

# Navegar High Growth Portfolio Update - Jun Qtr. 2025

## Portfolio performance

	1 mth (%)	3 mth (%)	6 mth (%)	1 yr (%)	2 yrs (%)	Since Inception (%)
Portfolio Total Return	1.8	6.6	4.2	9.2	10.1	11.1
Benchmark*	2.1	7.7	5.9	14.3	13.7	14.1
CPI +4%	0.6	1.7	3.6	6.1	7.0	7.3

\*Navegar High Growth Long-Term Strategic Asset Allocation

Source: BT Panorama & Morningstar Direct. Performance history from 1 January 2023. Net of fees

\* The Benchmark is the performance of the Long-Term Strategic Asset Allocation assuming no active management or fees. The Benchmark has been revised as of August and December 2024.

## Market review

The second quarter of 2025 was marked by a sharp increase in equity market volatility, earlier in the quarter. There was escalating trade tensions after the Trump administration announced new “reciprocal” tariffs on a range of trading partners. This in turn provoked retaliatory threats between countries, especially between the U.S. and China.

Improving sentiment saw a strong recovery in risk asset performance through May and June, however. Sentiment improved after the announcement of a 90-day pause in US tariffs, and trade tensions gradually cooled thereafter. By June, concerns around rising tensions in the Middle East briefly caused some minor market volatility, but the risks of a broader regional conflict were largely shrugged off following a ceasefire between Israel and Iran. The MSCI World Index (hedged into AUD) returned 9.6% for the quarter.

In the United States, the quarter began with significant equity volatility. Whilst the S&P 500 fell 0.7% in April, it was, at one point down over 10% intra-month. However, momentum sharply reversed as trade tensions cooled. Solid corporate earnings growth also buoyed sentiment. The Federal Reserve kept interest rates on hold throughout the quarter, despite pressure from President Trump to cut rates. Concerns from the Fed around the uncertain impact of tariffs on inflation were the primary motivation for keeping rates on hold.

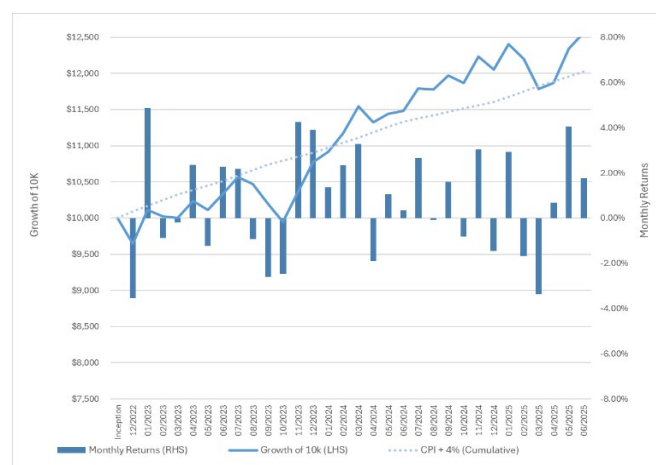
European equities lagged broader Developed Markets over the quarter, with the MSCI Europe Index (in EUR) returning 1.1%. European equity returns are in line with the US equity market calendar year-to-date, however. ECB officials delivered an eighth straight interest rate cut at their June meeting, citing “highly uncertain” global conditions, with persistent trade tensions likely remaining a headwind to the Eurozone economic outlook.

Australian equities performed broadly in line with Developed markets, returning 9.5% for the quarter. The Information Technology sector outperformed materially, returning 26.9%. Reflecting the volatility of returns for the IT sector, performance is much more aligned for IT relative to other sectors year-to-date. The Materials sector was weakest over the quarter, returning -0.4%. Following a decision to cut rates at its May meeting, the RBA surprised the market by electing to keep rates on hold, shortly after quarter end. The RBA cited an uncertain global outlook and relatively strong domestic employment conditions as reasons for maintaining the cash rate at 3.85%.

Fixed interest markets delivered positive returns over the quarter, with Australian bonds up 2.6% and global bonds returning 1.5%. There was some divergence in the movement of 10-year yields between Australia and the USA over the quarter. Australian 10-year yields fell 22bps to 4.16%, while US 10-year yields rose marginally, to 4.23% (+2bps).

There was continued broad-based US Dollar weakness across the quarter. The USD was weighed down by concerns over fiscal sustainability, political uncertainty, and the impact of the Trump administration's trade policy. The AUD appreciated over the quarter (+5.2%), supported by improving risk sentiment, weaker sentiment for the USD, and comparatively steady domestic conditions.

