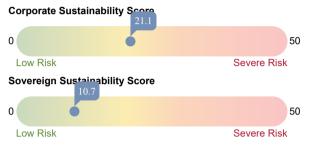


### Sustainability Score - Super



CFS MA Index Balanced Super

#### **Sustainability Score - Pension**



CFS MA Index Balanced Pension

#### **ESG Pillar Score - Super**

Governance



Unallocated

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