

# August 2022 Investment Update

|                                     | Pre-tax<br>NTA |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>W   A   M Capital</b>            | \$1.52         |
| <b>W   A   M Leaders</b>            | \$1.46         |
| <b>W   A   M Global</b>             | \$2.10         |
| <b>W   A   M Microcap</b>           | \$1.39         |
| <b>W   A   M Alternative Assets</b> | \$1.23         |
| <b>W   A   M Strategic Value</b>    | \$1.17         |
| <b>W   A   M Research</b>           | \$1.01         |
| <b>W   A   M Active</b>             | \$0.78         |

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

Global equities faced a challenging environment in August following hawkish commentary from US Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell at the Jackson Hole Economic Symposium. Pleasingly, Australian equities increased during the month, with the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index rising 1.2%, driven by a 5.9% rise in resources and a resilient reporting season. The S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index was up 1.3% in August, while the MSCI World Index (AUD) fell 2.5% for the month.

#### Our listed investment companies' full year results, annual reports and Q&A webinars

We were pleased to announce the FY2022 results, annual reports and [fully franked final dividends](#) for our listed investment companies. We have also begun holding our [FY2022 Results Q&A Webinars](#). I thank all shareholders for their support during what was a challenging year for equities.

WAM Capital (ASX: WAM): [full year result, Annual Report](#) and [Q&A webinar recording](#).

WAM Leaders (ASX: WLE): [full year result, Annual Report](#) and [Q&A webinar recording](#).

WAM Global (ASX: WGB): [full year result, Annual Report](#) and [Q&A webinar recording](#).

WAM Microcap (ASX: WMI): [full year result, Annual Report](#) and [Q&A webinar recording](#).

WAM Alternative Assets (ASX: WMA): [full year result, Annual Report](#) and [Q&A webinar recording](#).

WAM Research (ASX: WAX): [full year result, Annual Report](#) and [Q&A webinar recording](#).

WAM Active (ASX: WAA): [full year result, Annual Report](#) and [Q&A webinar recording](#).

WAM Strategic Value (ASX: WAR): [full year result](#) and [Annual Report](#).

[Register](#) for the WAM Strategic Value FY2022 results Q&A webinar on Thursday 15 September 2022 at 3pm (Sydney time). A recording and transcript will be available following the presentation.

#### Future Generation half year results

The Future Generation companies, [Future Generation Australia \(ASX: FGX\)](#) and [Future Generation Global \(ASX: FGG\)](#) announced their 2022 half year results and declared increased fully franked interim dividends of 3.25 cents per share, representing an annualised fully franked dividend yield of 5.5%\*, and 3.5 cents per share, representing an annualised fully franked dividend yield of 6.0%\*, respectively. The increases were made possible during this volatile period by the listed investment company (LIC) structure and the profits reserves accumulated over time. Wilson Asset Management is the creator and lead supporter of the Future Generation companies.

#### WAM Vault Live visits Toowoomba and Gold Coast

The team and I will be travelling to [Toowoomba](#) and the [Gold Coast](#) to meet shareholders for WAM Vault Live on Monday 19 September 2022. Please register to attend [here](#).

#### In the media

I spoke to [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) on the role that cycling plays in helping me to make better business and investment decisions. As the main partner of the 2022 UCI Road World Championships in Wollongong, Wilson Asset Management is proud to be supporting the Olympic-scale sporting event that commences this Sunday 18 September 2022.

WAM Alternative Assets (ASX: WMA) Portfolio Manager Dania Zinurova discussed how WAM Alternative Assets is looking to expand into private debt to hedge against rising inflation and capture higher yields in the [Australian Financial Review](#).

WAM Leaders (ASX: WLE) Lead Portfolio Manager Matthew Haupt featured on [Livewire's](#) Signal or Noise sharing his macroeconomic insights on reporting season.

WAM Leaders Portfolio Manager John Ayoub spoke to [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) on Qantas' (ASX: QAN) recovery. John was also quoted in a separate [Sydney Morning Herald](#) article, discussing the call for Qantas Chief Executive Officer Alan Joyce's resignation.

Equity Analyst Anna Milne discussed how the WAM Leaders investment team achieved record outperformance in FY2022, and how they are reducing its defensive positions and edging back into cyclical names in the [Australian Financial Review](#).

