Bentleys Wealth Growth Portfolio Macquarie



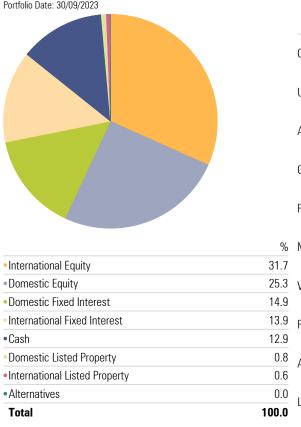
September 2023 **Trailing Returns Fund Objective** 1 Month 3 Months 6 Months 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years To deliver an investment return of 4.5% p.a. above inflation, after fees, over rolling 7 year Bentleys Wealth Growth Portfolio Macquarie -2.33-1.05 0.49 8.99 6.55 6.05 RBA Trimmed Mean Consumer Price + 4.5% 0.89 2.75 5.48 11.46 8.82 7.72 **Bentleys Wealth Growth Fees Surveyed Asset Class Top 10 Holdings** Managed Accounts: 0.21% Portfolio Date: 30/09/2023 ICR: 0.54% RG97 ICR: 1.31%

Risk Statistics Time Period: Since Inception to 30/09/2023 Std Dev 9.49 Sharpe Ratio 0.59 Snapshot P/E Ratio 17.78

12 Mo Yield

Investment Growth

3.28%



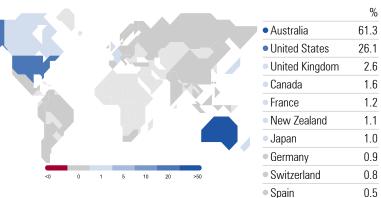


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RBA Trimmed Mean Consumer Price + 4.5%

Equity Country/Region Exposure Portfolio Date: 30/09/2023



Equity Sectors	
Basic Materials	15.55%
Consumer Cyclical	10.71%
Financial Services	17.10%
Real Estate	4.17%
Consumer Defensive	5.33%
Healthcare	14.48%
Utilities	1.52%
Communication Services	4.78%
Energy	5.98%
Industrials	8.85%
Technology	11.53%

Equity Style Box

Portfolio Date: 30/09/2023

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	Value	Blend	Growth	
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Mid				

Equity Style	%
Equity Style Value %	27.7
Equity Style Core %	30.1
Equity Style Growth %	42.2

Market Commentary

In the recent quarter, most major financial assets saw negative returns as expectations about interest rates, inflation, and economic conditions shifted. This change in sentiment was driven by the Federal Reserve's decision to maintain current rates while revising economic projections, indicating a likely rate hike by year-end and reduced chances of rate cuts in 2024. These developments had a significant impact, leading to a 3.3% decline in the S&P 500 and an increase in US bond yields to 4.57%. Notably, oil prices increased, and industrial metal prices rose despite uncertainties about the Chinese economy. The US dollar also gained strength due to global risk aversion and the US economy's resilience supported by a robust labour market.

Outlook

The current financial landscape is marked by high interest rates, causing concerns for businesses and households facing the highest borrowing costs in 15 years. A global economic slowdown is evident, notably in Europe, suggesting a broader deceleration in the global economy. This economic weakness is compounded by ongoing geopolitical tensions, including the Russia-Ukraine conflict and more recently the Israel-Hamas conflict. In response to this challenging and uncertain environment, it's recommended to continue to pursue a risk-off investment strategy. In this context, government bonds emerge as a preferred choice for their stability and potential returns, particularly as expectations suggest limited further upward movement in 10-year US Treasury yields.

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*Returns prior to Dec 2020 are backtested

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