

## **VIP Balanced Portfolio**

Monthly Review March 2018

## **Investment Objective**

The aim of the **VIP Balanced Portfolio** is to provide investors with a combination of capital growth and income over the medium to long term from investment within a diversified portfolio of growth assets (60% allocation to Australian shares, International shares, and property securities) and defensive assets (40% allocation to fixed interest and cash).

The portfolio is composed of 30 – 60 securities and consists of ASX listed securities, Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), Listed Investment Companies (LICs), Managed Funds, Government and Semi Government Bonds, Term Deposits and Cash.

## **Performance Review**

The VIP Balanced portfolio generated a -0.87% return  ${\it pre-fees}$  in March, and 0.14% return pre-fees over the quarter.

Over the last year the portfolio has generated a 8.86% return prefees and over 3 years 5.83%.

The post-fees returns for the *Investment* and *Superannuation & Pension* portfolios are shown **in blue** in the table below.

#### **Investment Growth**



-VIP Balanced Investment

### **Trailing Returns**

As of Date: 31/03/2018

|                                | 1 Month | 3 Month | 6 Month | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | 4 Years | 5 Years | Since<br>Inception |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| VIP Balanced PRE-FEES          | -0.87   | 0.14    | 5.45    | 8.86   | 8.30    | 5.83    | 8.15    | 8.98    | 9.83               |
| Net VIP Balanced Investment    | -0.98   | -0.20   | 4.75    | 7.40   | 6.85    | 4.41    | 6.70    | 7.52    | 8.36               |
| Net VIP Balanced Super-Pension | -1.00   | -0.24   | 4.65    | 7.20   | 6.65    | 4.21    | 6.50    | 7.31    | 8.16               |
| VIP Balanced Composite Index   | -1.17   | -1.55   | 2.98    | 3.76   | 7.38    | 4.17    | 7.17    | 8.08    | 9.08               |

#### **Tactical Asset Allocation**

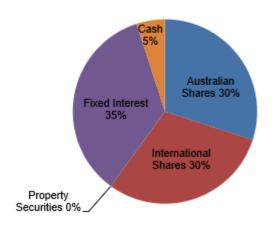
The VIP Balanced portfolios asset allocation as at 31/03/2018 was as follows:

- · Australian Shares 30%
- · International Shares 30%
- Property Securities 0%
- · Fixed Interest 35%
- · Cash 5%

The Growth asset allocation (Shares and Property Securities) is currently residing at its target level of 60%.

### **Balanced Portfolio TAA**

As at: 31/03/2018



#### Risk vs Return

The VIP portfolios aim to reduce volatility, or risk, over the long term and achieve excess returns per unit of risk that is taken compared to our Balanced Composite Index and the Morningstar Multi-sector Balanced Index.

The chart on the right plots return on the vertical axis against risk (in the form of Standard Deviation) on the horizontal index. Basically the higher up the vertical axis (high return) and the more left on the horizontal axis (low risk) is the ideal position that we aim for over the long term.

The chart on the right shows that the VIP Balanced portfolio (aqua triangle) has achieved a *higher return* and *lower risk* compared to the Balanced Composite Index (black pentagon) and our peers represented by the Morningstar Multi-sector Balanced index (red triangle) since inception on 01/07/2011.

This is the outcome we aim to achieve for our investors.

## Risk-Reward 12.0 10.0 8.0 6.0 4.0 2.0 0.0 2.0 4.0 6.0 8.0 0.0 Std Dev ▲ VIP Balanced VIP Balanced Composite Index Morningstar Aus Msec Balanced TR AUD

## **Month in Review - Economic & Market Commentary**

#### **Performance Review**

Throughout one of the most volatile starts to a year we have seen in decades, the asset allocation towards International Equities has prevailed as the best performer over the last quarter. Specifically, the Morphic Global Opportunities fund has been a steady holding of recent times, posting a 0.72% return for the month and a 2.69% return over the quarter. Morphic, with a slight underweighting to the US compared to the benchmark (MSCI All Countries World Daily Total Return Net Index), has managed to relatively negate the trade war noise coming out of the US, and has shown a preference towards Asia which has been beneficial.