Small-to-mid cap Senior Equity Analyst Shaun Weick commented on Lovisa's (ASX: LOV) strong full year result and outlook commentary on [Livewire](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

**Geoff Wilson AO**  
Chairman

\*Based on Future Generation Australia's 13 September 2022 share price of \$1.185.

\*Based on Future Generation Global's 13 September 2022 share price of \$1.16.



# LIC snapshot



## W | A | M *Capital*

The most compelling undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian market

ASX: WAM

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Share price*                     | \$1.84  |
| NTA before tax                   | \$1.52  |
| Fully franked full year dividend | 15.5cps |
| Profits reserve#                 | 18.1cps |

## W | A | M *Leaders*

Actively investing in the highest quality Australian companies

ASX: WLE

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Share price*                     | \$1.515 |
| NTA before tax                   | \$1.46  |
| Fully franked full year dividend | 8.0cps  |
| Profits reserve#                 | 43.2cps |

## W | A | M *Global*

The world's most compelling undervalued growth companies

ASX: WGB

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Share price*                     | \$1.925 |
| WGBO option price^               | -       |
| NTA before tax                   | \$2.10  |
| Fully franked full year dividend | 11.0cps |
| Profits reserve#                 | 40.5cps |

## W | A | M *Microcap*

The most exciting undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian micro-cap market

ASX: WMI

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Share price*                     | \$1.63  |
| NTA before tax                   | \$1.39  |
| Fully franked full year dividend | 10.0cps |
| Profits reserve#                 | 57.8ps  |

## W | A | M *Alternative Assets*

Unique opportunities beyond traditional assets

ASX: WMA

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Share price*                     | \$1.115 |
| NTA before tax                   | \$1.23  |
| Fully franked full year dividend | 4.0cps  |
| Profits reserve#                 | 17.4cps |

## W | A | M *Strategic Value*

Discounted asset opportunities

ASX: WAR

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Share price*                     | \$1.0175 |
| NTA before tax                   | \$1.17   |
| Fully franked full year dividend | 3.0cps   |
| Profits reserve#                 | 8.7cps   |

## W | A | M *Research*

The most compelling undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian market

ASX: WAX

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Share price*                     | \$1.47  |
| NTA before tax                   | \$1.01  |
| Fully franked full year dividend | 10.0cps |
| Profits reserve#                 | 45.1cps |

## W | A | M *Active*

Mispricing opportunities in the Australian market

ASX: WAA

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Share price*                     | \$0.875 |
| WAAOA option price*              | \$0.001 |
| NTA before tax                   | \$0.78  |
| Fully franked full year dividend | 6.0cps  |
| Profits reserve#                 | 9.4cps  |

\*As at 13 September 2022.

^On 12 September 2022, the WAM Global options have lapsed.

#The profits reserve figures are as at 31 August 2022 in cents per share (cps).

# W | A | M *Microcap*

*The most exciting undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian micro-cap market.*

The WAM Microcap (ASX: WMI) investment portfolio increased during the month, outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index. Significant contributors to the investment portfolio outperformance included global engineering company Austin Engineering (ASX: ANG) and marine service provider MMA Offshore (ASX: MRM).

Headquartered in Perth, Austin Engineering partners with mining companies, contractors and equipment manufacturers to create engineering solutions such as truck bodies, trays and buckets. In August, Austin Engineering announced that it had entered into an agreement to acquire Australian mining equipment manufacturer Mainetec for \$19.6 million. We believe the acquisition will allow Austin Engineering to grow its excavator mining offering delivered to international markets such as the US at a reduced cost. During the month, Austin Engineering also announced its FY2022 full year results with net profit after tax (NPAT) exceeding previous guidance provided. The company's total revenue increased to \$203.3 million from \$198.1 million in the prior corresponding period, while its earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) was in line with the upgraded forecast of \$32.5 million. With an enlarged order book, strong cash position and increasingly efficient operating base, we believe Austin Engineering is well-positioned to continue to deliver on what has been achieved during FY2022.

