

Infinity Australian Equity Portfolio

March 2024

Market Commentary

Financial markets continued their upward trajectory over March, ending a strong 1q24. Markets continue to be buoyed by the relative strength of the US economy despite the fact that the potential for rate cuts (including the number of cuts) is being pushed further into the back end of 2024. We continue to expect that the Fed will cut rates through the 2h24 (beginning in August), although given the recent strength of the data, it is increasingly likely that the Fed will be looking at two (of -50bps) as opposed to three rate cuts. While this is likely to see bond yields remain elevated, we still believe that financial markets (particularly growth assets) can continue their upward trajectory over the year. Through the month several markets reached (another) all time high, including the ASX 200 Index post the 1h24 reporting season which saw an upward revision on the earnings outlook for the market. This followed on from the most recent US reporting season, which also saw an increase in the earnings outlook. However, given the rally in equity markets through the 1q24, our valuation assessment is now seeing several markets trade at the upper end of our fair value range. However, we don't see markets as outright expensive and believe that should earnings continue to remain sound, we believe that equity markets can move higher. Despite market consternation over the extent and timing of any rate cuts from the Fed, bond markets were able to move higher (yields lower) over the month. This supported a strong return across global bond markets led by the domestic Treasury market. While we now believe that we are passed the top if the global rate tightening cycle the potential for inflation and (by consequence) cash rates to be higher for longer remains. While this likely to see ongoing gyrations across financial markets, we continue to see opportunities across both 'growth' and 'defensive' asset classes. However, given the current macro and market backdrop, our focus remains on mitigating exposures where we feel that risk/reward outcome is not justified, both in the short and medium term. Overall, we continue to maintain a broad-based investment strategy across the entirety of our portfolios, but with a view to modifying individual portfolio risk exposures as market dynamics evolve.

Portfolio Commentary

The portfolio continued its strong start to the year, recording a return of 4.10% in March, which was ahead of the benchmark's return of 3.27%. Pleasingly, performance over the last 12 months is materially ahead of the benchmark.

The domestic equity market moved higher over the month, clocking up 5 consecutive months of positive performance. Pleasingly, all underlying managers printed positive returns for the month. The top performing manager in March was Paradice Equity Alpha Plus Fund (+5.13%). Select long positions were the largest contributor to the buoyant performance. Infinity SMID Australian Equity Fund (+5.07%) performed strongly in its first month in the portfolio and handily outperformed its own index. Infinity SMID's key overweight positions in select materials and industrials names propelled the strategy higher. Infinity Core Australian Equity Fund (+3.72%) was again in the black in March and comfortably ahead of the ASX 200. Stock selection in healthcare, industrials, and REITs contributed the most in the month.

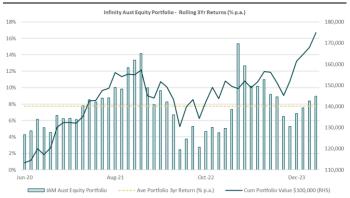
OC Premium Small Companies Fund (+3.55%) and Auscap Long Short Australian Equities Fund (+3.50%) were the weakest performers on a relative basis, but still registered respectable returns.

Performance

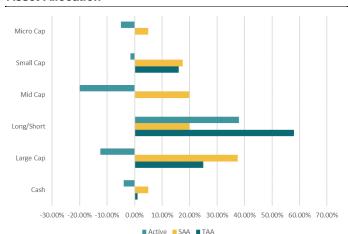
Period	Portfolio (%)	Growth (%)	Income (%)
1mth	4.10%	4.10%	0.00%
3mths	8.35%	8.44%	-0.10%
6mths	15.66%	15.10%	0.56%
1yr (p.a.)	17.82%	13.57%	4.25%
3yrs (p.a.)	8.95%	8.34%	0.61%
5yrs (p.a.)	8.72%	6.83%	1.89%

Source: FE Analytics. Since inception July 2017. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Cumulative Portfolio Value (\$)



Asset Allocation



Portfolio Characteristics

Characteristic	Portfolio	
3yr Risk (std dev %)	14.0%	
Sharpe Ratio	0.3	
Risk/Return Ratio	0.6	
Mthly OPR ratio (%)	63.4%	
Tracking Error (%)	4.0%	
Information Ratio	0.3	

Source: Financial Express Analytics, Infinity Asset Mgt.





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Portfolio Changes:

There were no changes made to the portfolio in March. Consequently, the portfolio continues to be overweight Long Short strategies, with this being offset by underweights to Large Caps and Mid Caps. The portfolio is slightly underweight Small Caps and there remains no exposure to Micro Caps.

The table below provides a snapshot of the major positions within the portfolio at the end of the March.

Manager	Sector	Asset Class	%
Infinity Core Australian Equity Fund	Concentrated Core	Aust Equity	25.00%
Paradice Equity Alpha Plus Fund	Long/Short	Aust Equity	19.50%
CC Sage Capital Equity Plus Fund	Long/Short	Aust Equity	19.00%
Auscap Long Short Equity Fund	Long/Short	Aust Equity	16.00%
OC Fund Management Premium Small Companies Fund	Small Cap	Aust Equity	14.00%

Portfolio Overview:

Product Code:	Panorama: DAM3239AU	Hub: INF007	NWL: MAC000379	
Asset Class:	Australian Equities			
Style:	Active			
B'chmk Index:	Refer PDS for details			
Min. Inv Horizon:	5 to 7 years			
Min Inv Amt:	A\$25,000			
Inv Mgt Fee:	0.3596% p.a.			

Investment Objective:

To deliver outperformance of the benchmark over a rolling three year period.

Designed for Investors who:

Seek exposure to a diversified mix of Australian equity investments with a focus on capital appreciation over the longer term and who can tolerate a high level of investment risk that includes the potential for negative returns in any single year.