

# Multi-Sector Series Portfolios

# August 2024

Trade Update by Morningstar

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Morningstar has made changes to the Morningstar Multi-Sector Series Portfolios on BT Panorama in August 2024. The changes are designed to reflect our best strategy ideas from an asset allocation, manager selection and manager allocation perspective. We've also rebalanced the portfolios to the targeted growth and defensive asset allocation.

All changes are consistent with Morningstar's long-term SAA where we prefer:

- Global equity over Australian equity.
- A balanced allocation to investment styles.
- Have an equal preference for International bonds and Australian bonds.
- To have return diversification from sources other than alternative strategies.

In all changes we have considered portfolio balance, diversification, the risk adjusted return outlook (inherent in Morningstar analyst rating) and portfolio turnover and trading costs...

## Defensive Portfolio

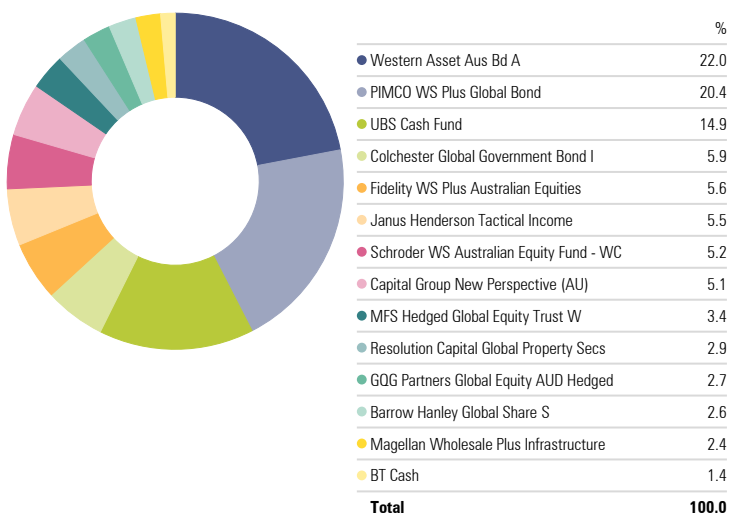
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The portfolio maintains a mild overweight in both Australian and international fixed interest due to attractive yields on offer and for the portfolio diversification benefits. No changes to the allocations inside these asset classes were made over the period. Cash is maintained at underweight relative to the SAA and is funding the fixed interest exposures that also increases the portfolio's interest rate duration and equity market diversification.

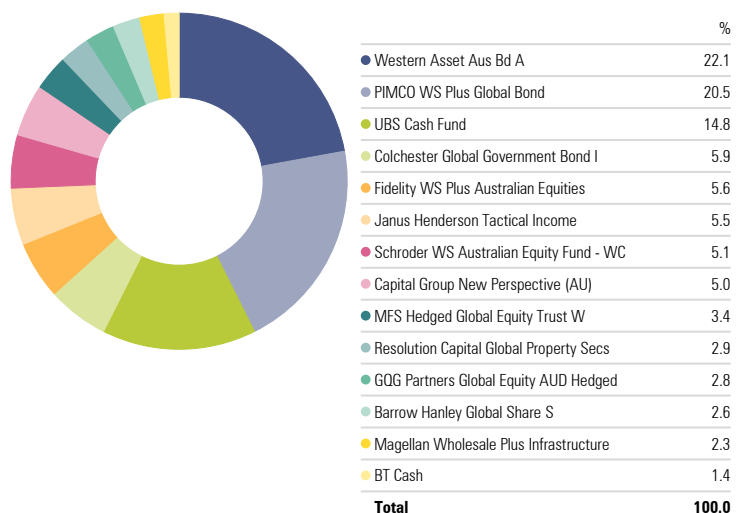
The portfolio's equity allocation maintains a preference to global over local stocks due to diversification and relative valuation within the managers themselves, while both allocations are neutral to the SAA weights. Following the financial year end fund distributions and the subsequent buildup in cash, Fidelity Australian Equities (Gold) was rebalanced to its target weight, as was Capital Group New Perspective Fund (Gold).

There were no changes to manager's weight, with exposure to MFG Core Infrastructure Fund (Silver) held at the target weight. The result is a neutral weighting relative to the SAA.

