

# Sestante Dynamic Moderately Conservative Portfolio

## Monthly Investment Report



As of 28/02/2026

### Latest performance\*

	1-mth	3-mths	1-yr	3-yr	5-yr	Inception
Sestante Dynamic Mod Con	1.91	2.08	8.17	8.99	5.62	5.62
RBA Cash Rate + 2.5% p.a.	0.49	1.54	6.51	6.82	5.47	4.80

### Market Review

February 2026 was a volatile month for global financial markets, driven by a combination of sector rotation, geopolitical developments and evolving expectations around artificial intelligence (AI). Rather than a broad sell-off, markets experienced a shift in leadership as investors reassessed valuations and the potential impact of heavy AI investment across industries. At the same time, uncertainty around trade policy resurfaced following a US Supreme Court ruling on tariffs, while geopolitical tensions in the Middle East intensified toward the end of the month.

In the United States, equity market performance was mixed as investors rotated away from mega-cap growth stocks. The S&P 500 declined around 0.9% for the month, while the technology-heavy Nasdaq 100 fell approximately 2.3%, reflecting weakness in several large technology companies and concerns about the potential return on substantial AI-related capital expenditure. In contrast, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose around 0.3%, highlighting stronger performance among more traditional sectors. Market breadth improved notably during the month, with the S&P 500 Equal Weight Index rising about 3.4% and the S&P MidCap 400 gaining roughly 4% as leadership broadened beyond the largest companies.

Sector performance in the US reinforced this rotation. Energy, utilities and materials were among the strongest-performing sectors as investors shifted toward companies with tangible assets and more stable earnings profiles. Meanwhile, technology, communication services and consumer discretionary stocks lagged as valuations came under pressure. Bond markets strengthened during the month, with the US 10-year Treasury yield falling around 0.30% to approximately 3.94%, while the 2-year yield declined to about 3.38%, supporting government bond returns.

Outside the United States, equity markets generally delivered stronger results. European equities advanced, supported by improving economic sentiment and the global rotation away from US technology stocks. UK equities also performed well, benefiting from strength in sectors such as healthcare, telecommunications and materials. Japanese equities were among the strongest performers globally, with the Nikkei 225 rising by around 10% during the month as investors responded positively to political developments and expectations of supportive economic policies.

Emerging markets also outperformed developed markets during February. Gains were driven largely by North Asian technology hardware and semiconductor companies, particularly in Korea and Taiwan, as demand linked to artificial intelligence infrastructure and data centre expansion remained strong.

In Australia, the equity market also benefited from the global shift toward commodity and asset-heavy sectors. The S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index rose approximately 3.9% during February, supported by gains in materials and energy companies as stronger commodity prices lifted major resource stocks.

Overall, February highlighted a market environment transitioning away from narrow leadership in large technology companies toward broader participation across sectors and regions. While geopolitical risks and policy uncertainty remain sources of volatility, declining bond yields and resilient economic conditions continued to provide support for global risk assets.

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



### \$10,000 invested over time



■ Sestante Dynamic Moderately Conservative ■ RBA Cash Rate + 2.5% p.a.

### Portfolio information

- Investment Objective: target RBA cash rate +2.5% per annum over rolling 5-year periods after fees.
- Asset Class: Diversified
- 45% Growth / 55% Defensive Split
- Portfolio Inception Date: 7 February 2019