In contrast to International Equities, the Australian Equities allocation has felt the brunt of the year's volatility thus far. Whilst still outperforming the S&P/ASX100 index, the VIP Australian Shares have experienced uncertainty as the market attempts to find its place after an incredible performance in the last quarter of 2017. With Financials making up approximately 40% of the ASX, it is to no surprise that the market experiences such volatility in the midst of the Banking Royal Commission in which some truly appalling practices have been revealed in the big 4 banks. While VIP obviously holds a decent weighting towards financials, this is still only about half of the index and thankfully the effect of the Commission is therefore softened.

## **Asset Allocation**

While growth assets sit at target weight, this is a result of an overweighting it International Equities given the positive economic outlook the world holds at this moment. As a result, property securities have held a zero weighting in the portfolio for a number of months as a result of the Investment Committee's belief that property has enjoyed its run and International Equities have a higher ceiling.

## **Going Forward**

Looking ahead, VIP keeps a keen eye on the Federal Budget on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, which will provide the Investment Committee with insight as to how the Government plans to spend the taxpayers' dollars and as such, how we should invest accordingly.

## **Australian Shares Portfolio**

## **International Shares Portfolio**

The VIP Australian Share Leaders portfolio generated a -2.67% **prefees** return for the month and -1.73% over the last 3 months. The portfolio outperformed the S&P/ASX 100 index in March by 1.23% and outperformed by 2.17% over the quarter.

Over the last year, the portfolio has generated an 11.01% return prefees outperforming the ASX 100 index by 9.44%.

The **Top Contributors** for the month were Brambles +5.66%, Spark Infrastructure Group +2.33%, and South32 +0.92%. The **Top Detractors** for the month were Challenger -8.41%, ANZ -7.54%, and Westpac Banking -6.99%.

The VIP International share portfolio generated a -0.50% return for the month **pre-fees** and 1.37% over the last 3 months. In doing so the portfolio outperformed the MSCI World Ex Aus (AUD) index by 0.03% and by 0.58%.

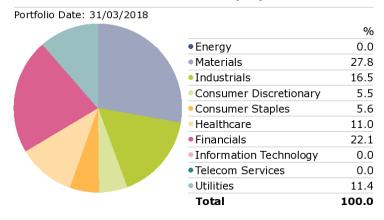
Over the last year, the portfolio has generated a 14.51% return and outperformed the index by 1.20%.

The **Top Contributors** were Morphic Global Opportunities +0.72%, iShares Europe ETF (AU) +0.40%, and AB Global Equities +0.17%. The **Top Detractors** were Magellan Global -1.54%, Platinum International Fund -1.28%.

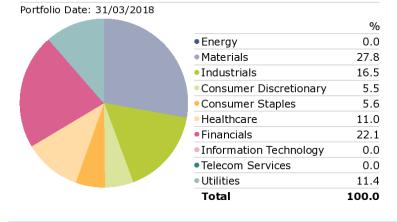
### VIP Australian Share Leaders - Holdings

|   | Ticker | Dividend<br>Yield %<br>TTM |
|---|--------|----------------------------|
| Brambles Ltd                                | BXB    | 3.39                       |
| James Hardie Industries PLC DR              | JHX    | 1.27                       |
| Spark Infrastructure Group                  | SKI    | 6.72                       |
| Boral Ltd                                   | BLD    | 4.01                       |
| AGL Energy Ltd                              | AGL    | 6.66                       |
| ResMed Inc DR                               | RMD    | 1.28                       |
| Treasury Wine Estates Ltd                   | TWE    | 2.02                       |
| Macquarie Group Ltd                         | MQG    | 5.53                       |
| Westpac Banking Corp                        | WBC    | 9.28                       |
| BHP Billiton Ltd                            | BHP    | 5.89                       |
| Challenger Ltd                              | CGF    | 4.44                       |
| Aristocrat Leisure Ltd                      | ALL    | 1.81                       |
| Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd | ANZ    | 8.55                       |
| CIMIC Group Ltd                             | CIM    | 3.98                       |
| South32 Ltd                                 | S32    | 5.37                       |
| Rio Tinto Ltd                               | RIO    | 6.71                       |
| CSL Ltd                                     | CSL    | 1.19                       |
| Seek Ltd                                    | SEK    | 3.39                       |