## Cumulative performance



Source: Morningstar Direct

## Portfolio Commentary

Over the June quarter, the High Growth portfolio returned 6.6% underperforming its benchmark but outperforming the CPI+4% investment objective.

## Performance contributors

### Best 5 Performers (3 mths)

Ironbark Robeco Glb Dev Enh Idx Eq H H	9.7
Macquarie Core Australian Equity Act ETF	9.6
iShares Hedged International Equity Idx	9.4
Macquarie Australian Small Companies	9.4
iShares Australian Equity Index	9.4

### Worst 5 Performers (3 mths)

BNP Paribas C WorldWide Global Eq Trust	0.2
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity Z	0.8
Cash	0.9
iShares Core Cash ETF	1.0
Resolution Capital Global Property Secs	1.7

Source: Morningstar Direct

## Portfolio structure

Fund	Weight %
iShares Australian Equity Index	12.0
iShares Hedged International Equity Idx	10.0
Airlie Australian Share	8.0
DNR Capital Aus Eq High Conviction R	8.0
Macquarie Core Australian Equity Act ETF	8.0
Ironbark Robeco Glb Dev Enh Idx Eq H H	7.0
JPMorgan Global Rsrch Enh Eqt I	6.0
Arrow street Global Equity No.2 Class I	5.0
ATLAS Infrastructure Global Fd AUD Hgd	5.0
Alphinity Global Equity	4.0
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity Z	4.0
Macquarie Australian Small Companies	4.0
Resolution Capital Global Property Secs	4.0
Smarter Money Long-Short Credit Instl	4.0
BNP Paribas C WorldWide Global Eq Trust	3.0
Schroder Global Value Fund (Hedged) - WC	3.0
Perpetual Pure Equity Alpha	2.0
iShares Core Cash ETF	1.0
Cash	2.0

## Portfolio changes

During the March quarter, the following changes were made to the portfolio.

### Fund Increases

Fund	Action
iShares Hedged International Equity Idx	Increase
Macquarie Core Australian Equity Act ETF	New Position
Smarter Money Long-Short Credit Instl	Increase
ATLAS Infrastructure Global Fd AUD Hgd	Increase

### Fund Decreases

Fund	Action
iShares Australian Equity Index	Trim
Airlie Australian Share	Trim
DNR Capital Aus Eq High Conviction R	Trim
iShares International Equity Index	Exit

The primary rationale for the changes were to add a systematic strategy in Macquarie to the manager line up to control risk from Australian equity manager stock selection decisions.

Additionally, currency hedging was increased within the global equity asset class to protect the fund during a period of global uncertainty.

Smarter Money and ATLAS funds were increased as a reflecting a desire to increase exposure to interest rate sensitive assets within the portfolio.

## Portfolio objective

The Portfolio objective is to deliver outperformance of the stated benchmark over rolling three-year periods and to achieve the CPI +4% objective.

**Benchmark:** Navegar High Growth Long-term Strategic Asset Allocation.

## Investment Philosophy

Navegar seeks to deliver outperformance of the benchmark over rolling three-year periods by:

- Robust investment profiles tailored to meet client objectives
- A diversified approach to portfolio construction, with a strong focus on risk
- Skilled active management at a reasonable cost to add value over and above the index to varying degrees in asset sectors
- Blending strategies with low correlations and non-directional strategies to achieve true diversification.

## Best contributors to performance (3 mths)

**Ironbark Robeco Glb Dev Enh Idx Eq** - Analyst Revisions was the strongest factor this quarter, especially shining in the post-Liberation day period quickly adapting to the changing market circumstances. Quality, Momentum and Short-term Signals also contributed positively. Value was a detractor to the performance, albeit only very small.

**Macquarie Core Australian Equity ETF** – The key contributors to relative performance included overweight positions in Ventia and Service Stream Limited (SSM), and an underweight position in IDP Education. The key detractors from relative performance included and underweight position in Woodside, and overweight positions in Northern Star Resources and South 32.

## Worst contributors to performance (3 mths)

**C WorldWide Global Eq Trust** - Among the biggest contributors to portfolio returns in June were TSMC, Microsoft and Amazon. Negative investor sentiment was alleviated by agreements to reduce mutual tariffs between the U.S. and China. This temporary tariff reduction boosted market confidence and allowed tech stocks to rally after previous losses. The biggest detractors in June were Visa, Nestlé and Progressive.

**GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity** - By sector, the portfolio was helped on a relative basis by an underweight to Consumer Discretionary, stock selection in Consumer Discretionary, and an overweight to Industrials. Relative performance was negatively impacted by an underweight to Information Technology, and stock selection in Energy and Financials, especially the underweight to banks.

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