

# **VIP Conservative Portfolio**

**Monthly Review** 

# November 2018

# **Investment Objective**

The aim of the **VIP Conservative Portfolio** is to provide investors with a reliable income stream with the potential for moderate capital growth over the medium to long term from investment within a diversified portfolio heavily weighted to defensive assets (70% allocation to fixed interest and cash) and holding some growth assets (30% allocation to Australian shares, International shares, and property securities).

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 Conservative portfolio generated a -0.63% return **pre-fees** in November, and -2.41% return pre-fees in the quarter.

Over the last year the portfolio has generated a 1.34% return **pre-fees** and underperformed by 0.72%.

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

#### **Tactical Asset Allocation**

The VIP Conservative portfolios asset allocation as at 30/11/18 was as follows:

- Australian Shares 15%
- · International Shares 15%
- Property Securities 0%
- · Fixed Interest 60%
- · Cash 10%



| Trailing Returns                   |         |         |         |        | 3      | 0/11/2018 |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|
|                                    | 1 Month | 3 Month | 6 Month | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year    |
| VIP Conservative PRE-FEES          | -0.63   | -2.41   | -0.14   | 1.34   | 6.50   | 7.48      |
| Net VIP Conservative Investment    | -0.70   | -2.61   | -0.54   | 0.54   | 5.70   | 6.68      |
| Net VIP Conservative Super-Pension | -0.74   | -2.75   | -0.82   | -0.01  | 5.15   | 6.13      |
| VIP Conservative Composite Index   | -0.30   | -2.08   | 0.73    | 2.06   | 7.08   | 8.22      |

|                        | % End Weight | Tot Rtn 1M | Tot Rtn 3M | Tot Rtn 6M | Tot Rtn 1Y | Total Return YTD (%) |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| VIP CONSERVATIVE       | 100.00       | -0.63      | -2.41      | -0.14      | 1.34       | 1.46                 |
| Australian Equities    | 13.23        | -3.61      | -10.94     | -7.22      | -4.06      | -6.05                |
| CASHLiquid             | 10.01        | 0.15       | 0.48       | 0.99       | 1.91       | 1.77                 |
| Fixed Income           | 60.00        | 0.03       | 0.27       | 1.48       | 2.17       | 2.53                 |
| International Equities | 15.00        | -1.59      | -6.44      | -0.70      | 1.99       | 3.65                 |

### Month in Review - Economic & Market Commentary

#### **Economic Outlook**

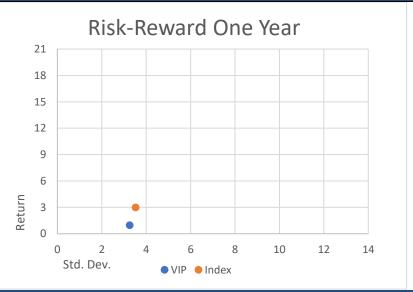
After a significant decline in the market in the month of October the worries in the market have not retreated as the market struggled to bounce back throughout November as investors have become more bearish and have begun reassessing the fundamentals of the market and the Australian economy entering the new year. This resulted in a further decline of 2.8% of the ASX S&P 200 Price Index over the month, with similar loses being felt around the world as trade tensions continue to escalate and further increased uncertainty around Brexit has made the market increasingly nervous about the future.

Trade tensions between China and the US have continued to put significant pressure on the markets. The market reacted positively to the outcome of the G20 summit as President Trump and President Xi agreed to a 90-day halt on increasing trade tariffs. Unfortunately, dialogue out of the two countries recast doubt on whether an agreement could be made within those 90 days and the market slid back into a decline. The trade relationship between the US and China has the capacity to spill over into Australia and investors have begun to price that into the market assisting in its decline over November.

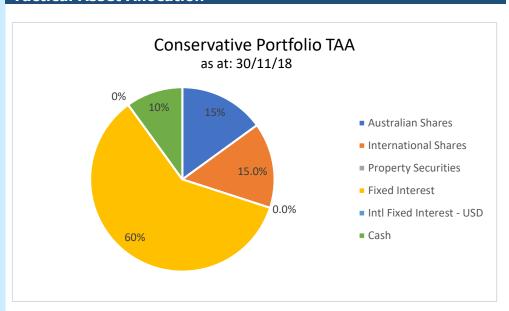
The outcome of Brexit is increasingly uncertain with Prime Minister Theresa May recently calling off the parliamentary vote on the Brexit deal due to a lack of support from parliament, meaning that the deal needs to be reformed. With the March deadline for the exit coming around quickly, business has increased concerns around the investment certainty that was once facilitated by the EU. Australian investors have followed suit as they become increasingly bearish about the outcome of Brexit and have become less optimistic about the outcome on business and trade.

The hearings for the Banking Royal Commission have ended and the final report is due in the first few months of next year, the major banks have been suffering under the scrutiny and there is more bleeding to come. The state of the Italian economy has also been weighing in on investor behaviour with concerns that the European Central Bank will have to intervene to stimulate Italy's economy, the third largest economy in Europe (Excluding the UK). Overall, the market has been extremely volatile over the last month, the market is playing catch up and is pricing in a lot of the current uncertainty. A positive US-China trade agreement and a comprehensive, business friendly Brexit would increase positivity in the market and build momentum to recoup the losses incurred over the last quarter.

### Risk vs Return



### **Tactical Asset Allocation**



# **Australian Shares Portfolio**

The VIP Australian Share Leaders portfolio generated a -2.67% **pre-fees** return for the month and -10.05% over the last 3 months. The portfolio underperformed the S&P/ASX 200 index over the month by 0.43% and underperformed by 0.74% over the guarter.