## VIP Australian Share Leaders - Equity Sectors



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#### VIP International - Holdings

| Portfolio Date: 31/03/2018      |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                 | Global<br>Category      |
| Platinum International Fund     | Global Equity Large Cap |
| AB Global Equities              | Global Equity Large Cap |
| Morphic Global Opportunities    | Global Equity Large Cap |
| Magellan Global                 | Global Equity Large Cap |
| iShares Europe ETF (AU)         | Europe Equity Large Cap |
| RBA Bank accepted Bills 90 Days |                         |

### **Australian Shares Portfolio Adjustments:**

In March, the VIP Investment Committee sold BTT and bought BLD in order to boost the portfolios holdings in infrastructure.

## **International Portfolio Adjustments:**

In March, the Investment Committee made no changes to the portfolio.

## **Property Securities Portfolio**

### Fixed Interest Portfolio

The VIP Property Securities portfolio generated a 0.91% return for the month **pre-fees** and 0.17% over the last 3 months. The portfolio outperformed the S&P/ASX 200 A-REIT index during the month by 0.84%, and over the quarter by 6.57%.

Over the last year, the portfolio has generated a 13.28% return and outperformed the index by 14.05%.

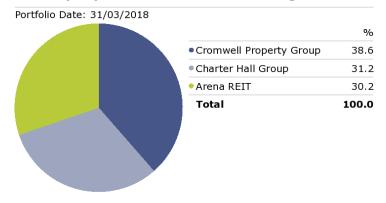
The **Top Contributor** was Cromwell Property Group +8.59%. the **Top Detractors** Arena REIT -4.70%, and Charter Hall Group -2.05%.

The VIP Fixed Interest portfolio generated a 0.66% return for the month **pre-fees** and 0.88% over the last 3 months. This was against the Bloomberg AusBond Composite index return of 0.84% over the month and 0.87% over the quarter.

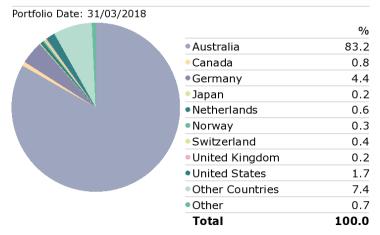
The portfolio underperformed the index by 0.18% over the month, and outperformed by 0.01% over the last 3 months.

The **Top Contributor** was iShares Core Composite Bond (AU) 0.80%, and the **Top Detractor** was Realm High Income -0.04%.

## **VIP Property Securities - Portfolio Holdings**



## VIP Fixed Interest - Country Exposure



## **VIP Property Securities - Holdings**

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2018

|                         | Ticker | Dividend<br>Yield %<br>TTM |
|-------------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| Cromwell Property Group | CMW    | 7.84                       |
| Charter Hall Group      | CHC    | 5.97                       |
| Arena REIT              | ARF    | 5.76                       |

#### VIP Fixed Interest Portfolio - Income Yield

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2018

|                                 | Income<br>Return 1<br>Yr<br>(Mo-End) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| iShares Core Composite Bond ETF | 2.33                                 |
| Realm High Income               | 2.62                                 |

## **Property Securities Portfolio Adjustments:**

# In March, the Investment Committee made no changes to the portfolio.

## **Fixed Interest Portfolio Adjustments:**

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