MMA Offshore specialises in providing high-specification marine vessels and a suite of marine and subsea services to the offshore energy sector, government, defence and wider maritime industries. During the month, MMA Offshore announced a 19.5% increase in revenue to \$283.8 million, compared to the prior corresponding period in its FY2022 full year results. The company marked a milestone in reducing its net debt during the year, strengthening its balance sheet. We remain positive on MMA Offshore as the company continues to trade at a discount to its net tangible asset value despite continuing to see positive market momentum returning to the oil, gas and renewables. Further, we believe the company is well positioned to take advantage of the exponential growth in offshore wind power developments.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WMI)

\$340.9m\*

## Gross assets

\$293.6m

## Listed equities

\$263.0m

## Investment portfolio performance (pa since inception June 2017)

16.9%<sup>^</sup>

S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index: 7.1%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

38.75c

## Fully franked dividend yield

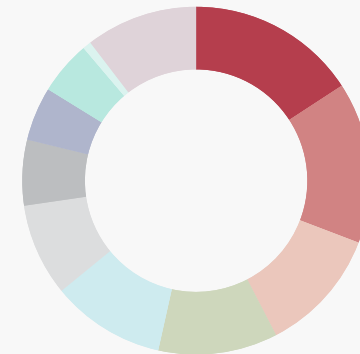
6.1%\*

\*Based on the 31 August 2022 share price of \$1.63 per share and the FY22 fully franked full year dividend of 10.0 cents per share. WAM Microcap has 209,140,522 shares on issue.

<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.

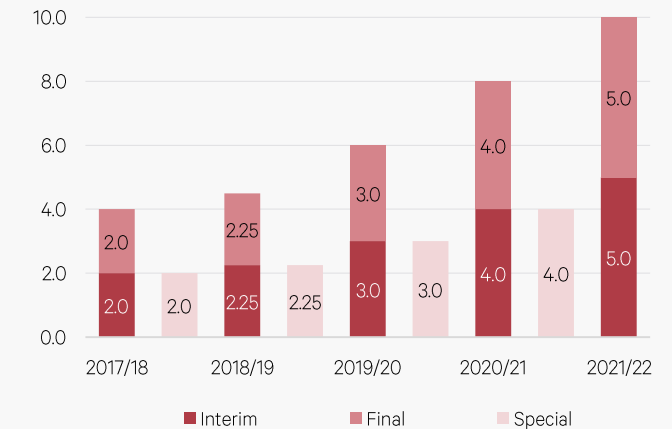
## Diversified investment portfolio by sector

- Consumer discretionary: 15.8%
- Industrials: 15.0%
- Financials: 11.6%
- Health care: 11.1%
- Information technology: 10.6%
- Communication services: 8.6%
- Materials: 6.1%
- Energy: 5.0%
- Consumer staples: 5.0%
- Real estate: 0.8%
- Cash: 10.4%



## History of fully franked dividends

Cents per share



## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

|             | NTA before tax | NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains | NTA after tax |
|-------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| August 2022 | 138.93c        | 139.96c  | 138.98c       |
| July 2022   | 136.54c        | 136.09c  | 137.24c       |

## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)

|     |     |     |     |     |     |        |     |     |         |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| AHX | ANG | CAJ | CLG | CVW | DSK | EGG    | EXP | GDG | HLA     |
| IGL | MRM | MVF | PFP | PPE | SLH | THL NZ | TPW | TUA | Xpansiv |

# W | A | M Capital

The most compelling undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian market.

The WAM Capital (ASX: WAM) investment portfolio increased during the month, outperforming the S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index. Significant contributors to the investment portfolio outperformance included diversified contract services provider NRW Holdings (ASX: NWH) and advertising and media company oOh!media (ASX: OML).

NRW Holdings is a leading provider of diversified contract services to the resources and infrastructure sectors in Australia. In early August, the company provided an earnings guidance upgrade, including a record order book of \$5.2 billion and increased earnings before interest, taxes and amortisation (EBITA) of \$157.0 million. The company's FY2022 results announcement reaffirmed the strong outlook for the company with NRW Holdings' order book at record levels. During the month, NRW Holdings also announced that it had withdrawn its merger proposal with metal mining services MACA (ASX: MLD) due to the increase in Thies Group Investments' competing offer for the company. The withdrawal of NRW Holdings' bid for MACA highlights the disciplined capital management approach within the organisation which further strengthens our confidence in the company and management.

