

Total returns

At 31 January 2016	1 month %	3 months %	6 months %	1 year %	3 years p.a. %	5 years p.a. %	Inception p.a. (Feb 2008) %
Ralton Leaders	-5.81	-3.06	-9.07	-2.91	9.57	8.48	5.72
Income return	0.00	0.79	2.16	3.95	3.87	4.32	4.38
Growth return	-5.81	-3.85	-11.24	-6.85	5.69	4.16	1.34
S&P/ASX 100 Accum. Index	-5.48	-3.74	-10.51	-6.65	5.83	6.25	3.43
Difference	-0.33	0.68	1.44	3.74	3.73	2.23	2.29

Performance review

- The S&P/ASX 100 Accumulation Index fell heavily in January, starting the calendar year down 5.48%, with the Materials and Financials sectors the key negative contributors.
- The Ralton Leaders portfolio fell 5.81% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 0.33% for the period.
- For the month, being underweight Telecommunication Services and Utilities, together with stock selection within Financials, detracted from portfolio returns. Stock selection within Consumer Discretionary however, added to portfolio returns.

Performance attribution

The start of calendar year 2016 saw a dramatic rise in volatility across most major asset classes. This impacted equities, currencies, commodities – both hard and soft – with only safe havens such as gold and sovereign bonds seeing any support. With this backdrop, several of the portfolio's underperformers were impacted by swings in external factors, such as pricing of their outputs or investment returns.

Key contributors

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Star Entertainment Group	Overweight
Treasury Wine Estates	Overweight
Sonic Healthcare	Overweight

Star Entertainment Group (SGR, +5.9%) - was the portfolio's top contributor, adding value to the portfolio in a volatile market. There was no specific news from the company, however a positive trading update from Sky City Entertainment (SKC), highlighting solid growth in its Auckland casino's VIP or high-net-worth gaming segment, likely had some positive read through for SGR's current trading (both companies are tied to the positive thematic of increased tourism from the Asian region). We note two further positive drivers for Star in that the company has, in recent periods, continued to win market share in the local Sydney market and that the NSW economy itself has been the strongest in Australia – both drivers should prove to be reasonable tailwinds for Star's core asset, the Star Casino in Sydney.

Treasury Wine Estates (TWE, +9.6%) - the winemaker added to portfolio returns for January after announcing a profit upgrade for the period, benefiting from strong performance from the Asian division. The profit upgrade was clear evidence of the benefits from the strategic transition that CEO, Clarke, has driven in the last two years. With a background in fast moving consumer goods, his strategy has focused on efficiency measures and procurement initiatives in the production and supply chain, together with a revitalised and focused brand and marketing strategy. Recent moves to insource parts of the Chinese distribution channel, together with the acquisition of Diageo wine brands in the US and Europe, also appear to have been well executed and strategically sound.

Sonic Healthcare (SHL, +3.0%) - in the absence of any stock specific development, shares in the global pathology company gained ground in a weak market. The stock had fallen in December following the Australian Government's proposed changes to pathology funding totaling some \$650m in savings to the government purse over four years. SHL's view was that such changes would impact EBITDA by 5% on a full-year basis if implemented. Should this be the case, SHL will seek to mitigate the financial impact through various initiatives, including cost savings and increased private billing. It is also seeking to have the proposed changes annulled and have embarked with its industry body on an extensive campaign to drive consumer or patient support. Although caught off guard by this event, we do highlight that such changes are a constant in government-funded medicine and that SHL's global model typically benefits in time as such fee pressures can drive consolidation. Over time, SHL has endured such headwinds and built a global, diverse business.

Key detractors

Key detractors	Positioning
Incitec Pivot	Overweight
QBE Insurance Group	Overweight
Origin Energy	Overweight

Incitec Pivot (IPL, -21.7%) - shares fell heavily in January



as investors and market analysts alike took a negative view of the mounting price headwinds in several of IPL's key business exposures. With the sustained fall in the oil price sending a deflationary push through the commodity sector, prices for global gas, used in production of both Urea and Ammonia – key IPL products – were both falling. In the US, where coal mines are key customers of IPL's explosives businesses, we note that an unseasonably warm winter has reduced the demand for electricity and with it coal demand. Several of the US coal producers are under financial duress, although we note the bulk of IPL's customers operate low cost, top quality mines. Further, pricing for the DAP fertilizer segment has weakened, though again this is seasonal as global pricing typically becomes set in March/April. Although we recognise the effect of these multiple impacts, we do subscribe to the view that the oil price will rebound and with it, pricing for each of the outputs tied to energy prices. As such, across the cycle, IPL should produce solid cash flows, and this is not reflected in the current share price.

