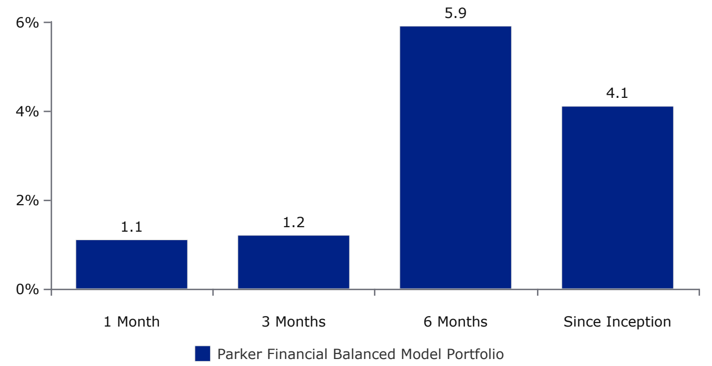
PARKER FINANCIAL BALANCED MODEL PORTFOLIO

Performance Summary



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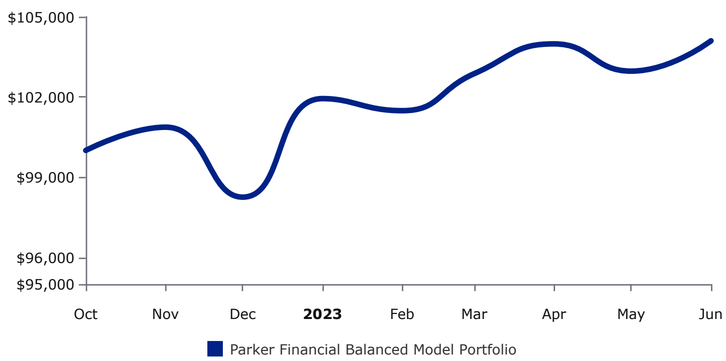
Investment Growth



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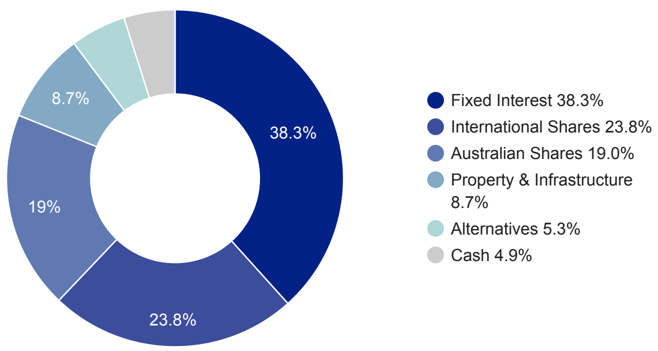
Executive Summary

The Parker Financial Balanced Model Portfolio recorded a solid return of 1.2% for the quarter. The June quarter provided further evidence that investment markets are beginning to build comfort around elevated inflation levels and higher-for-longer interest rates. Resilient economic data meant immediate recessionary concerns were pared back, boosting investor sentiment and pushing most global share markets up over the quarter. Another aspect of the recent rally in shares has been the concentration in outperformance in only a handful of mega-cap technology companies which stand to benefit from a boom in artificial intelligence (AI) technology. An upward revision in peak interest rates weighed on fixed interest (bond) markets as bond yields increased sharply.

Portfolio Summary

As at June 30, 2023



	Current	Target	Range
Australian Shares	19.0%	19.0%	5-35%
International Shares	23.8%	22.0%	10-60%
Property & Infrastructure	8.7%	9.0%	0-20%
Fixed Interest	38.3%	39.0%	0-65%
Alternatives	5.3%	6.0%	0-30%
Cash	4.9%	5.0%	1-40%

Market Review

The June quarter provided further evidence investment markets are beginning to build comfort around persistent inflation and higher-for-longer interest rates. Resilient economic data meant immediate recessionary concerns were pared back, boosting investor sentiment and pushing most global share markets up over the quarter. However, an upward revision in peak interest rates weighed on fixed interest (bond) markets as bond yields increased sharply.