oOh!media is the largest outdoor advertising media company in Australia. During the month, oOh!media announced its results for the half year ended 30 June 2022, reporting a 62.1% increase in its adjusted underlying earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) to \$51.5 million and a 10.4% revenue increase led by its road, retail and street media assets. The company's adjusted net profit after tax (NPAT) grew to \$20.4 million from \$2.2 million in the prior period and its financial position strengthened with a 37.5% reduction in net debt. We remain positive on oOh!media as the company recovers from the coronavirus pandemic and believe that earnings will perform better than market expectations. The company also announced an on-market share buyback of up to 10% of its issued share capital, highlighting the strength of the balance sheet.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WAM)

\$1,990.7m<sup>#</sup>

## Gross assets

\$1,675.6m

## Listed equities

\$1,466.4m

## Investment portfolio performance (pa since inception Aug 1999)

15.1%<sup>^</sup>

S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index: 8.2%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

277.25c

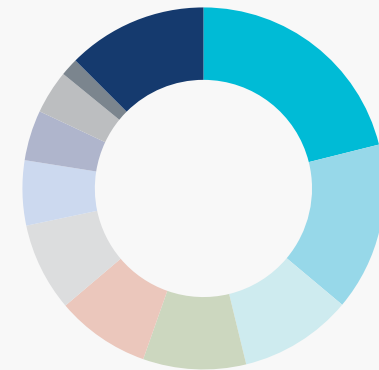
## Fully franked dividend yield

8.5%<sup>#</sup>

<sup>#</sup>Based on the 31 August 2022 share price of \$1.83 per share and the FY22 fully franked full year dividend of 15.5 cents per share. WAM Capital has 1,087,795,156 shares on issue.

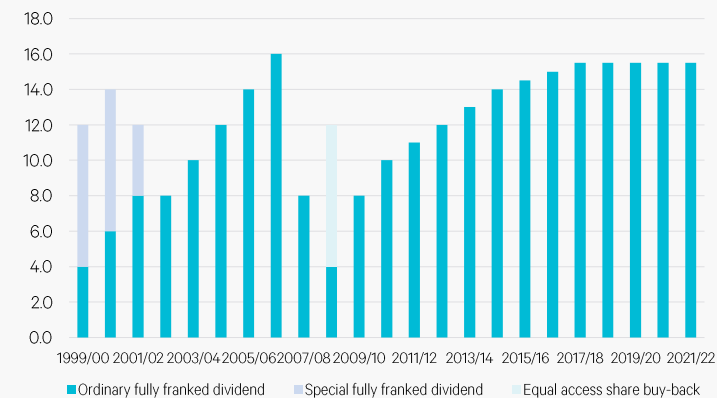
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## Diversified investment portfolio by sector



## History of fully franked dividends

Cents per share



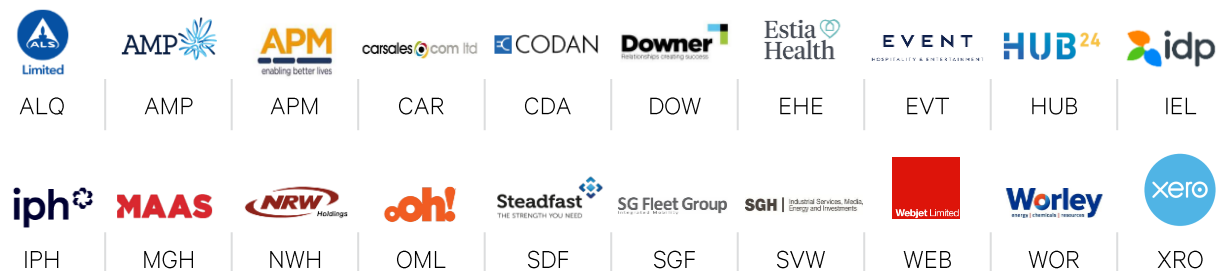
## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

|             | NTA before tax       | NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains* | NTA after tax* |
|-------------|----------------------|---|----------------|
| August 2022 | 152.35c <sup>^</sup> | 166.30c   | 166.02c        |
| July 2022   | 150.71c              | 163.04c   | 163.93c        |

<sup>^</sup>The NTA before tax is after the payment of \$13.0m (1.19 cents per share) in tax during the month.

\*Includes 1.51 cents per share of tax assets resulting from the acquisition of investment companies and 15.62 cents per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods.

## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)



# W | A | M Leaders

Actively investing in the highest quality Australian companies.

