VIP Balanced Portfolio

December 2024 Portfolio Update (SMA Class)

Investment Description

The model provides an actively managed diversified portfolio with a strategic allocation of 60% in growth assets and 40% in defensive assets. The manager uses tactical asset allocation within pre-defined ranges as a key contributor to the manager's investment objective and core philosophy of minimising portfolio volatility.

Portfolio Updates

Over the month of December Global central banks eased rates as inflation moderated, though policy abroad remained more restrictive than in Australia. Equity markets initially reacted positively to the US election, driven by optimism, but retreated later as tariffs were announced. Australian bond yields fluctuated, with 3-year yields ending 9bps lower (3.82%) and 10-year yields rising 2bps (4.36%). These conditions supported VIP's Balanced Portfolio, delivering a 11.84% YTD return.

Portfolio Facts

Inception Date	1st August 2021
Asset Class	Multi-Asset
Platform Availability	Praemium
Index Benchmark	VIP Balanced Composite Index
Investment Horizon	5 - 7 Years
Suggested Minimum Investment	\$200,000 AUD
Management Fee (Exc. GST)	0.60%

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.)*	Inception (p.a.)*
Gross Returns	-0.82%	1.53%	6.02%	11.84%	11.84%	4.72%	7.08%	7.10%	8.57%
Net Returns	-0.86%	1.42%	5.79%	11.46%	11.39%	4.27%	6.63%	6.65%	8.12%
Benchmark Returns	-0.70%	1.99%	7.53%	13.54%	13.54%	5.50%	6.62%	7.25%	8.79%

^{*}Returns based on the MDA Class since its inception given the only differences between the two class from a return perspective is the different management fee and relative performance to a different performance benchmark.



Portfolio Asset Allocation

Sector Allocation



- Australian Equities 21%
- International Equities 25%
- Property Securities 8%
- Domestic Fixed Interest 23%
- International Fixed Interest 16%
- Cash 5%
- Alternative 2%



- Communication Services 2%
- Consumer Discretionary 2%
- Consumer Staples 4%
- Energy 2%
- Financials 8%
- Health Care 6%
- Industrials 4%
- Information Technology 9%
- Materials 2%
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