# Ralton Concentrated Australian Equity

Monthly Portfolio Report | July 2023



#### **Key facts**



#### **Investment strategy**

A portfolio of ASX-listed equities designed to provide capital growth with some tax-effective income

#### **Investment objective**

Outperform index by over 3% p.a.

#### **Benchmark index**

S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

#### **Portfolio Manager**

Will Riggall

#### **Inception date**

February 2008

#### Management fee

0.75% p.a. (may vary across platforms)

#### **Number of stocks**

25-35

#### **External ratings**

Zenith "Approved"

#### **Key platforms**

HUB24, NetWealth, Praemium, OneVue, Powerwrap, Linear, Xplore, Wealth02 **Performance** (%, returns greater than one year are p.a.)

At month end	1 mth	3 mth	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Inception
Ralton	2.71%	0.07%	9.61%	5.80%	12.37%	5.44%	8.46%	7.19%
Income	0.00%	0.86%	4.44%	3.62%	3.51%	3.71%	3.79%	4.10%
Growth	2.71%	-0.79%	5.17%	2.18%	8.86%	1.74%	4.67%	3.09%
Index <sup>2</sup>	2.89%	2.03%	11.09%	4.18%	11.91%	7.46%	8.30%	6.13%
Outperformance	-0.18%	-1.96%	-1.48%	1.62%	0.46%	-2.01%	0.16%	1.06%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Performance is based on a model portfolio and is gross of investment management and administration fees, but net of transaction costs. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all portfolio income.

### **Portfolio Performance**

The Ralton Concentrated Portfolio underperformed the ASX300 Accumulated Index in July, returning 2.71%, versus the index return of 2.89%. A focus on investing in companies with strong competitive advantages and valuation support has held the portfolio in good stead during an extended period of volatility.

Contributors	Comment
Worley Limited (WOR) 9.9%	WOR was reclassified to the Industrials sector from Energy recently given its predominantly engineering based operations servicing the green energy transition and continues to benefit as a result. The share price was strong in the month outperforming both the Energy and Industrial sectors which were up around 7% and 2% respectively. Energy stocks continue to be supported in the short term from OPEC and Russian oil output cuts.
Incitec Pivot Limited (IPL) 10.2%	IPL increased 10% during July as the company confirmed recent media speculation that the company has formally been approached by global parties to acquire the group's fertiliser business. At the same time, fertiliser prices have reversed recent weakness, supporting future earnings growth. Retain buy.
James Hardie Industries PLC Chess Units of Foreign Securities (JHX) 9.4%	JHX continued to show strength in July. Positive US housing data continues as single housing starts increased 11% over the quarter. We expect the forthcoming 1Q23 result to be supportive of our positive thesis and see further upside driven by accelerating growth at incrementally higher margins.







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Index means the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index.

## **Portfolio Performance**

Detractors Comment

#### Northern Star Resources Ltd (NST)

-4.7%

NST share price fell during July in response to higher costs in the 2023 June quarter and softer than expected production and capital expenditure guidance for the FY24. We retain conviction in NST which is a high quality gold miner and the recent approval of the KCGM mill expansion will see their throughput increase to 27Mtpa.

#### Telstra Group Limited (TLS) -0.9%

With no news released during the month, telecommunications and defensives generally underperformed as expectations of the level of forward terminal rates declined given favourable macro news benefiting other sectors that have lagged in performance.

## CSL Limited (CSL) -3.2%

CSL declined in July as investors digested the surprise negative market update from management in June. The market will now tread water under further direction is given at the FY23 result in August. We see the current valuation as attractive given double digit earnings per share (EPS) growth outlook and the group's global leadership in immunotherapy treatment.

## **Portfolio Activity**

BUY

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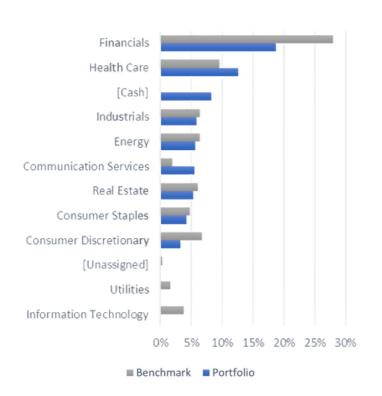
#### **SELL**

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## **Top 10 holdings (alphabetical)**

Amcor PLC Shs Chess Depository Interests ANZ Group Holdings Ltd BHP Group Ltd Coles Group Ltd CSL Ltd James Hardie Industries PLC Chess Units of Foreign Securities Mineral Resources Limited National Australia Bank Limited Telstra Group Limited Worley Limited

## **Sector Positioning**



Portfolio metrics*					
Ralton	XKOAI^				
26	299				
68,574.6	74,354.2				
59.1					
2.81	0.00				
0.90	1.00				
1.1	2.3				
19.8	18.6				
4.35	4.30				
15.7	15.5				
8.3	9.0				
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<sup>\*</sup> Source: FactSet

<sup>^</sup> XKOAI means the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index (Index). The Index is shown for comparative purposes only. Index returns do not allow for transaction, management, operational or tax costs. An index is not managed and investors cannot invest directly an in index.