The WAM Leaders (ASX: WLE) investment portfolio increased during the month, outperforming the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index. Significant contributors to the investment portfolio outperformance included South32 (ASX: S32) and OZ Minerals (ASX: OZL).

South32 is a global diversified metals and mining company, with a portfolio of assets producing aluminium, alumina, manganese ore, copper, zinc, lead, silver, nickel and met coal. South32 reported a strong earnings result and surprised the market with a dividend above estimates and an on-market buyback that increased by over \$220 million. We continue to be positive on South32 for its future facing portfolio optionality which includes the expansion of the recently acquired Sierra Gorda copper mine, the Hermosa pre-feasibility study on the manganese Clark oxide deposit due later this calendar year and the feasibility for the zinc-lead-silver Taylor sulphide deposit due next year, while further investment in Illawarra Metallurgical Coal is no longer proceeding. South32 has transformed the portfolio since its demerger in 2015 and management continues to be proactive in reviewing and optimising their operations.

OZ Minerals is an Australian and Brazil based copper, gold and nickel producer. During the month, BHP Group (ASX: BHP) announced a non-binding, indicative proposal to acquire OZ Minerals at a 32% premium to the closing share price as at 5 August 2022. OZ Minerals rejected the proposal, citing a number of reasons such as their high quality portfolio of assets and the unique investment proposition OZ Minerals provides, as the only primary copper company in the top ASX 100 companies. We agree that OZ Minerals' assets have strategic appeal to several players that are seeking greater exposure to future-facing materials and believe further proposals are likely.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WLE)

\$1,571.7m\*

## Gross assets

\$1,542.6m

## Listed equities

\$1,479.2m

## Investment portfolio performance (pa since inception May 2016)

14.9%<sup>^</sup>

S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index: 8.4%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

31.15c

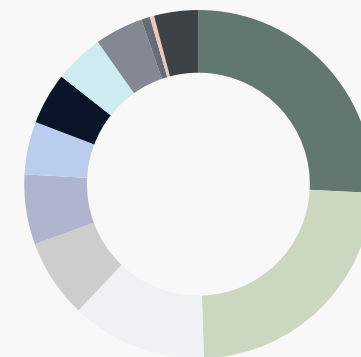
## Fully franked dividend yield

5.3%\*

<sup>^</sup>Based on the 31 August 2022 share price of \$152 per share and the FY22 fully franked full year dividend of 8.0 cents per share. WAM Leaders has 1,034,044,884 shares on issue.

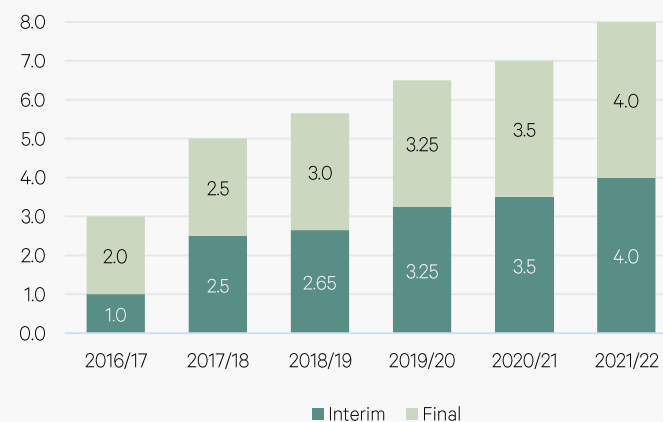
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## Diversified investment portfolio by sector



## History of fully franked dividends

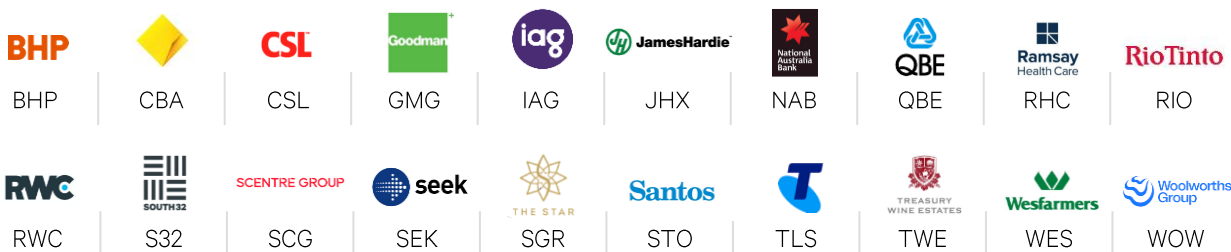
Cents per share



## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

|             | NTA before tax | NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains | NTA after tax |
|-------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| August 2022 | 145.79c        | 145.42c  | 144.21c       |
| July 2022   | 142.83c        | 142.98c  | 141.92c       |

## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)





# W | A | M Global

The world's most compelling undervalued growth companies.

