



25 August 2021

# Record investment portfolio performance drives record profit and total shareholder return

**+31.8%**

total shareholder return in FY2021

**+26.8%**

record investment portfolio performance\* in FY2021

**\$8.6m**

record operating profit before tax in FY2021

**6.0 cents**

FY2021 fully franked full year dividend

## Fully franked final dividend of 3.0 cents per share

The WAM Active Board of Directors has declared a fully franked final dividend of 3.0 cents per share.

The final dividend brings the fully franked full year dividend to 6.0 cents per share.

## Strong growth

The fully franked dividend has been achieved through the growth of the investment portfolio since inception and the record profit achieved for the period, and is consistent with the Company's investment objective of delivering investors a stream of fully franked dividends.

WAM Active Limited (ASX: WAA) achieved a record operating profit before tax of \$8.6 million (FY2020: operating loss before tax of \$1.4 million) and a record operating profit after tax of \$6.3 million (FY2020: operating loss after tax of \$0.8 million) in its FY2021 full year result.

The fully franked full year dividend of 6.0 cents per share provides shareholders with a fully franked dividend yield of 5.6% and a grossed-up yield of 8.0%<sup>†</sup> on the 24 August 2021 closing share price of \$1.07 per share.

WAM Active Chairman Geoff Wilson AO said: "WAM Active reported a record investment portfolio performance and record operating profit in FY2021. As a WAM Active shareholder, I thank Oscar and the team for continuing to deliver strong, risk-adjusted returns."

In FY2021, the WAM Active investment portfolio increased 26.8%<sup>\*</sup> during a challenging year for Australian equities. WAM Active's investment process, which provides exposure to active trading strategies aimed at delivering positive returns in all market cycles, with the least risk possible, has led to the solid investment performance throughout the Company's history. Since inception in January 2008, the WAM Active investment portfolio has increased 12.1%<sup>\*</sup> per annum, outperforming the S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 6.6% per annum and the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (Cash) by 9.1% per annum.

Lead Portfolio Manager Oscar Oberg said: "We were pleased to deliver record investment portfolio performance during a challenging FY2021. We look forward to the opportunities arising from market mispricing due to increased corporate activity, particularly as we focus on growing the Company to the benefit of all shareholders."

The investment portfolio performance drove a growth in assets which, combined with the fully franked dividends paid during the period, resulted in a 31.8% total shareholder return for shareholders during the 12-month period to 30 June 2021.

As at 31 July 2021, the Company's profits reserve was 8.2 cents per share. Since inception in January 2008, WAM Active has paid 77.7 cents per share in fully franked dividends to shareholders. The Company's ability to generate franking credits is dependent upon the payment of tax on profits and the quantum of fully franked dividends received from investee companies.

### Key dividend dates

Ex dividend date	18 October 2021
Dividend record date (Sydney time 7:00pm)	19 October 2021
Last election date for DRP	21 October 2021
Fully franked final dividend payment date	29 October 2021

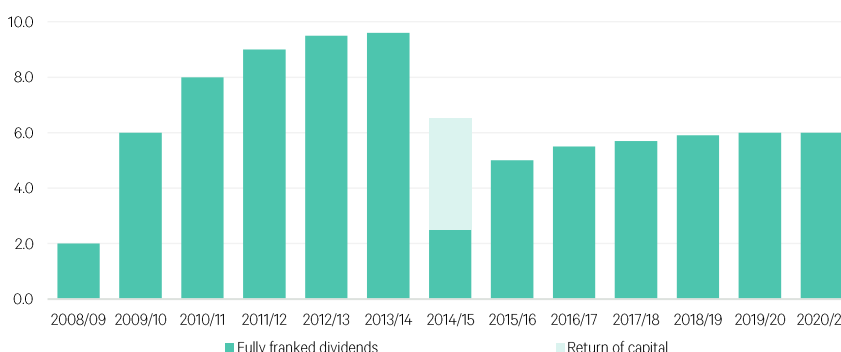
<sup>\*</sup>Investment portfolio performance is before expenses, fees and taxes to compare to the relevant index which is also before expenses, fees and taxes.

<sup>†</sup>Grossed-up dividend yield includes the benefits of franking credits and is based on a tax rate of 30.0%.



# Investment portfolio performance since inception

## Fully franked dividends (cents per share)



Performance at 30 June 2021	1 yr	3 yrs % pa	5 yrs % pa	10 yrs % pa	Since inception % pa (Jan 08)
WAM Active Investment Portfolio*	26.8%	9.4%	11.1%	11.8%	12.1%
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (Cash)	0.1%	1.0%	1.3%	2.2%	3.0%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>+26.7%</b>	<b>+8.4%</b>	<b>+9.8%</b>	<b>+9.6%</b>	<b>+9.1%</b>
S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	30.2%	10.3%	11.5%	9.4%	5.5%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>+2.4%</b>	<b>+6.6%</b>

\* Investment portfolio performance is before expenses, fees and taxes to compare to the relevant index which is also before expenses, fees and taxes.

