

# Sestante Dynamic Assertive Portfolio

## Monthly Investment Report

As of 31/08/2026

### Latest performance\*

|                            | 1-mth | 3-mths | 1-yr | 3-yr  | 5-yr | Inception |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|------|-------|------|-----------|
| Sestante Dynamic Assertive | 1.25  | 3.63   | 7.00 | 10.91 | 6.34 | 8.32      |
| RBA Cash Rate +4.5%p.a.    | 0.75  | 2.25   | 8.75 | 8.97  | 7.98 | 7.00      |

### Market Review

Global equity markets advanced in August despite higher bond yields, renewed Middle East tensions and a more hawkish tone from major central banks. US equities led developed markets, with the S&P 500 gaining 2.7% and the Nasdaq 100 rising 4.2%, supported by continued enthusiasm for artificial intelligence and another strong earnings season. The MSCI World Index rose 2.5%, while the Dow Jones gained 1.3%. Growth stocks regained some momentum, although value shares retained a strong year-to-date advantage. Energy and technology were among the strongest US sectors, rising 7.0% and 6.2% respectively, while utilities and industrials lagged.

AI remained an important market driver. Strong results from leading technology companies reinforced expectations for sustained data-centre and infrastructure spending, while earnings growth across the S&P 500 remained robust. Nevertheless, investors continued to question whether the scale of AI-related capital expenditure can ultimately generate sufficient returns. Japanese equities also performed strongly, with the Nikkei 225 gaining 3.2% in August and extending its substantial year-to-date advance. European markets were more mixed, with stronger German industrial and export-oriented shares offset by pressure from higher yields. Chinese equities were weaker overall as concerns around domestic demand and the property sector continued to weigh on sentiment.

Fixed income markets were more challenging as investors reassessed the outlook for inflation and monetary policy. Long-dated US Treasury yields moved towards their highest levels in almost two decades, prompting the US Treasury to expand its bond buyback program to support market liquidity. The 30-year Treasury yield ended the month at 5.24%, while the two-year yield finished at 4.34%. Credit markets were comparatively resilient, with global investment-grade bonds returning 0.6% and high-yield bonds 1.0%, helped by solid corporate fundamentals and limited high-yield issuance.

Commodity markets were notably strong. Gold rose close to 10% during August, while oil prices increased as renewed hostilities in the Middle East pushed Brent crude back above US\$90 a barrel. Broader commodity prices also strengthened, benefiting energy and materials shares across several markets.

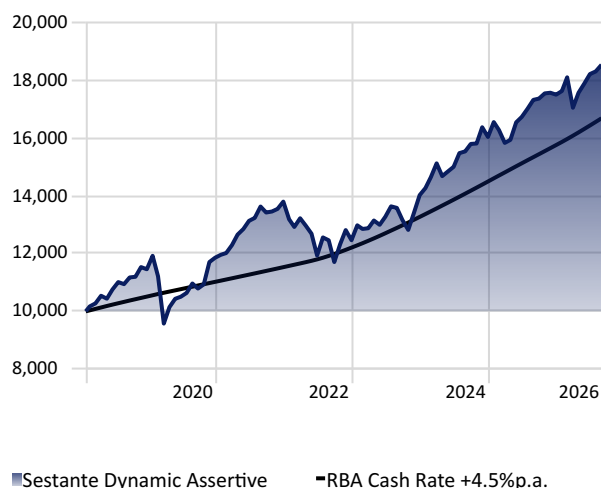
In Australia, the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index gained 1.6%, while small caps returned 5.2%. Healthcare, materials and utilities were among the strongest sectors, while consumer discretionary, A-REITs and financials weakened. Australian bond yields rose sharply after stronger-than-expected inflation and household spending data increased expectations of further RBA tightening. This contrasted with the more modest move in US long-term yields and remained a key headwind for domestically focused shares.

Market breadth also improved during the month. US small-cap shares remained strong year to date, with the Russell 2000 up 18.5% in 2026, while equity and bond volatility measures eased despite the late-month rise in yields and oil prices. Risks nevertheless remain elevated.