A faltering Chinese reopening and the renewed prospect of further RBA rate hikes weighed on the local market over the quarter, which trailed its major developed market peers. The rally in global technology companies, an underrepresented sector on the ASX, has also contributed to relative underperformance. The S&P/ASX 200 Index still made gains, finishing the quarter up +1.0%, while small companies trailed large companies — the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Index fell -0.5%.

International shares enjoyed a strong quarter — the MSCI All Country World Index delivered +6.8% unhedged and +6.3% hedged. US shares (+8.7%) posted impressive gains on better-than-expected economic growth and excitement surrounding AI that drove shares in technology companies higher. The best-performing major market was Japan (+14.4%), supported by weakness in the Yen as the BoJ continued to resist the urge to lift interest rates. European shares (+3.7%) were more muted but, along with Japan, have been one of the best places to invest in 2023. In China (-9.0%), shares struggled on fading optimism following the country's initial reopening-driven rally.

A weak June dragged down fixed interest markets over the quarter. A re-pricing of peak rates was the overriding concern for investors, driving bond yields higher and bond prices lower. A spike in government bond yields was particularly severe in Australia, sending the local fixed interest composite market — the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index — down -2.9%. Global fixed interest markets fared better, with the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Hedged Index slipping -0.3%.

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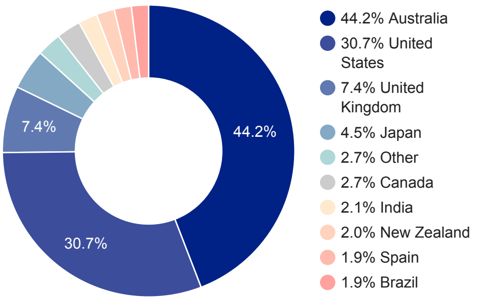
Regional Exposure



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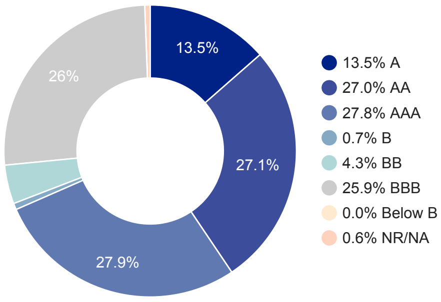
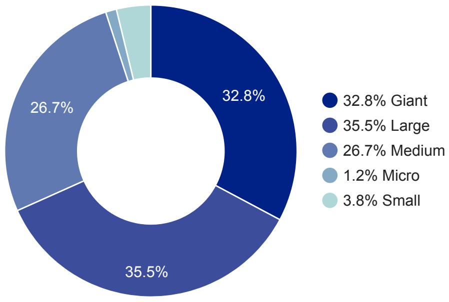


Market Capitalization



Portfolio Commentary

In Australian Shares, **BetaShares Australia 200 ETF (+1.0%)** tracked the S&P/ASX 200 TR Index. **Hyperion Australian Growth Companies (+2.9%)** benefited from overweight technology positions.

Although International Shares enjoyed a strong quarter at a broader market level, much of these returns were concentrated in just a handful of mega-cap technology companies — meaning not holding these big names created a significant drag on relative performance. Again, growth and quality-focused strategies outperformed value tilts. **Ironbark Royal London Diversified Global Shares (+8.4%).** Growth-focused **T. Rowe Price Global Equity (+7.3%)** had a solid quarter, while **Vanguard Global Value Equity Active ETF (+2.1%)** delivered a positive result but struggled to keep pace with the broader market as value lagged. With little exposure to the mega-cap tech movers, **Fiera Atlas Global Companies (+2.4%)** underwhelmed over the quarter. Compared with emerging markets more broadly, **GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity (+11.2%)** had an exceptional quarter — which was due to avoiding much of the weakness in China and riding the momentum in their Indian and Brazilian exposures.

ClearBridge RARE Infrastructure Income (-0.6%) outperformed the FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 (hedged) Index but retreated on higher bond yields in absolute terms. **Resolution Capital Global Property Securities (+0.6%)** shrugged off higher rates and US commercial property concerns to end in positive territory.

