

Sestante Dynamic Moderately Conservative Portfolio

Monthly Investment Report

As of 30/04/2026

Latest performance*

	1-mth	3-mths	1-yr	3-yr	5-yr	Inception
Sestante Dynamic Mod Con	1.76	-0.03	6.92	7.65	4.62	5.20
RBA Cash Rate + 2.5% p.a.	0.55	1.59	6.50	6.84	5.61	4.85

Market Review

Global markets rebounded strongly in April as investors moved back into risk assets despite ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and inflation concerns. Equity markets largely looked through the conflict between the US and Iran, instead focusing on resilient corporate earnings, renewed enthusiasm around artificial intelligence (AI), and hopes that disruption to global energy supply routes may prove temporary.

US equities led the rally. The S&P 500 rose 10.4% during the month while the Nasdaq-100 surged 15.6%, marking its strongest monthly gain in more than two decades. Semiconductor stocks were at the centre of the rebound, with the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index climbing close to 40% as investors rotated back into AI-linked businesses. Small caps also participated strongly, with the Russell 2000 gaining more than 12%, reflecting improving risk appetite and optimism around domestic growth.

Corporate earnings were a major support for markets. More than 80% of S&P 500 companies reporting results exceeded earnings expectations, with overall earnings growth tracking above 25% year-on-year. Technology and communication services were standout sectors, supported by strong demand linked to AI infrastructure, semiconductors, and cloud spending. Growth stocks materially outperformed value stocks as investors re-embraced higher-growth sectors after the cautious tone seen in March.

Emerging markets were also exceptionally strong. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index gained 14.5%, driven largely by Taiwan and South Korea, where semiconductor and AI supply-chain companies rallied sharply. European equities recovered more modestly, with Europe ex-UK rising around 5.7%, while the UK lagged due to its heavier exposure to defensives, banks and energy companies. Japan also posted solid gains, helped by a weaker yen and strength in export-related sectors.

Commodities remained volatile as markets weighed the impact of disruption in the Strait of Hormuz. Brent crude oil traded above US\$110 per barrel and briefly reached new crisis highs late in the month. Industrial metals also performed well, supported by continued investment into global AI data-centre infrastructure. Gold prices remained elevated as investors balanced safe-haven demand against rising bond yields.

Australian markets participated in the rebound but underperformed the US and emerging markets. The S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index rose 2.3%, while Australian small companies gained 3.3%. Higher inflation readings and expectations of additional Reserve Bank tightening weighed on sentiment, with Australian bond yields moving higher over the month, while the Australian dollar strengthened from around US\$0.69 to US\$0.72.

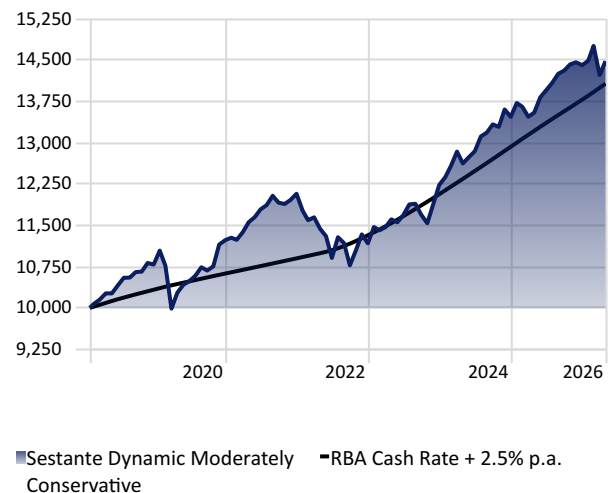
Bond markets were mixed globally. Rising oil prices and inflation concerns pushed yields higher in several regions, particularly Japan and the UK, while US Treasuries proved relatively resilient. Credit markets benefited from improving risk sentiment, with spreads tightening across both the investment-grade and high-yield sectors.

Overall, April demonstrated markets' willingness to prioritise earnings momentum and AI-driven growth opportunities despite elevated geopolitical and inflation risks.

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



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

