

# Monthly update August 2023

## Profile Preservation Portfolio Review Market update:

The month of August saw an end to a five-month rally, as rising global bond yields largely led to a fall in global equities and bonds. Concerns around more rate hikes from major central banks, with inflation still well above their targets, continued to put upward pressure on global bond yields. Global equities were down, with the MSCI World ex Australia Index (hedged to AUD) returning -1.9% over August.

US markets returned -1.6% in August, as measured by the S&P 500 Total Return Index in local currency, with the fall primarily driven by rising US government bond yields, the Federal Reserve leaving the door open for more rate hikes and Fitch's downgrade of US credit rating increasing risks of another US government shutdown. Minutes released by the Fed from its July meeting indicated that further monetary tightening may be required as "most participants continued to see significant upside risks to inflation".

The Australian share market also declined over the month returning -0.8%, as measured by the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index. Headline inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), increased by 4.9% over the twelve months to July, easing from 5.4% in June. The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) decided to leave the cash rate unchanged at 4.1% in its August meeting, marking second consecutive month of rate pause.

Global developed market bond yields rose across most economies over August, continuing the uptrend seen over the last 4 months. The US 10-year Government bond yield increased by 13 bps, ending August at 4.09%, whilst the Australian 10-year Government bond yield slightly decreased by 2 bps, ending August at 4.04%. The Australian Dollar (AUD) depreciated by 3.5% against the USD over the month, ending August at 64.8 US cents.

### Portfolio summary:

The Profile Preservation Portfolio returned -0.3% in August. There was negative performance across most asset classes, although 'Alternatives' added back some value, and the exposure to foreign currency also provided a cushion to returns.

The positive performance of 'Alternatives' was driven predominantly by gains from alternative beta strategies and alternative credit strategies. The Alternative Credit Fund posted a gain of +1.6% (in USD terms) in August. Systematic macro hedge fund manager AHL Dimension returned -2.0% for the month, detracting from performance.

Within 'Equities', PPP's active global equity portfolio returned +2.0% (in AUD unhedged terms), beating its benchmark by 0.4%. Emerging markets manager GQG also performed well, posting returns of +0.5% (in AUD unhedged terms), and significantly outperforming the MSCI Emerging Markets benchmark. However, performance from all Australian equity managers delivered returns below the benchmark return of -0.8%. Deep value manager Allan Gray returned -3.4%, growth manager Hyperion returned -4.2%, and style-neutral manager Yarra returned -2.6% for the month.

'Property' detracted from portfolio performance over August. Global listed infrastructure manager Maple Brown-Abbott slightly outperformed its benchmark by 0.1%, returning -1.5% (in AUD unhedged terms). Unlisted exposure to Palisade Diversified Infrastructure Fund also slightly detracted from returns, whilst global listed property manager Resolution performed positively on a relative and absolute basis, returning +0.7% (in AUD unhedged terms).

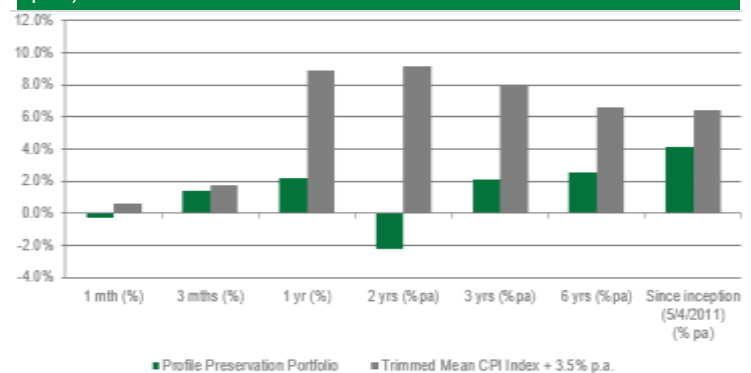
Within 'Cash and Fixed Interest', PPP's exposure to leveraged US government bonds via manager Insight was impacted by bond yield movements and detracted from returns. Both Australian enhanced fixed interest manager Macquarie and inflation linked bonds manager Ardea returned +0.8% (both in AUD hedged terms), outperforming their respective benchmarks by 0.1% each over the month.

### Portfolio summary<sup>1</sup>

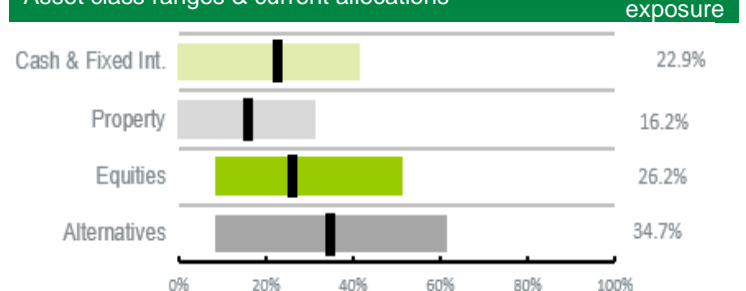
Unit Price (NAV)	\$0.9564
Month return	-0.3%
3 months	1.4%
1 year	2.2%
2 year (annualised)	-2.2% p.a.
3 year (annualised)	2.1% p.a.
5 year (annualised)	2.0% p.a.
6 year (annualised)	2.5% p.a.
Total return since inception (5 Apr 11)	65.0%
Average annual return since inception (5 Apr 11)	4.1% p.a.
Risk since inception (standard deviation)	4.1% p.a.
FUM	\$55.8m

