

# VIP Australian Share Leaders Portfolio

#### March 2022 Quarterly Update

## Investment Objective

The aim of the VIP Australian Shares Leaders Portfolio is to provide investors with investment income and capital growth in excess of the S&P/ASX 300 Index over the long term from investment in a portfolio of medium to large capitalisation Australian companies. The portfolio invests in 10 to 40 Australian shares within the S&P/ASX 300 index that have been selected via a quantitative, qualitative screening process, and align with macroeconomic themes identified by our analysts and consultants to generate excess returns over the long term.

#### **Investment Strategy**

Using our tailored quantitative models our analysts identify companies that meet 57 financial and market measures testing over 7200 data points to identify undervalued securities. Our team analyses company reports, external consultant material, and research papers to identify strong company fundamentals and assessments of potential benefits from macroeconomic trends, forecasts, and developments. Finally, using risk models we test the diversification of potential portfolio constructions to ensure that client risk parameters are met and that an acceptable risk/reward trade off is achieved.

#### Portfolio Performance

	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	Y.T.D.	1 Year	3 Year (p.a.)	5 Year (p.a.)	7 Year (p.a.)	Since Inception (p.a.)
Gross Returns	3.66%	1.04%	1.52%	1.04%	19.54%	14.04%	9.86%	7.81%	10.30%
Net Returns	3.59%	0.97%	1.12%	0.97%	18.74%	13.24%	9.06%	7.01%	9.50%
Benchmark Returns	6.89%	2.24%	4.38%	2.24%	14.97%	10.59%	9.22%	7.81%	9.83%



#### Market Commentary

Volatility, due to economic uncertainty, dominated the March quarter with equity markets swinging aggressively.

As the new year started, the emergence of a fifth COVID variant (Omicron) and what it meant for inflation and interest rates gripped investors. The word transitory (to describe inflation) disappeared, the realization that global interest rates were set for sustained hikes gained mainstream acceptance and equity markets tanked. This resulted in a divergence in investor behaviour; many institutional investors recognizing the difficulty central banks are likely to have curtailing inflation, rotated out of interest-rate sensitive stocks into resources and other commodities, while bargain hunters upon realizing that Omicron wasn't as severe as earlier versions began 'buying the dip' and the Australian equity market rallied recovering half its YTD losses.

However, when Russia attacked Ukraine in mid-February, it was just one too many negatives for nervous investors and global equity markets tanked again. Then in the last few weeks of March, the US printed a massive inflation figure of 8.5%, but core inflation looked low and bargain hunters (use to decades of loose monetary policy and pumped-up equity markets) once again began buying the dip and Australia's equity market ended the quarter in line with where it started the year.

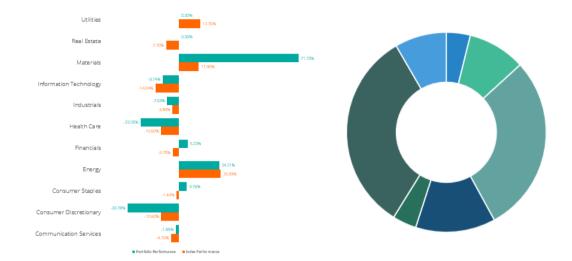


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#### 3 Month Sector Performance

#### **Current Sector Allocation**

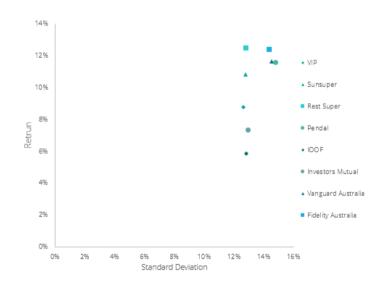


- Consumer Discretionary 2%
- Consumer Staples 6%
- Financials 1796
- Industrials 896
- Information Technology 2%
- Materials 20%
- Real Estate 5%

## 3 Month Holdings Performance

### 5 Year Risk/Return Profile





## Upside & Downside Capture

	3 Month	5 Year
Upside Capture	91%	98%
Downside Capture	94%	92%

## Portfolio Facts

Inception Date	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2011
Asset Class	Multi-Asset
Platform Availability	Xplore Wealth
Index Benchmark	ASX/S&P 200 Index
Investment Horizon	5 – 7 Years
Minimum Investment	\$75,000 AUD
Management Fee (Exc. GST)	0.80%

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