

# CFS AZ Sestante Wholesale Growth Fund Monthly Investment Report

As of 31/03/2026

## Latest performance\*

	1-mth	3-mths	6-mths	1-yr	3-yrs	5-yrs	Inception
Investment	-5.00%	-0.48%	0.43%	8.43%	8.97%	5.97%	6.35%
Super	-4.42%	-0.26%	0.67%	7.89%	8.41%	5.73%	5.84%
Pension	-4.96%	-0.46%	0.70%	8.73%	9.34%	6.34%	6.41%
Benchmark	0.57%	1.66%	3.39%	7.79%	7.60%	8.76%	7.55%

## Market Review

March 2026 was a turbulent month for global financial markets, dominated by escalating geopolitical tensions and a sharp surge in oil prices. As conflict in the Middle East intensified, investors increasingly priced in higher inflation risks and the possibility of prolonged elevated energy costs. This shift in sentiment led to rising bond yields, falling equity markets and increased volatility across asset classes. While corporate earnings remained broadly resilient, macro concerns and tightening financial conditions drove a broad-based reduction in risk exposure, with markets transitioning from sector rotation earlier in the year to more widespread declines.

In the United States, equity markets recorded their largest monthly decline in roughly a year. The S&P 500 fell around 5% during March, while broader U.S. equity benchmarks declined between approximately 4.5% and 6% as selling pressure extended beyond large-cap technology stocks. The shift toward macro-driven risk reduction meant that both growth and value stocks declined, highlighting the broad nature of the sell-off. Energy was the standout sector, supported by rising oil prices, while most other sectors, including industrials, consumer discretionary and healthcare, finished the month lower. Rising inflation expectations also pushed bond yields higher, with the U.S. 10-year Treasury yield rising by 0.33% to 4.30% and the 2-year yield increasing 0.41% to around 3.8%.

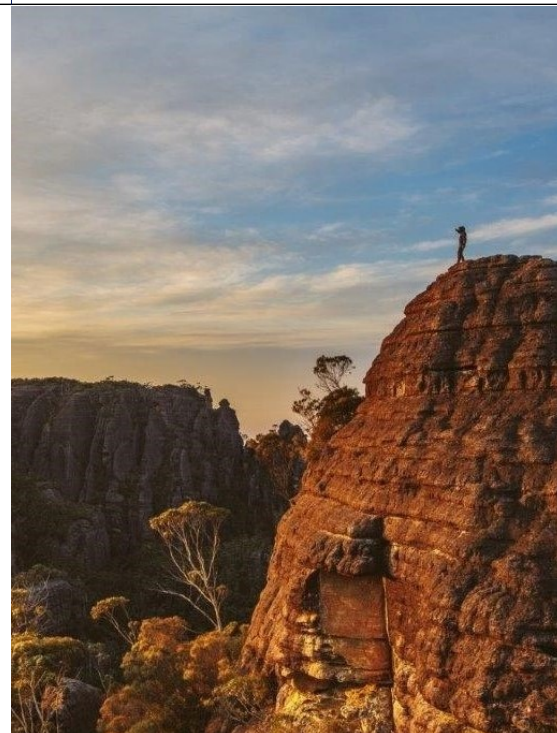
Commodity markets reflected the geopolitical backdrop, with energy prices surging sharply. Brent crude recorded one of its strongest monthly gains in decades, while broader commodity indices rose strongly during March. In contrast, precious metals declined as rising bond yields and a stronger U.S. dollar weighed on gold and silver prices. The U.S. dollar strengthened during the month as investors sought safe-haven assets amid heightened global uncertainty.

Outside the U.S., European equities fell more sharply than U.S. markets, declining around 9% as the region's reliance on imported energy heightened sensitivity to rising oil prices. Japanese equities were also weaker, reflecting concerns about higher input costs and slowing global growth.

