# Portfolio Profile

# Antares Ex-20 Australian Equities Model Portfolio April 2020

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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 30 April 20201,2,3

Period	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 yeas pa	5 years pa	Since inception³ pa
Gross return %	15.9	-18.0	-3.8	6.5	-	9.1
Benchmark return %	13.2	-20.9	-9.6	3.1	-	6.0
Gross excess return %	2.7	2.9	5.8	3.4	-	3.1

#### Model Portfolio performance and attribution

The Antares Ex-20 Australian Equities Model Portfolio provided a gross return of 15.9% for the month of April 2020- a sharp improvement from the drawdowns incurred in March. Despite the rebound, we are cautious in the short term. Our best contributor for the month was AfterPay (APT). APT released an upbeat March quarterly trading update that showed that March, which is normally a quiet month, was one of its strongest ever months, even with the shock to consumer confidence arising from the coronavirus. APT also reported that its balance sheet and liquidity were strong and anecdotal evidence suggests APT is benefitting from the shift to online shopping. IDP Education (IEL) also performed well in April following its capital raising which provided strong liquidity for the next 12-18 months and leaves it well-placed to take significant market share (given how poorly its rivals are capitalised). Its key destination markets of Australia, New Zealand and Canada have handled the COVID 19 pandemic well, a factor which is likely to make these markets more attractive to prospective students. Star Entertainment Group (SGR) also contributed during the month as its share price rallied on increasing risk-appetite and corporate activity elsewhere in the casino sector. Metcash (MTS) detracted from the portfolio during April. We, like most of the market, were surprised by the company raising capital, which acted as a drag on the share price. We feel the business remains well-placed in the current environment with local shopping seemingly favoured over the large shopping centres which typically house the majors' outlets. Cochlear (COH) also detracted as the market digested its upsized capital raising and the risk-on market sentiment saw healthcare stocks lag generally. In a similar vein, Medibank Private (MPL) also detracted from performance. The easing of bans on elective surgery may also see the end of MPL's claims' holiday.

#### **Buys / Additions**

**Polynovo (PNV):** We added PNV to the portfolio in April because we think there is substantial upside to the value of this company over time. PNV manufacturers a polymer which is currently used to treat severe burn victims in the form of replacement skin grafts. It has very strong advocacy from medical practitioners due to the effectiveness of the product and the low risk of infection or rejection associated with its use by recipients. It has also recently been shown to be equally effective in certain internal medical procedures, such as hernia repair, where the same properties are equally valued. This market is worth 3x the current burns market and we see great growth opportunities if PNV can execute as well on its product's competitive advantages.

#### Sales / Reductions

**Goodman Group (GMG)**: We sold GMG from the portfolio as an enforced change after GMG was promoted into the ASX 20 last year. We continue to like the business but were required to sell.

#### Top 10 share holdings

as at 30 April 2020 (alphabetical)

- AfterPay
- Aristocrat Leisure
- Aurizon Holdings
- Fortescue Metals
- IDP Education
- LendLease Group
- Nine Entertainment
- Northern Star
- Seek
- Xero

#### Sector allocation

GICS		
Consumer Discretionary	16.52	
Metals & Mining	13.37	
Consumer Staples	12.21	
Communication Services	12.12	
Industrials	10.61	
Information Technology	9.12	
Financials Ex Reits	6.99	
Energy	5.80	
Health Care	5.12	
Real Estate	4.26	
Materials Ex Metals & Mining	3.87	
Utilities	0.00	
Source: Antares Equities; 30 Apr 2020		

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 30 Apr 20
Australian shares	90%	100%	100%	98%
Cash and cash equivalents	0%	0%	10%	2%

# Portfolio managers

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Investment Manager
Key Responsibilities
John is the Portfolio
Manager of the Ex-20
Australian Equities Model
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Managed Fund.
Years with the group 12
Years of Industry
Experience 19



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Experience 22



# Model portfolio facts

term capital growth

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

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 <sup>1</sup> :	Very High		

# Platform availability

Macquarie, Navigator, Netwealth and Praemium.

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