Navegar Australian Equity Mid and Small Cap Portfolio (PROC02MAS)

Portfolio performance - June 2026

	1 mth (%)	3 mth (%)	6 mth (%)	1 yr (% pa)	S.I. (% pa)
Portfolio Total Return	1.3	7.4	-5.8	4.8	5.8
Benchmark*	-0.2	4.8	-5.9	7.1	7.2

Source: BT Performance history from 1 September 2018. Net of fund manager fees

* The Benchmark is the performance of the S&P/ASX Mid-Small Cap Index

Market review

Global share markets rebounded strongly over the June quarter as investor confidence recovered following the March sell-off. Resilient corporate earnings and renewed enthusiasm for artificial intelligence drove a broad recovery in risk assets, while easing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East helped improve sentiment. Late in the quarter, a tentative US-Iran memorandum of understanding reduced concerns around energy supply disruptions, contributing to a sharp fall in oil prices. While this supported market sentiment, the agreement remained fragile, and uncertainty persisted around shipping routes and regional energy infrastructure. Against this backdrop, easing inflation concerns and interest rate expectations remained important drivers of market performance.

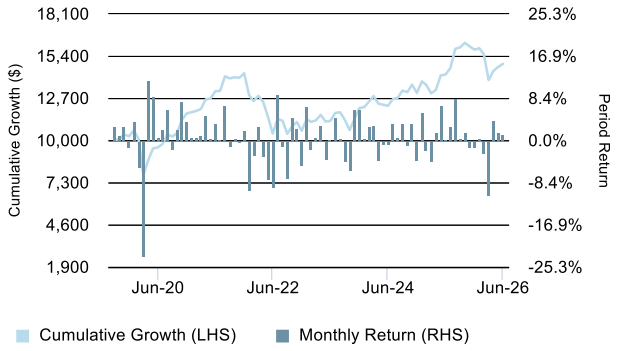
Australian shares delivered positive returns but lagged major global markets, with the S&P/ASX 200 Index rising +4.0%. Improving investor confidence supported broad gains across the market, led by consumer discretionary, information technology and materials, while industrials and real estate also recorded solid gains. In contrast, the sharp decline in oil prices weighed heavily on the energy sector, while healthcare also detracted following weaker sector earnings. Smaller companies participated in the recovery but slightly underperformed larger peers, with the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Index rising +3.3%.

International shares delivered exceptional gains, with the MSCI All Country World Index rising +13.6% unhedged and +14.9% hedged. US shares advanced strongly as robust corporate earnings and renewed optimism surrounding AI supported technology and growth sectors. European markets also delivered strong returns as easing energy prices and improving economic confidence lifted investor sentiment, while Japan benefited from a weaker yen, AI enthusiasm and resilient domestic conditions. Emerging markets outperformed developed markets, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index rising +22.6%, driven by exceptional gains across Asia, particularly Korea and Taiwan. China was a notable exception, declining over the quarter amid ongoing concerns about its economic outlook. Global small companies also rebounded strongly, with the MSCI World ex Australia Small Cap Index rising +14.0%.

Property and infrastructure delivered positive returns over the quarter. Global listed property performed well, with the FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed Index (hedged) up +8.8%, supported by improving sentiment towards interest rate-sensitive assets and lower bond yield volatility. Infrastructure also advanced, with the FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Index (hedged) rising +2.6%, underpinned by its defensive earnings profile and continued demand for essential infrastructure assets.

Fixed interest markets delivered positive returns over the quarter. Australian fixed interest outperformed global peers, with the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index rising +2.6% as domestic bond yields declined. Global fixed interest also advanced, with the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (hedged) up +1.5%, despite US Treasury yields finishing slightly higher over the quarter. Credit markets also delivered positive returns, with high-yield credit outperforming investment grade markets as resilient corporate fundamentals and tightening credit spreads supported investor demand for higher-yielding assets.

Cumulative performance



Performance contribution (3 Months)

Leading Contributors

	3 Months
Yarra Australian Smaller Companies	2.20%
Ausbil Australian SmallCap	1.74%
Eley Griffiths Group Mid Cap B	1.58%
VanEck S&P/ASX MidCap ETF	1.43%
Milford Dynamic Small Companies Fund	0.58%

Leading Detractors

None

Performance contribution measures the absolute contribution of each constituent asset class to the total performance of the portfolio.

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Portfolio Commentary

The Australian small and mid-cap strategies delivered strong gains over the quarter. **VanEck S&P/ASX MidCap ETF (+5.9%)** benefited from its mid-cap focus, which provided greater exposure to strongly performing industrials and consumer discretionary companies relative to the broader market. **Eley Griffiths Group Mid Cap (+6.4%)** outperformed, with favourable stock selection within information technology, consumer staples and consumer discretionary driving solid returns.

Ausbil Australian SmallCap (+8.5%) strongly outperformed the small companies benchmark, driven by exposure to technology and communications businesses with strong earnings momentum and structural growth characteristics. **Yarra Australian Smaller Companies (+14.1%)** delivered an exceptional gain, led by strength in technology, payments and materials-related holdings. **Milford Dynamic Small Companies (+4.1%)** also contributed positively, despite the fund's cautious positioning.

Portfolio structure

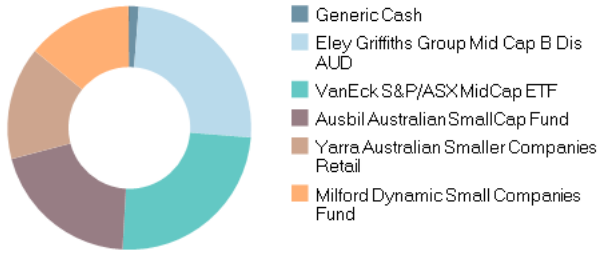
Holding	Weight
Australian Shares	**98.8%**
Ausbil Australian SmallCap	20.4%
Eley Griffiths Group Mid Cap B	24.6%
Milford Dynamic Small Companies Fund	13.9%
VanEck S&P/ASX MidCap ETF	24.2%
Yarra Australian Smaller Companies	15.6%
Cash	**1.2%**
BT Platform Cash	1.2%

Portfolio changes

Fidante Partners have advised that final payment has been made to unit holders of the NovoPort Smaller Companies Fund, expelling any outstanding cash and concluding the wind up of the fund.

As a result, we have exited the minor outstanding allocation in **NovoPort Smaller Companies** and reallocated the residual to **VanEck S&P/ASX MidCap ETF**.

Asset allocation breakdown



Investment strategy/objective

Portfolio objective

To deliver outperformance of the benchmark over rolling five year periods, net of indirect fees

Benchmark: S&P/ASX Mid-Small Cap Index.

Investment Philosophy

The guiding principles underpinning the portfolio management process are:

- **Evidence-based investing** — We are investors, not speculators. Making investment decisions based on fundamental analysis and empirical evidence rather than short-term noise delivers better long-term investment outcomes.
- **Valuation is important** — Markets can experience inefficiency and mispricing. The entry price of an investment is a key determinant of long-term returns and the risk of financial loss.
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- **Diversification** — Diversification is spreading investments across fund managers within different asset classes. Diversification cannot eliminate the risk of loss, but it is a powerful tool for managing risk.
- **Simplicity and transparency** — The security of our investors' wealth is paramount. We will only invest in the highest quality underlying fund managers and securities and will not accept overly complex or opaque investments.
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