The WAM Global (ASX: WGB) investment portfolio decreased during the month. Global insurance brokerage and risk management firm Arthur J. Gallagher (Gallagher) (NYSE: AJG) was a contributor to the investment portfolio performance, while global bio-pharma and healthcare products provider Avantor (NYSE: AVTR) was a detractor.

Gallagher is an international insurance brokerage, risk management and consulting firm, operating in more than 60 countries. In late July, Gallagher reported strong second quarter results. The core brokerage and risk management segments reported growth in revenue of 22%, growth in net earnings of 35% and growth in adjusted earnings per share (EPS) of 19%. These results highlighted Gallagher's continued strong market position, healthy balance sheet and predictable cash flow generation capability. Complementing their organic performance, Gallagher has created value by acquiring smaller insurance brokerage and risk management firms and driving synergies through increased scale and operational discipline. This value-creating acquisition strategy continued in August, with Gallagher announcing four acquisitions of highly complementary firms. Gallagher has performed well over the month and we believe it is positioned to continue to do so over coming years.

Avantor is a leading global provider of mission-critical products and services to customers in the life sciences, advanced technologies and applied materials industries. The company serves more than 225,000 customer locations and has extensive access to research laboratories and scientists in more than 180 countries. The company recently announced second quarter results which missed consensus expectations with net sales of USD1.9 billion, below consensus estimates of USD2 billion, impacted by foreign exchange and coronavirus pandemic headwinds. Avantor's share price declined despite the core operating business achieving net sales growth of 6% over the period, in line with consensus expectations. Avantor's ability to grow its core business and increase its share of proprietary products, which reached 39% in the quarter, creates a path to multi-year value creation that we believe the market is currently undervaluing.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WGB)

\$702.1m\*

## Gross assets

\$737.6m

## Listed equities

\$683.3m

## Investment portfolio performance (pa since inception June 2018)

4.9%<sup>^</sup>

MSCI World Index (AUD): 8.9%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

24.5c

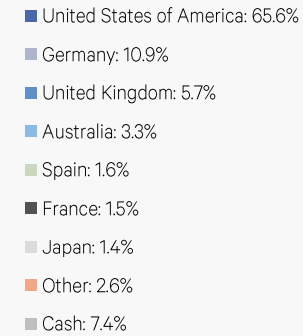
## Fully franked dividend yield

5.5%\*

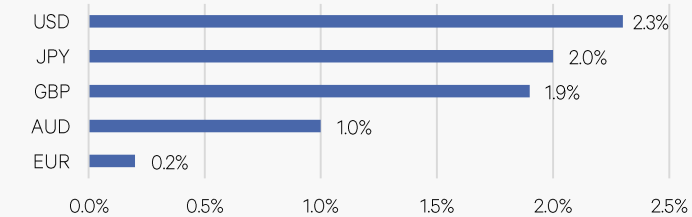
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## Portfolio by geographical exposure