Higher bond yields and a re-pricing of peak rates weighed on fixed interest markets. The spike in Australian government bond yields was particularly severe. This created headwinds for Australian government and corporate bond strategy **Western Asset Australian Bond (-2.8%)**, which ended the quarter in line with the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Y TR Index. **Yarra Enhanced Income (+0.4%)** — a standout strategy over the past 12 months — again benefited from attractive yields offered on hybrids and corporate credit. **Janus Henderson Tactical Income (+1.2%)** bucked the trend, benefiting from additional income and tighter spreads on its large investment-grade credit positions. **BetaShares Active Australian Hybrids ETF (+1.3%)** performed well with favourable yields and floating rate payment structures on hybrids less sensitive to interest rate movements.

Ruffer Total Return International (-6.0%) endured a disappointing quarter in the context of its focus on capital preservation. Weaker-than-expected performance from its growth assets — namely commodities and real economy shares — was unable to offset losses on its protection strategies designed to provide support in market drawdown scenarios.

Underlying Investments

As at June 30, 2023

	Weight	1 Mth	3 Mths	1 Year	3 Yrs (pa)
Australian Shares	**19.0%**				
BetaShares Australia 200 ETF	15.0%	1.8%	1.0%	14.3%	11.4%
Hyperion Australian Growth Companies	4.0%	1.4%	2.9%	21.1%	7.3%
International Shares	**23.8%**				
Fiera Atlas Global Companies Fund - Class 0	3.1%	2.7%	2.4%	24.2%	8.2%
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity	2.1%	3.4%	11.2%	11.2%	6.7%
Ironbark Royal London Divers Glb Sh AUnh	5.7%	3.3%	8.4%	-	-
T. Rowe Price Global Equity I	3.8%	2.3%	7.3%	19.0%	6.4%
Vanguard Global Value Equity Active ETF	3.5%	4.2%	2.1%	17.1%	20.6%
iShares Hedged International Equity Idx	5.5%	5.6%	7.1%	16.7%	11.5%
Property & Infrastructure	**8.7%**				
ClearBridge RARE Infrastructure Income	5.8%	1.3%	-0.7%	-4.6%	7.7%
Resolution Capital Global Prpt Secs II	2.9%	3.0%	0.6%	-7.7%	1.1%
Fixed Interest	**38.3%**				
BetaShares Active Australian Hybrids ETF	5.0%	1.0%	1.3%	5.4%	3.1%
CC JCB Dynamic Alpha A	2.9%	-0.1%	0.5%	3.0%	1.7%
Janus Henderson Tactical Income	6.0%	0.3%	1.2%	4.9%	1.1%
Vanguard Global Aggregate Bd Hdg ETF	2.9%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-1.6%	-4.6%
Western Asset Australian Bond A	13.5%	-1.9%	-2.8%	2.0%	-3.4%
Yarra Enhanced Income	8.1%	0.1%	0.4%	5.3%	4.1%
Alternatives	**5.3%**				
Ruffer Total Return International Aus Z	5.3%	-0.6%	-6.0%	-3.5%	-
Cash	**4.9%**				
Macquarie Platform Cash	1.4%	0.2%	0.6%	2.0%	0.7%
Vanguard Cash Reserve	3.5%	0.3%	0.9%	2.9%	0.9%

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Portfolio Changes

There were several major portfolio changes during the quarter.

Walter Scott Global Equity was exited to accommodate an up-weight to **ClearBridge RARE Infrastructure Income.** Having underperformed global shares over the past 12 months, infrastructure assets should perform well given their defensive and highly predictable earnings qualities, inflation protection, less sensitivity to a potential economic slowdown, and strong underlying demand. Valuations are also supportive and attractive relative to historical averages.

Quality-growth manager **Fiera Atlas Global Companies** was introduced into the portfolio to replace **Hyperion Global Growth Companies**. Both managers deliver similar deep-growth style attributes in their respective strategies. But with a greater focus on higher quality companies with strong profitability or a clear and visible path to profitability, Fiera is a better alternative to Hyperion — which tends to hold companies with longer-dated and less visible paths to profitability — in the current lower growth environment.

In Australian Shares, we rotated out of **Yarra Australian Smaller Companies** and into passive large-cap strategy **BetaShares Australian ETF**. Given earnings for small-caps tend to be highly cyclical in nature, there are risks to the downside in a scenario where the economy slows. In this environment, we prefer to reallocate to the less economically-sensitive large-cap space.

Portfolio Target Weights

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*Actual floating weights vary from weights depending on market conditions

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