Over the last year, the portfolio has generated a -3.66% return pre-fees underperforming the ASX 200 index by 2.70%.

The **Top Contributors** were Costa Group Holdings 24.75%, ANZ 6.5%, and REA Group 6.21%. The **Top Detractors** were James Hardie Industries -14.85%, South32 -14.36%, and Cimic Group -14.15%.

#### VIP Australian Share Leaders Holdings

|                              | % End Weight |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| VIP AUSTRALIAN SHARE LEADERS | 100.00       |
| WESTERN AREAS LTD            | 2.74         |
| SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL        | 2.80         |
| WESTPAC BANKING CORP         | 2.99         |
| AUST AND NZ BANKING GROUP    | 3.17         |
| ARISTOCRAT LEISURE LTD       | 4.77         |
| SEVEN GROUP HOLDINGS LTD     | 4.78         |
| SOUTH32 LTD                  | 4.78         |
| JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES-CDI  | 4.85         |
| CIMIC GROUP LTD              | 5.19         |
| BBG AUB Bank Bill            | 5.29         |
| COMPUTERSHARE LTD            | 5.33         |
| BHP BILLITON LIMITED         | 5.49         |
| RIO TINTO LTD                | 5.52         |
| ARB CORP LTD                 | 5.57         |
| CSL LTD                      | 5.58         |
| SEEK LTD                     | 5.69         |
| RESMED INC-CDI               | 6.00         |
| REA GROUP LTD                | 6.09         |
| BENDIGO AND ADELAIDE BANK    | 6.18         |
| COSTA GROUP HOLDINGS LTD     | 7.19         |

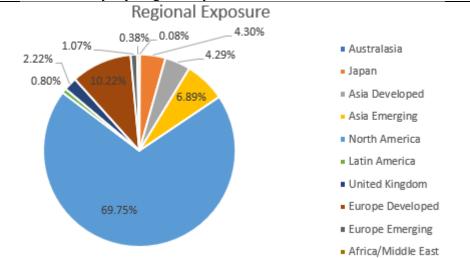
# **International Shares Portfolio**

The VIP International Share Portfolio generated a -1.01% return for the month **pre-fees** and -4.91% over the last 3 months. In doing so the portfolio outperformed the MSCI World Ex Aus (AUD) index by 0.82% for the month and outperformed by 1.71%.

Over the last year, the portfolio has generated a 3.16% return and underperformed the index by 1.07%.

The **Top Contributors** were Winton Global Alpha 1.71% and BBG AUG Bank Bill 0.15%. The **Top Detractors** were Platinum International Fund -2.74%, Loftus Peak Global Disruption -2.50%, and Magellan Global Fund -2.07%.

#### **VIP International Equity Region Exposure**



# VIP Australian Share Leaders Equity Sectors VIP International Equity Holdings

| Materials (26.19)             |                             | % End Weight |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
|                               | VIP INTERNATIONAL           | 100.00       |
| Information Technology (5.33) | BBG AUB Bank Bill           | 2.13         |
| Industrials (15.66)           | LOFTUS PEAK GLOBAL DISRUPTN | 12.69        |
|                               | PLATINUM INTERNATIONAL FUND | 19.55        |
| Indexes (5.29)                | WINTON GLOBAL ALPHA FD      | 21.48        |
|                               | ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN GLB EQ FD | 22.04        |
| Health Care (11.58)           | MAGELLAN GLOBAL FD          | 22.11        |
| Financials (12.34)            |                             |              |

# **Australian Shares Portfolio Adjustments**

Consumer Staples (7.19)

Consumer Discretionary (10.33)

Communication Services (6.09)

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

# **International Shares Portfolio Adjustments**

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

| Property | y Securities | Portfolio |
|----------|--------------|-----------|
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The VIP Property Securities portfolio generated a 2.36% return for the month **pre-fees** and -1.94% over the last 3 months. The portfolio overperformed the S&P/ASX 200 A-REIT index during the month by 2.80%, and outperformed over the quarter by 3.31%.

Over the last year, the portfolio has generated a 11.00% return and outperformed the index by 8.33%.

The **Top Contributors** were Arena REIT 10.60% and Charter Hall 1.30% The **Top Detractor** was Cromwell Property Group -3.26%.

# **VIP Property Securities Holdings**

|                         | % End Weight |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| VIP PROPERTY SECURITIES | 100.00       |
| ARENA REIT              | 31.17        |
| CROMWELL PROPERTY GROUP | 33.73        |
| CHARTER HALL GROUP      | 35.10        |

# **Property Securities Portfolio Adjustments**

In November, the VIP Investment Committee made no changes to the portfolio.

#### **Fixed Interest Portfolio**

The VIP Fixed Interest portfolio generated a 0.10% return for the month **pre-fees** and 0.29% over the last 3 months. This was against the Bloomberg AusBond Composite index return of 0.24% over the month and 0.30% over the quarter.

The portfolio underperformed the index by 0.14% over the month and underperformed by 0.01% over the last 3 months.

The **Top Contributor** was iShares Core Composite Bond +0.20%. The **Top Detractor** was Realm High Income -0.19%.

#### **VIP Fixed Interest Holdings**

|                             | % End Weight |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| VIP FIXED INTEREST          | 100.00       |
| REALM HIGH INCOME FUND-WHL  | 25.05        |
| ISHARES CORE COMPOSITE BOND | 74.95        |

#### **Fixed Interest Portfolio Adjustments**

In November, the VIP Investment Committee made no changes to the portfolio.

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