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 RBA cash rate +4.5% per annum over rolling 5-year periods after fees.
- Asset Class: Diversified
- 85% Growth / 15% Defensive Split
- Portfolio Inception Date: 7 February 2019

## ESG Risk Score

● Sestante Dynamic Assertive

### Corporate ESG Risk Score



### Sovereign ESG Risk Score



## ESG Pillar Score



6.5

Environmental



8.4

Social



4.4

Governance



1.0

Unallocated

## Major Index Returns

|                                        | 1 Month | 3 Months | 6 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years |
|----------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|--------|---------|
| S&P/ASX 200 TR AUD                     | 1.54    | 4.54     | 0.32     | 4.40   | 11.24   |
| MSCI World Ex Australia GR AUD         | 0.56    | 2.82     | 9.60     | 10.45  | 16.72   |
| Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+Y TR AUD | -0.22   | 0.30     | 0.53     | 0.57   | 3.32    |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate TR Hdg AUD  | 0.16    | -0.35    | -1.19    | 1.79   | 3.52    |
| S&P Global Infrastructure NR AUD       | -4.30   | -0.74    | -5.60    | 1.38   | 12.24   |

### 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.

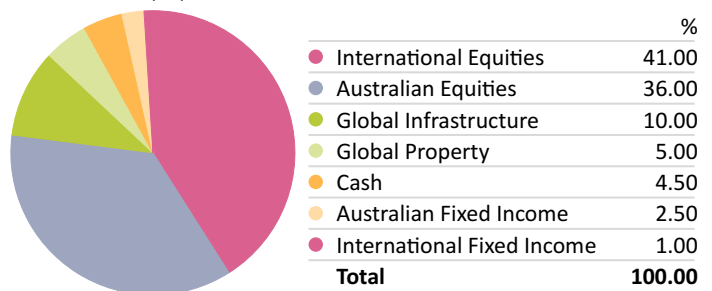
The Morningstar Historical Corporate Sustainability Score is a weighted average of the trailing 12 months of Morningstar Portfolio Corporate Sustainability Scores. Historical portfolio scores are not equal-weighted; rather, more-recent portfolios are weighted more heavily than older portfolios. Combining the trailing 12 months of portfolio scores adds consistency while still reflecting portfolio managers' current decisions by weighting the most recent portfolio scores more heavily.

ESG pillar scores are displayed as a number between 0 and 50 with most scores range between 0 and 25. It is the asset-weighted average of the company environmental, social, governance risk scores for the covered corporate holdings in a portfolio. The scores measure the degree to which a company's economic value may be at risk driven by environmental, social, and governance factors. The risk represents the unmanaged risk exposure after taking into account a company's management of such risks.

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## Current Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2026



## Where your funds are invested

|                                        |              |       |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| <b>International Equities</b>          | <b>41.00</b> |       |
| Ironbark Brown Advisory Global Share   | 11.00        | ●●●●● |
| Vanguard MSCI Intl ETF                 | 8.50         | ●●●●● |
| GQG Partners Global Equity AUD Hedged  | 4.50         | ●●●●● |
| Pendal Global Emerging Mkts Oppes - WS | 4.00         | ●●●●● |
| Vanguard MSCI Intl (Hdg) ETF           | 4.00         | ●●●●● |
| Yarra Global Small Companies Fund      | 4.00         | ●●●●● |
| iShares S&P 500 AUD Hedged ETF         | 3.00         | ●●●●● |
| Vanguard All-World ex-US Shares ETF    | 2.00         | ●●●●● |
| <b>Australian Equities</b>             | <b>36.00</b> |       |
| iShares Core S&P/ASX 200 ETF           | 14.50        | ●●●●● |
| Paradise Australian Equities Fund      | 7.50         | ●●●●● |
| Schroder Australian Equity Fund - PC   | 7.00         | ●●●●● |
| Yarra Ex-20 Australian Equities Fund   | 7.00         | ●●●●● |
| <b>Global Infrastructure</b>           | <b>10.00</b> |       |
| VanEck FTSE Gbl Infrs(AUD Hdg)ETF      | 10.00        | ●●●●● |
| <b>Global Property</b>                 | <b>5.00</b>  |       |
| VanEck FTSE Intl Prop (AUD Hdg) ETF    | 5.00         | ●●●●● |
| <b>Cash</b>                            | <b>4.50</b>  |       |
| Vanguard Cash Reserve                  | 2.50         | ●●●●● |
| Cash                                   | 2.00         | ●●●●● |
| <b>Australian Fixed Income</b>         | <b>2.50</b>  |       |
| Western Asset Aus Bond Tr M            | 1.00         | ●●●●● |
| Yarra Australian Bond Fund             | 1.00         | ●●●●● |
| Janus Henderson Tactical Income        | 0.50         | ●●●●● |
| <b>International Fixed Income</b>      | <b>0.50</b>  |       |
| Macquarie Dynamic Bond No.1 W          | 0.50         | ●●●●● |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>99.50</b> |       |

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## Portfolio changes

There were no portfolio changes this month.