Source: WTW. Past performance is calculated pre-tax and after fees and expenses. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

### Net portfolio performance\* Profile Preservation Portfolio versus objective (CPI + 3.5% p.a.)<sup>4,#</sup>



### Asset class ranges & current allocations<sup>2</sup>



### Top 5 Manager Allocations (ex-cash)<sup>3</sup>

1. Ardea Australian Inflation Linked Bond Fund
2. Macquarie Enhanced Australian Fixed Interest Fund
3. Ardea Global Alpha Plus
4. Resolution Global Property Securities Fund
5. Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Fund

<sup>1</sup>Inception is 5 April 2011. Past performance is calculated pre-tax and after fees and expenses, assumes distribution reinvestment but does not take into account inflation. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

<sup>2</sup>The current exposures include the underlying asset allocations of each investment. <sup>3</sup>Manager allocations are presented on a look-through basis.

<sup>4</sup>Return objective is CPI+3.5% p.a. for PPP (reduced from CPI+4% p.a. from 1/6/2019). The numbers shown take into account this staggered objective.

# The CPI is the trimmed mean Consumer Price Index published by the Reserve Bank of Australia.

# Profile Preservation Portfolio

## Fact sheet

### About the portfolio

The Profile Preservation Portfolio (the Portfolio) aims to preserve and grow investors' wealth relative to the cost of living, with low to medium volatility. The Portfolio can invest in all the major asset classes including local and international fixed interest, property, equities, alternative investments and cash. The skills of specialised investment managers are used, together with selected listed investment vehicles and direct investments. It is diversified, being exposed to a broad range of individual investments, managers, strategies, themes, geographic areas and asset classes.

### Investment objective

The Portfolio aims to achieve the following objectives over rolling three year periods:

- ◆ net returns of CPI<sup>#</sup> plus 3.5% per annum (i.e. after fees and expenses), and
- ◆ volatility of 3-8% per annum (as measured by the annualised standard deviation\*)

### About Profile

Profile Financial Services (Profile) is a firm of financial and investment strategists, with an over 30-year history of delivering quality advice and measurable value to the lifestyles of its clients and their families. Profile provides strategic advice on approximately \$560m in FUA, and actively manages ~\$200m in FUM on behalf of clients (as at December 2022). Profile is the Investment Manager for the Portfolio.

### Investment philosophy

Profile's objectives based investing philosophy is at the core of the way the Portfolio is managed. Profile is focused on constructing the Portfolio in a way that, when used appropriately, has a high probability of meeting investors' goals in the appropriate timeframes. The asset allocation approach is flexible enough to cope with rapidly moving markets and is designed to reduce the impact of short-term market volatility on investors.

### Investment process

The investment process has the following key features:

- ◆ emphasis on short-term downside protection while still providing the capacity to achieve superior absolute returns over the long-term,
- ◆ proprietary analysis to facilitate investment decisions that meet portfolio objectives while remaining aligned with broader risk parameters,
- ◆ forward looking dynamic asset allocation underpinning transparent, simple, and effective portfolio and risk management,
- ◆ a search for fundamental (as opposed to relative) value across all asset and sub-asset classes, geographies and investment strategies,
- ◆ diversification across investment opportunities and 'best value for money' ideas,
- ◆ a rigorous and comprehensive manager and security due diligence process, and
- ◆ use of investment managers which have a degree of flexibility across their investment mandate, which looks for opportunities within their field of expertise, and are often not constrained by benchmarks.

<sup>#</sup>The CPI is the trimmed mean Consumer Price Index published by the Reserve Bank of Australia

\*A measure of the degree of variation of returns around the mean (average) return. Increasing levels of dispersion around the mean leads to higher standard deviations, indicating a higher degree of volatility and risk.

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<sup>^</sup>Please refer to the Portfolio PDS for a detailed description of fees and fund facts.

## FACTS AT A GLANCE<sup>^</sup>

### TYPE

Actively managed diversified portfolio using specialised investment managers and selected listed investment vehicles and direct investments

### INVESTMENT MANAGER

Profile Financial Services

### ASSET CONSULTANT

Willis Towers Watson

### RESPONSIBLE ENTITY

The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited

### STRUCTURE

Open ended Australian registered unit trust

### OBJECTIVE

Net returns of 3.5% above the rate of inflation over rolling 3 year periods

### SUGGESTED INVESTMENT TIMEFRAME

Minimum 3 years

### LEVEL OF RISK (VOLATILITY)

Low to medium

### MINIMUM INVESTMENT

\$25,000

### FUND START DATE

April 2011

### APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

Weekly and monthly

### DISTRIBUTIONS

If payable, semi-annually

### MANAGEMENT FEE

0.85% p.a.(excluding GST)

### PERFORMANCE FEE

10.25% (including GST)

### PERFORMANCE BENCHMARK\*

Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index

\*The objective hurdle must also be met in any given month

### ENTRY/EXIT FEE

None

### BUY/SELL SPREAD

0.10% both sides (to the Portfolio)

### UNIT PRICES

Weekly and monthly

### APIR CODE

SLT0019AU

### ARSN

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