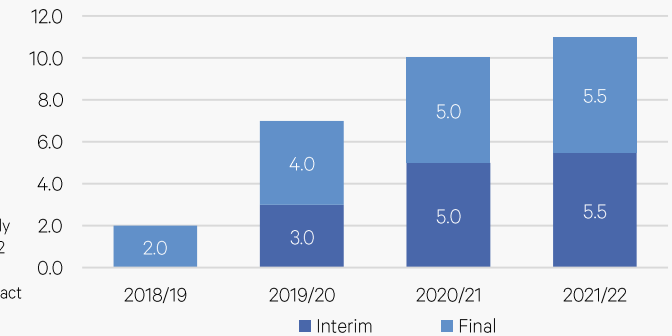


## Cash currency exposure



## History of fully franked dividends

Cents per share

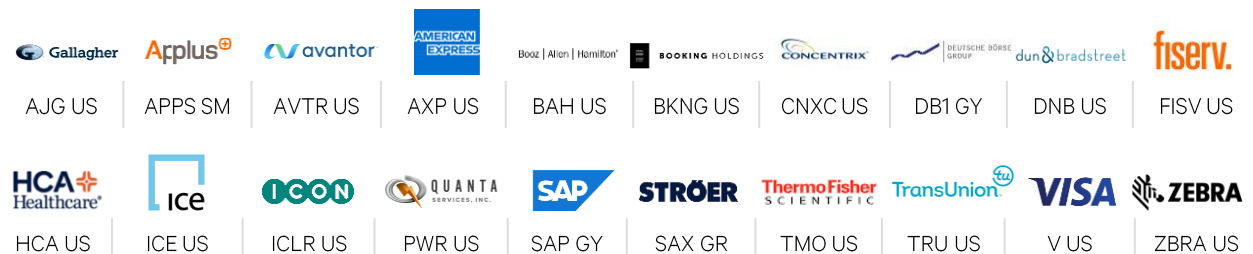


## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

|             | NTA before tax | NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains | NTA after tax |
|-------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| August 2022 | 210.22c        | 210.91c  | 220.11c       |
| July 2022   | 216.95c        | 217.06c  | 224.82c       |

The above August NTA figures are not adjusted for the 278,453,160 options on issue which were trading under the ASX code WGB0 with an exercise price of \$2.54 per option and expired on 12 September 2022.

## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)



# W | A | M *Alternative Assets*

*Unique opportunities beyond traditional assets*

The WAM Alternative Assets (ASX: WMA) investment portfolio decreased during the month driven by a decrease in the valuation of venture capital investments. The decrease in the valuation was assessed as part of the valuation review for WAM Alternative Assets' 30 June 2022 Annual Report which was announced in August 2022. The valuation reflects the overall deterioration in the venture capital market and listed market comparable inputs utilised as part of the underlying fund manager's valuation assessment and calculation.

Since the end of the month, WAM Alternative Assets made a new capital commitment of \$10 million to invest in Intermediate Capital Group's (ICG) Australia Senior Loan Fund (ASLF). ICG manages over \$71 billion in assets globally and has a strong reputation in the market. ASLF's strategy targets investments in senior secured loans to established Australian and New Zealand-based businesses, with leading market positions and strong management teams. The secured loans have floating interest rates and are approximately \$35-70 million in size, with average terms of two to five years. The loans are used to finance the general operations of companies, in addition to capital expenditures, mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts and recapitalisations. ASLF currently consists of a mature portfolio of 33 investments and approximately \$1.4 billion in assets under management, and is well diversified across sectors and borrowers.

Macroeconomic expectations are supportive of private debt in the current environment. The floating interest rate structure of private debt provides an interest rate hedge and covenants and controls provide lenders with mechanisms to monitor risks and act proactively. This is to protect value if credit quality or financial performance of the company was to deteriorate, which is particularly crucial in situations of economic distress. We view this as a well measured opportunity for the WAM Alternative Assets investment portfolio due to the company's strong capital preservation mechanics meaning that senior secured loans are well-protected against default.

Market capitalisation (ASX: WMA)

\$213.5m\*

Share price

\$1.0975

Gross assets

\$241.8m

Fully franked full year dividend

4.0c

\*Based on the 31 August 2022 share price of \$1.0975 per share and 194,507,975 shares on issue.

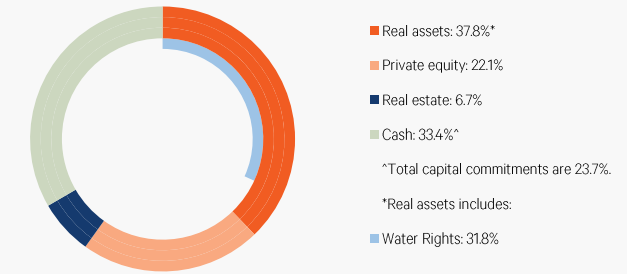
## About WAM Alternative Assets

WAM Alternative Assets provides retail investors with exposure to a portfolio of real assets, private equity, real estate and aims to expand into new asset classes such as private debt and infrastructure. The Company's investment objectives are to consistently deliver absolute returns through a combination of dividend yield and capital growth, while providing diversification benefits.

