Portfolio Profile

Antares Ex-20 Australian Equities Model Portfolio January 2021

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Model Portfolio description and investment return objective

The Antares Ex-20 Australian Equities Model Portfolio is an actively managed highly concentrated portfolio of Australian equities. It invests in shares from outside the largest 20 companies by market capitalisation that Antares identifies as having the potential to offer significant long term capital growth. The Model's objective is to outperform the Benchmark (S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index excluding the companies listed in the S&P/ASX 20 Total Return Index) over rolling five-year periods.

Investment returns* as at 31 January 2021^{1,2,3}

Period	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years pa	5 years pa	Since inception pa
Gross return ³ %	-0.8	10.9	11.2	12.6	15.1	13.8
Benchmark return %	-1.5	8.1	-4.1	6.0	11.4	8.8
Gross excess return %	0.7	2.8	15.3	6.6	3.7	5.0

Model Portfolio performance and attribution

The portfolio outperformed in January which was another volatile month in markets, returning -0.8% versus our benchmark which was down by 1.5%. The latter part of the month saw market ructions as a small number of heavily shorted US small caps sparked volatility and renewed "bubble" fears. The month was also accentuated by various state border closures and re-openings in Australia, however households appear to be managing the tapering of COVID-19 related assistance packages well, with discretionary, communications, financials and staples sectors performing particularly well.

Our strongest contributor in January was Afterpay (APT). Afterpay's app downloads in the US continued to show strong growth ahead of competitors as the take-up of Afterpay in-store continues. In addition, Afterpay's share price benefitted in January from the listing of one of its peers, Affirm, on the NASDAQ. Affirm enjoyed a strong debut, jumping 98% on its first day of trading. Lynas (LYC) was also a strong contributor in January after the company announced a contract with the US government to build a commercial Light Rare Earths separation plant in the United States in collaboration with the Department of Defense. IDP Education (IEL) moved higher during the month as data from leading indicators are suggesting that enquiries for IDP's English language testing services, IELTS are improving. In addition, signs of improving mobility in some of IDP's source countries and the global rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations appear to be assisting sentiment. Ansell (ANN) also traded higher after providing a positive update that highlighted continuing strong global demand for PPE, with the company reporting 1H21 organic growth "north of 20%". Pleasingly, Ansell also appears to have maintained its margins despite upward pressure on raw material prices through price increases which also suggests a strong demand environment.

Shares in Polynovo (PNV) fell in January after the company reported a meaningful slowdown in sales in 2Q21 due to the impact of surging COVID-19 cases in the US. The company asserted that the mediumterm outlook remains strong and expects sales in the US and UK to accelerate when hospital capacity improves. Mineral Resources (MIN) traded lower in January following a strong share price performance in the December quarter. MIN's commodity prices remain robust and the company reported strong 2Q21 results with solid growth in iron ore production and higher-than-expected volumes in Mining Services. Lastly, the portfolio suffered negative attribution from Sonic Healthcare (SHL), which it does not own. Medicare data for November and December showed that pathology prices and volumes continue to recover, following substantial declines as COVID-19 unfolded earlier in 2020.

Buys / Additions

Orora (ORA) We purchased shares in ORA during the month as we believe the share price does not factor in the optionality of its strong balance sheet. Further, we feel that the market has over extrapolated the issues in the wine trade between Australia and China into the glass business owned by ORA. We see the impact more about the value of wine, given the price points, rather than the volume. Further, it ignores the increasing focus of consumers on packaging materials such as glass, given they are washable as well as recyclable.

Sales / Reductions

Top 10 share holdings

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as at 31 January 2021 (alphabetical)

- AfterPay
- Ansell
- Aristocrat Leisure
- Bluescope Steel
- James Hardie
- Medibank Private
- Metcash
- Nine Entertainment
- Northern Star
- Qube

Sector allocation

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Metals & Mining	19.22
Consumer Discretionary	12.00
Industrials	10.91
Health Care	10.04
Information Technology	9.09
Consumer Staples	8.49
Communication Services	8.38
Financials Ex Reits	7.06
Materials Ex Metals & Mining	6.04
Energy	5.91
Real Estate	2.85
Utilities	0.00

Source: Antares Equities; 31 Jan 2021

Note: GICS - Global Industry Classification Standard % are absolute ie sector proportion of portfolio

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Investment guidelines and ranges

	Minimum	Benchmark Allocation	Maximum	As at 31 Jan 21
Australian shares	90%	100%	100%	96.2%
Cash and cash equivalents	0%	0%	10%	3.8%

Portfolio managers

John Guadagnuolo Investment Manager Key Responsibilities John is the Portfolio Manager of the Ex-20 Australian Equities Model Portfolio and Ex-20 Australian Equities Managed Fund. Years with the group 13 Years of Industry Experience 20

Platform availability

BT Panorama, Macquarie, Navigator, Netwealth and Praemium.

Ratings



Years of Industry Experience 10 Praemium.

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Winston Chong

Investment Analyst

Key Responsibilities



Investor profile

The Ex-20 Australian Equities Model Portfolio is designed for investors seeking an actively managed, highly concentrated portfolio of Australian securities that excludes the top 20 stocks by market capitalisation. The Model aims to provide investors with long term capital growth

Model portfolio facts

Inception date:	27 May 2015
Benchmark:	S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index excluding the companies listed in the S&P/ASX 20 Total Return Index
Investment timeframe:	At least 5 years
No of shares:	15 to 30
Indicative portfolio turnover:	50% to 60% pa
Relative risk:	Very High
Relative return ¹ :	Very High

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