## Previous Allocation



## Current Allocation



## Moderate Portfolio

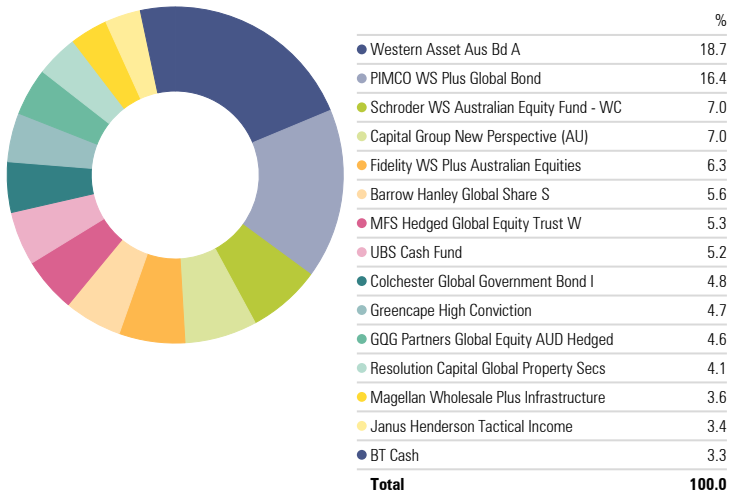
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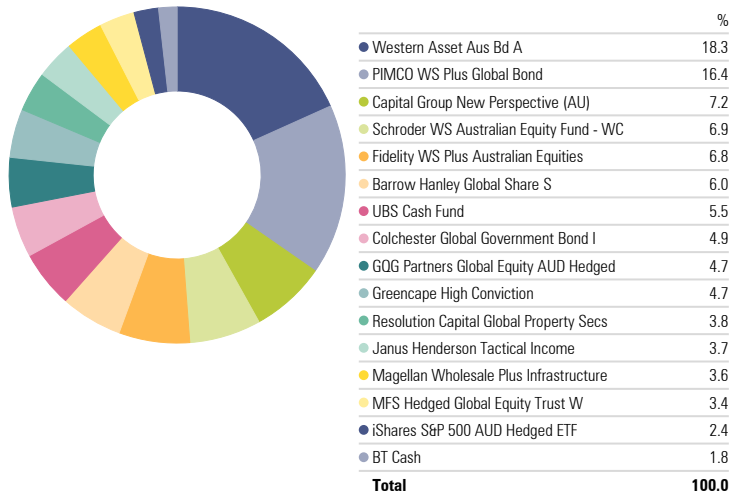
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The property and infrastructure overweight allocation is being maintained given the asset class's relative valuation and interest rate sensitivity. Our preference remains with global property over infrastructure.

### Previous Allocation



### Current Allocation



## Balanced Portfolio

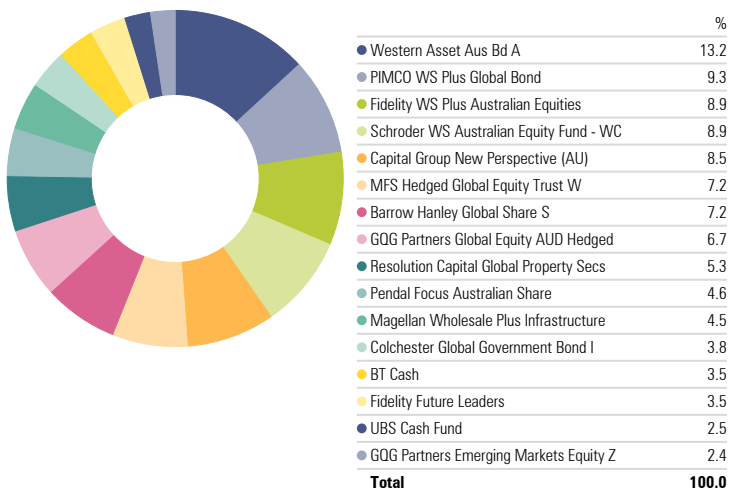
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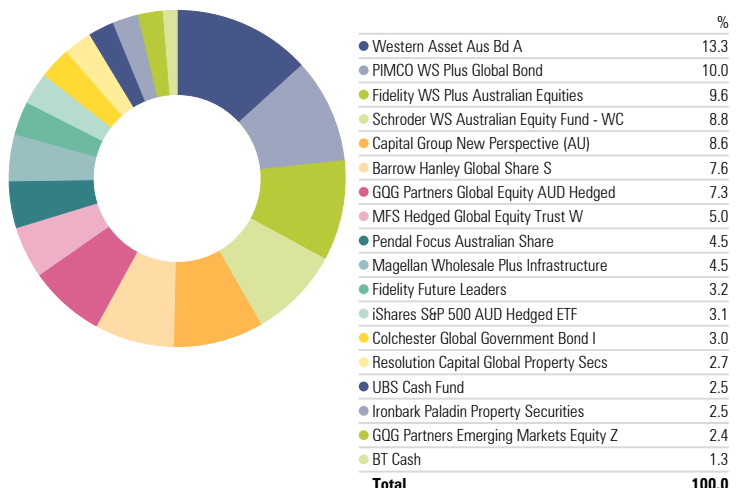
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### Previous Allocation