## Top 20 holdings

as at 30 June 2021

Code	Name
KBC	Keybridge Capital Limited
VUK	Virgin Money UK PLC
PGH	Pact Group Holdings Limited
NWS	News Corporation
PXA	Pexa Group Limited
ABC	Adbri Limited
DOW	Downer EDI Limited
DTL	Data#3 Limited
ALQ	ALS Limited
SWM	Seven West Media Limited
CAJ	Capitol Health Limited
GMA	Genworth Mortgage Insurance Australia Limited
CAR	carsales.com Limited
CTD	Corporate Travel Management Limited
BRG	Breville Group Limited
SGR	The Star Entertainment Group Limited
RWC	Reliance Worldwide Corporation Limited
PMV	Premier Investments Limited
CIM	CIMIC Group Limited
BKW	Brickworks Limited

## WAM Active Share Purchase Plan, Placement and Bonus Issue of Options

On 24 February 2021, the Board of Directors announced its intention to grow WAM Active to the benefit of all shareholders through a Share Purchase Plan (SPP), Placement and a one-for-one Bonus Option Issue. The SPP offered existing shareholders the opportunity to acquire up to \$30,000 of ordinary, fully paid shares in WAM Active without incurring any brokerage fees. The SPP was offered to existing shareholders at the fixed price of \$1.08 per share. The SPP raised \$12.6 million.

In March 2021, WAM Active professional and sophisticated investors\*\* participated in a Placement at the same price and under the same terms as the SPP. The oversubscribed Placement raised \$12.6 million utilising WAM Active's 15% Placement capacity under the ASX Listing Rules and the additional 10% Placement capacity approved by shareholders at the previous AGM.

The SPP and Placement raised a total of more than \$25.2 million to the benefit of all shareholders. The primary purpose of the capital raising was to equitably and efficiently grow the Company's assets, increase its relevance in the market, improve the prospect of broker and research coverage, garner additional interest from financial planners and gain additional access to market opportunities. The increased size is also expected to reduce the fixed expense ratio of the Company to the benefit of all shareholders.

Shareholders who participated in the SPP and Placement were entitled to the Bonus Issue of Options on any new Shares issued under the Offer, which continued to be held at 7:00pm (Sydney Time), Thursday 25 March 2021, being the record date for the Bonus Option Issue.

The Options can be exercised at any time, up until they expire on Monday 31 October 2022. Shareholders who exercise their options by 14 October 2021 will be eligible to receive the fully franked final dividend of 3.0 cents per share, provided they continue to hold the shares on the dividend record date of 19 October 2021. As at 30 June 2021, a total of 2,659,189 options has been exercised for a total consideration of \$2,925,107, with the remaining balance of outstanding options being 67,407,220.

\*\*These terms are defined in the Corporations Act and refer to individuals with net assets greater than \$2.5 million, or those who earn a gross income of \$250,000, or a Superannuation Fund with net assets of at least \$10 million.

## About WAM Active

WAM Active Limited (ASX: WAA) has an investment management agreement with Wilson Asset Management. Listed in January 2008, WAM Active provides investors with exposure to an active trading style with the aim of achieving a sound return with a low correlation to traditional markets. The Company's investment objectives are to deliver a regular income stream via fully franked dividends, provide a positive return with low volatility, after fees, over most periods of time, and to preserve capital.

All major platforms provide access to WAM Active, including AMP North, BT Panorama, Colonial First State FirstWrap, Netwealth, Macquarie Wrap and Hub24. WAM Active receives coverage from the following independent investment research providers:



This announcement has been authorised by the Board of WAM Active Limited.

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WAM Active  
13 Years Listed



## About Wilson Asset Management

Wilson Asset Management has a track record of making a difference for shareholders and the community for more than 20 years. As the investment manager for eight LICs – WAM Capital (ASX: WAM), WAM Leaders (ASX: WLE), WAM Global (ASX: WGB), WAM Microcap (ASX: WMI), WAM Alternative Assets (ASX: WMA), WAM Strategic Value (ASX: WAR), WAM Research (ASX: WAX) and WAM Active (ASX: WAA) – Wilson Asset Management invests over \$5 billion on behalf of more than 110,000 retail investors.

Wilson Asset Management created and is the lead supporter of the first LICs to deliver both investment and social returns: Future Generation Australia (ASX: FGX) and Future Generation Global (ASX: FGG). Wilson Asset Management advocates and acts for retail investors, is a member of the global philanthropic Pledge 1% movement, is a significant funder of many Australian charities and provides all team members with \$10,000 each year to donate to charities of their choice. All philanthropic investments are made by the Investment Manager.