# **Bentleys Wealth // Conservative Portfolio**

#### **December 2021 Overview**

Bentleys Wealth's model portfolios are a suite of real return, multi-asset class, multi-manager portfolios across four risk/return profiles. The portfolios are actively managed through our dynamic asset allocation and investment manager selection processes.

We dynamically adjust the portfolios' allocations to achieve a high probability of meeting or exceeding the required return objectives while maintaining the stated risk profiles. The mix of asset classes and strategies in the portfolios will vary through time depending on our forward-looking estimates of market risk and return. Our style is active value management with quantitative foundations and qualitative decision-making.

#### **Fund Details**

Risk profile	Medium
Fund type	Diversified multi-manager
Investments	SMAs, Unit Trusts and ETFs
Return objective	CPI + 1.5%
	(RBA Trimmed Mean CPI)
Investment timeframe	3 years +
Investment style	Dynamic active allocation
Fund inception date	December 2020
Platform	Macquarie

### **Current Asset Allocation**



- Cash A\$ 20.00%
- Australian fixed income 35.00%
- Global fixed income 15.00%
- Australian equities 12.00%
- Global equities unhedged 6.00%
- Global equities hedged 3.00%
- Australian property & infrastructure 1.50%
- Global property & infrastructure 1.50%
- Alternatives 6.00%

### Performance

December-2021	Conservative Portfolio*	Return Objective CPI + 1.5%
1 Month	0.85%	-
3 Months	0.80%	-
6 Months	1.83%	-
1 Year	4.51%	3.17%
3 Years p.a.	6.01%	3.02%
5 Years p.a.	5.26%	3.13%

# Top & Bottom 3 by Performance

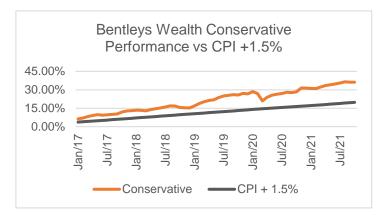
Top 3	Return
UBS Clarion Global Infrastructure Securities	5.75%
Legg Mason Martin Currie Real Income Fund	5.25%
Allan Gray Australia Equity Fund Class B	4.34%
Bottom 3	Return
T.Rowe Price Global Equity Fund - M Class	-3.03%
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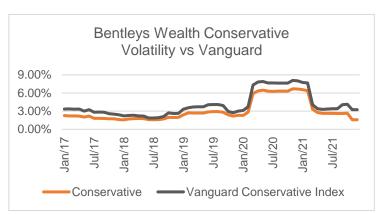
<sup>\*</sup> Returns for periods prior to Dec 2020 are backtested. Returns are net of all investment costs. Returns over more than 1 month are geometrically compounded from monthly data. Returns over periods longer than 12 months are annualised. CPI = RBA Trimmed Mean quarterly data series; CPI + figures shown here include an estimate for the months since the last published quarterly CPI figure. Performance data is an estimate based on information provided to Quilla by Financial Express.



## Performance and Rolling Annual Volatility<sup>^</sup>

Bentleys Wealth's portfolios are designed with a focus on minimising the impact of volatility on an investors' assets. In practice, this means the portfolios will have reduced exposure to asset classes where we anticipate risks will outweigh the expected returns. This active management has resulted in consistently lower volatility than an equivalent passively managed index strategy (see chart below).





^ The above charts include actual portfolio performance data (from December 2020) combined with back tested data prior to this date. The back tested data is based on the portfolio's initial allocation (both weights and managers). This allocation is static over the time period, as we believe that this will serve as an appropriate proxy for the portfolio.

## **Strategy and Outlook**

Looking ahead in 2022, we expect periodic volatility as the pandemic continues to play out and global central banks look to increase historically low interest rates amidst a backdrop of heightened inflation.

Financial markets face a more uncertain future throughout 2022 and are expected to deliver far more modest results compared to the stellar returns from last year.

Global equities are likely to be challenged by rising bond yields and higher inflation. Both forces will pressure corporate earnings and constrain valuations, especially in the US. That said, we believe equities will remain attractive relative to bonds should the rise in bond yields remain relatively moderate.

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