QBE Insurance Group (QBE, -13.6%) - was weaker during the month as investors perhaps remained concerned about margin pressure across the global insurance sector and declining bond yields. QBE relies on bond yields for its investment returns and with global volatility rising and bond yields falling, the market was factoring less uplift in bond returns than what they were anticipating as recently as the end of 2015. Despite this, we have been impressed by cost efficiencies delivered by QBE in recent years and believe the business is in solid shape. Further, QBE has also made major strides in improving the quality of its capital position and reducing the risk associated with its insurance book. Finally, after many years of shrinking the business and focusing internally, QBE management is able to target growth across its businesses by acquiring specialist underwriting teams - something that would be well received by investors.

Origin Energy (ORG, -12.8%) - ongoing supply/demand concerns, geopolitical tensions, global growth concerns and market volatility continued to weigh on the oil price and ORG, in turn. Although belatedly, we were pleased ORG was able to hedge its oil price exposures for gas sales for its recently started LNG plant in Gladstone, effectively reducing the bulk of the risk to ORG should oil prices remain depressed across the FY17 financial year. The oil price has fallen from a peak of US\$115 in 2014 to now a low in the mid US\$20s this year. Our somewhat contrarian view at this stage is that oil prices will improve over the next couple of years as annual production declines occur across the whole oil industry, together with the US\$400bn or more of future projects and associated capital works that have been cancelled in recent times, lead to a reduction in global supply. Although the outlook in the short term remains unclear, on the basis of our mediumterm view, we have been cautiously buying stocks such as ORG into the weakness.

Portfolio additions and disposals

Key additions and material adjustments

There were no stock additions to the portfolio during the month.

Key disposals and material adjustments

Sold	
Transpacific Industries (TPI)	
Navitas Limited (NVT)	

There were two outright sales from the portfolio during the month, with proceeds increasing our cash levels.

Transpacific Industries (TPI) - in the case of TPI, the solid share price recovery in recent periods led to our decision to exit the stock. The turnaround under CEO, Vik Bansal, we believe is gaining some traction, reflective to some degree of the strategic changes implemented by Bansal's predecessor. Despite what we expect to be steadily improving conditions for the core waste business, we are cognisant of the pressure that further oil price weakness will be placing on the smaller hydrocarbons segment. Furthermore, despite the improved operating results, we believe that further upside in the short term may be capped by the ongoing cash flow drain that the landfill provisions and need for ongoing remediation work at some of the older assets requires, capping the free cash flow. We will look to revisit TPI should valuation become more compelling.

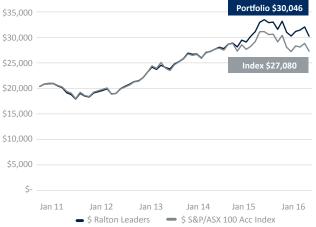
Navitas Limited (NVT) - we elected to sell our holding in education provider, NVT. The shares have performed strongly in recent times in a weak market. Although the company is making headway in terms of improved profitability of the smaller SAE division and continues to grow its college offering offshore, the headwinds from the loss of a key Sydney contract appear to be proving harder to offset at the profit line. By itself, our sense was that this longer time frame was acceptable as an investment proposition, however the prospects for emerging markets and key education source countries have worsened. Although families frequently sacrifice most items for their children, we are concerned the coming periods may see education demand from the emerging markets temper and a flow-through impact on NVT's outlook. Given the valuation and recent performance, we elected to sell, but like TPI we will keep NVT on our investment radar.



Sector allocation

GICS sector	Ralton	Index	+/-
Consumer Discretionary	7.1%	3.4%	3.6%
Energy	7.6%	4.1%	3.5%
Health Care	10.2%	7.0%	3.2%
Consumer Staples	10.5%	7.5%	3.0%
Information Technology	3.0%	0.6%	2.4%
Financials (ex-Property)	42.8%	41.3%	1.4%
Materials	9.8%	11.3%	-1.6%
Industrials	5.5%	7.7%	-2.2%
Utilities	0.0%	2.6%	-2.6%
Telecommunication Services	1.6%	5.9%	-4.3%
Property	2.0%	8.4%	-6.5%
Total	100%	100%	

\$40,000



Performance comparison of \$20,000*

Top 10 holdings#

Company name	ASX code
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	CBA
National Australia Bank Limited	NAB
CSL Limited	CSL
Westpac Banking Corporation	WBC
QBE Insurance Group Limited	QBE
AMP Limited	AMP
Amcor Limited	AMC
ANZ Bank Group Limited	ANZ
Brambles Limited	BXB
Woolworths Limited	WOW



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