### Current Allocation



## Growth Portfolio

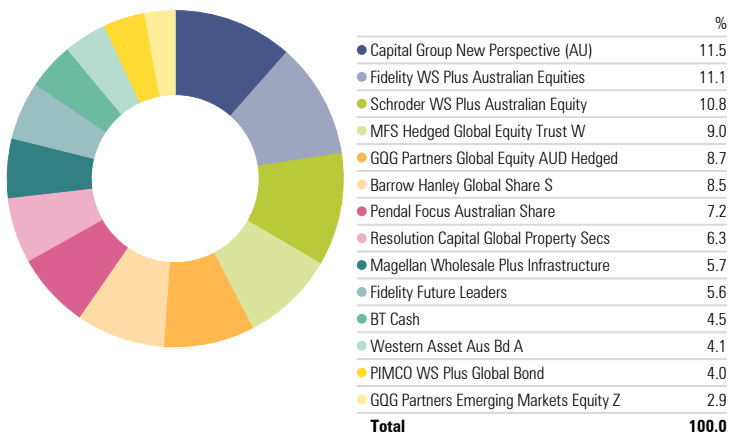
The portfolio rebalanced to an equal weight to defensive and growth assets relative to its SAA benchmark.

The portfolio maintains a neutral weight to both Australian and international fixed interest relative to the strategic asset allocations (SAA) due to attractive yields on offer and for the portfolio diversification benefits. No changes to the allocations inside these asset classes were made over the period. Cash is maintained at underweight relative to the SAA and is effectively funding the fixed interest exposures, while acting as an equity market diversifier.

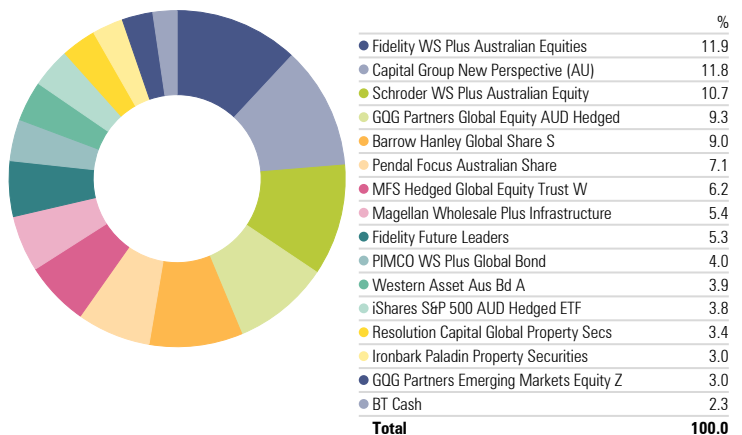
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The property and infrastructure allocations outperformed over the recent period and so we made changes to now include Australian property given more attractive relative valuations. This has seen both MFG Core Infrastructure Fund (Silver) and iShares Global Listed Property Index Fund (Hedged Class S) (Bronze) decreased, funding the new position in Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index ETF (Gold). With the inclusion of Australian property, these asset classes are now overweight compared to the SAA as we maintain conviction in their relative valuations.

### Previous Allocation



### Current Allocation



## High Growth Portfolio

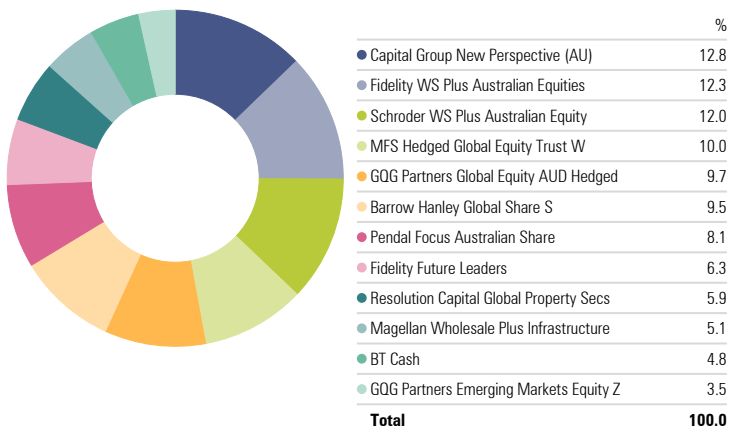
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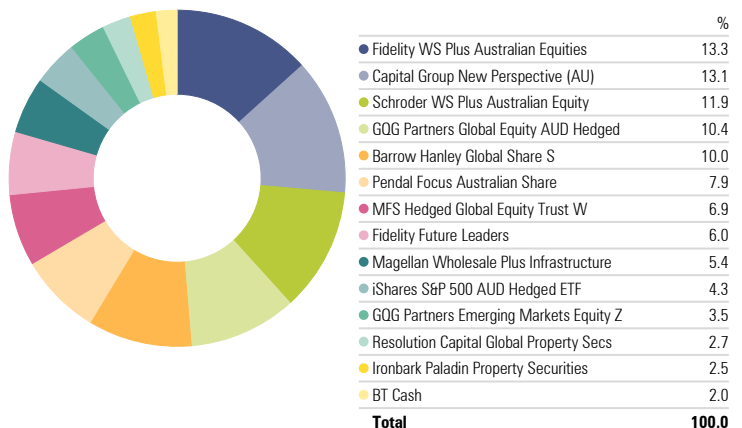
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### Previous Allocation



### Current Allocation



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