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MONTHLY REVIEW – JULY 2019

Fund Objective

The objective of the Market Matters Active Income SMA is to provide a high level of regular tax-effective income with lower volatility than the underlying share market. This is achieved by actively managing a portfolio of high yielding equities combined with ASX listed income securities that offer diversification benefits to both Australian equities and cash or term deposits.

Portfolio Returns

	1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	FYTD
Fund	1.54%	6.30%	11.53%	10.28%	1.54%
Benchmark	0.42%	1.31%	2.65%	5.44%	0.42%
Relative	+1.12%	+4.99%	+8.88%	+4.84%	+1.12%

Portfolio Details

Current number of securities: 17

Portfolio Return Objective: RBA Cash +4%

Portfolio Manager: James Gerrish

FYTD Return: +1.54%

Cash Position: 17.50%

Top 5 Holdings

Code	Security	Sector
CBA	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Financials
CBAPF	CBA 1.72803 PERP	Financials
GMA	Genworth Mortgage Insurance Aust.	Financials
MXT	MCP Master Income Trust	Financials
NAB	National Australia Bank Ltd	Financials

Markets & Positioning

Another solid month of returns for our income orientated portfolio as strength in stock markets along with a continued support of 'yield' assets helped to drive anther strong outcome.

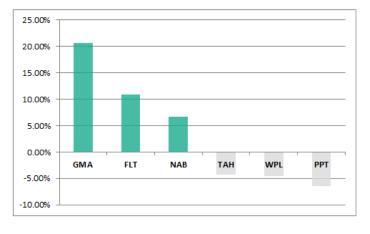
More broadly, the Australian share market relished in the backdrop of lower interest rates, with the S&P/ASX 200 index up 2.93% for July, the 8th month in a row it has posted gains, starting the new financial year on the front foot.

The portfolio remains skewed towards equities with a ~50% allocation while holding ~30% in income securities along with a relatively high cash balance - cash has risen into recent market strength. Our expectation is to deploy this cash through reporting season as more opportunities arise.

A strong result from mortgage Insurer Genworth (GMA) during the month and announcement of a special dividend was pleasing.

Monthly Holding Performance

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PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The Market Matters Active Income Portfolio added +1.54% for the month of July strongly outperforming its absolute return benchmark of RBA cash plus 4%.

GENWORTH (GMA): The mortgage insurer delivered 1H19 results during the month and while overall written premiums were down substantially this was no surprise and the lower written premiums mean more excess capital available for share buy-backs along with special dividends. To that end, GMA announced a substantial 21.9cps special dividend (unfranked) in addition to their 9cps fully franked ordinary dividend. This takes total yield for the 12 months to over 15% inclusive of franking credits. With 6% / 25m shares short sold in GMA, we could see short covering play out from here. The share price rallied strongly. We hold GMA

NATIONAL BANK (NAB): NAB's share price has risen by ~20% since the Federal election in May and it has outperformed the other major banks by an average of ~6%. A combination of stronger commercial lending data over and above residential lending and the appointment of a new, well regarded CEO has supported the share price.

Ross McEwan comes to NAB from the CEO's chair at Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), where he served from 2013 to April 2019. McEwan was also a former exec for CBA and is set to take the reins by April. The market applauded the appointment. We hold NAB.

FLIGHT CENTRE (FLT): The travel business was added to the income portfolio in recent times and the position is showing some strength. During the month I sat down with Shaw and Partners Senior Analyst, Darren Vincent for his take on the stock.







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