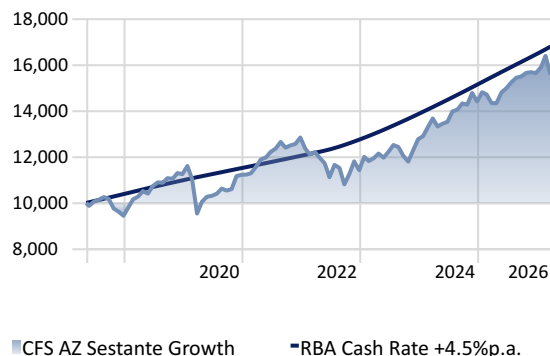
Australian equities also fell during the month but performed marginally better than some global peers. The S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index declined approximately 7.3% during March, while smaller companies were weaker, with the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries falling around 11%. Rising energy prices, higher bond yields and weakening global growth expectations weighed on investor sentiment. Australian bond yields moved higher in line with global markets, with the 10-year government bond yield rising 0.33% to 4.97%. The Australian dollar also weakened, falling from around USD 0.7120 at the end of February to approximately USD 0.6900 by month end as the U.S. dollar strengthened.

Overall, March highlighted the growing influence of geopolitical risks on financial markets. While markets began to stabilise toward the end of the month, the outlook remains highly dependent on energy markets and geopolitical events.

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



## Portfolio information

- Investment Objective: target CPI +4.5% per annum over rolling 5-year periods after fees.
- Asset Class: Diversified
- Portfolio Inception Date: 5 December 2016 (for investments only)

## ESG Risk Score

● CFS AZ Sestante Growth

### Corporate ESG Risk Score



### Sovereign ESG Risk Score



\*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 that of the model portfolio. Investment performance is shown from 5/12/2016 and represents modelled performance only and assumes income received is reinvested.

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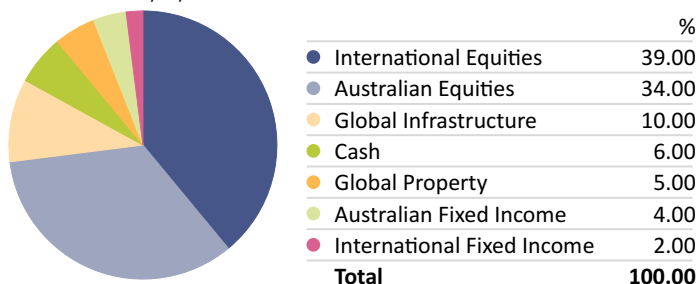
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## Current Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2026



## Where your funds are invested

<b>International Equities</b>	<b>39.00</b>	—
CFS Index Global Share-Hedged	12.00	—
CFS FC W- RQI Global Value	5.50	🌐🌐
CFS FC-T. Rowe Price Global Equity	5.50	🌐🌐
CFS FC-GQG Partners Global Equity	4.00	🌐
CFS FC-Pendal Glb Emerg Mkt Opps	4.00	🌐🌐🌐
CFS FC-Royal London Con Glb Share	4.00	🌐🌐
CFS FC-Yarra Global Small Companies	4.00	🌐
<b>Australian Equities</b>	<b>34.00</b>	—
CFS FC-Schroder Australian Equity	16.00	🌐🌐
CFS FC-Pendal Australian Share	11.00	🌐🌐🌐
CFS Wholesale Indexed Australian Share	7.00	🌐🌐🌐
<b>Global Infrastructure</b>	<b>10.00</b>	—
CFS Index Global List Infrastructure Sec	10.00	🌐🌐
<b>Cash</b>	<b>6.00</b>	—
CFS Wholesale Cash	5.50	—
Cash	0.50	—
<b>Global Property</b>	<b>5.00</b>	—
CFS Index Global Property Securities	5.00	🌐🌐
<b>Australian Fixed Income</b>	<b>4.00</b>	—
CFS FC-Franklin Aust Abs Return Bond	2.00	🌐🌐
CFS FC-Pendal Sust Aust Fixed Interest	2.00	🌐🌐
<b>International Fixed Income</b>	<b>2.00</b>	—
CFS FC-Macquarie Dynamic Bond	1.00	🌐🌐
CFS FC-PIMCO Global Bond	1.00	🌐🌐
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	

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## Portfolio changes

There were no portfolio changes this month.

## Major Index Returns

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years
S&P/ASX 200 TR AUD	-7.15	-1.61	-2.61	11.67	9.54
MSCI World Ex Australia GR AUD	-2.45	-6.12	-3.65	8.59	16.56
Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+Y TR AUD	-1.42	-0.34	-1.48	1.51	2.06
Bloomberg Global Aggregate TR Hdg AUD	-1.85	-0.25	0.43	2.98	3.08
S&P Global Infrastructure NR AUD	-0.24	5.27	6.92	14.50	14.33