## Date of transition from BAF to WMA

14 October 2020

## Asset class exposure



| Portfolio structure | Current value |              | +/- Prior month |              |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                     | \$m           | %            | \$m             | %            |
| Real assets         | 91.4          | 37.8         | (0.3)           | (0.3)        |
| Private equity      | 53.5          | 22.1         | (3.3)           | (5.8)        |
| Real estate         | 16.1          | 6.7          | 0.5             | 3.2          |
| Cash <sup>†</sup>   | 80.8          | 33.4         | 0.7             | 0.9          |
| <b>Grand total</b>  | <b>241.8</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>(2.4)</b>    | <b>(1.0)</b> |

<sup>†</sup>Includes undrawn capital commitments to the Palisade Diversified Infrastructure Fund (\$20.0m), the Barwon Institutional Healthcare Property Fund (\$12.4m), the Allegro Fund IV (\$9.8m), the CEN (ISL) Partnership Fund (\$8.0m), the Adamantem Capital Fund II (\$5.8m) and the Strategic Australian Agriculture Fund (\$1.3m).

## Real assets

A diversified portfolio combining agricultural assets and investments in perpetual water entitlements which can be sold or leased to irrigators to generate income.

## Private equity

A diversified portfolio of unlisted companies with long-term and accelerated growth potential.

## Real estate

A portfolio of domestic and international industrial and office assets.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

|             | NTA before tax | NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains | NTA after tax |
|-------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| August 2022 | 122.62c        | 122.45c  | 119.65c       |
| July 2022   | 123.93c        | 123.86c  | 120.63c       |

## Top holdings

### Real assets



### Water Fund

Pioneer and leading non-irrigator water investor in Australia

### Strategic Australian Agriculture Fund

Investing across Australian water entitlements, Australian farmland and associated businesses and Australian agricultural infrastructure

### Private equity



A manufacturer of premium condiments, desserts and beverages



A provider of outsourced e-commerce solutions in South-East Asia

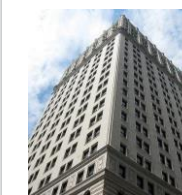


Shopper is the fastest growing offline media business in Australia



Owns and operates a portfolio of hotel assets in Australia

### Real estate



2 Rector Street, Manhattan, New York

Revesby Industrial Income Fund, New South Wales

## New Investment Partners



Mid-market private equity fund manager



Specialist infrastructure fund manager



Boutique real estate fund manager



Independent Australian property investment manager



Turnaround, special situations and transformation private equity fund manager

# W | A | M Strategic Value

Discounted asset opportunities.

The WAM Strategic Value (ASX: WAR) investment portfolio decreased during the month. Contributors to the investment portfolio included financial services provider AMP (ASX: AMP) and Pengana International Equities (ASX: PIA), while Thorney Technologies (ASX: TEK) was a detractor. In August, we were pleased to see further progress with the Scheme of Arrangement between Absolute Equity Performance Fund (ASX: AEG) and WAM Leaders (ASX: WLE) that was registered by the Federal Court during the month, approving the convening of an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) set to take place on 15 September 2022. The Scheme allows WAM Strategic Value to exit its position in AEG at a premium to AEG's pre-tax net tangible assets (NTA) and a premium to the share price of AEG after acquiring its position in AEG at a weighted discount to NTA of 12.6%.

AMP is a provider of superannuation and investment products, financial advice and banking products in Australia and New Zealand. The AMP share price increased during the month despite the company announcing mixed results, which highlighted earnings pressure across most divisions. We believe the company is undervalued and trading at an attractive discount to its NTA. AMP also announced a significant capital return which is expected to be \$1.1 billion, as it continues to successfully reposition the business. We continue to view AMP as an attractive investment opportunity and believe the discount to NTA will continue to narrow as the company progresses its capital management initiatives and the divestment of its non-core divisions.

Pengana International Equities announced its FY2022 result during the month, declaring a fully franked full year dividend of 5.4 cents per share to shareholders, representing a 5.9% increase on the previous year and meeting its objective to pay quarterly fully franked dividends to shareholders. Pengana International Equities' share price increased during the month, with its discount to NTA narrowing from 14.1% as at 31 July 2022 to 9.2% as at 31 August 2022. The company is continuing to invest in global businesses that have strong fundamentals with higher profit margins, higher return on assets and lower risk than the broader market.

Thorney Technologies has a broad mandate to invest in technology-related investments at all phases of the investment life cycle. The company's investment objectives are to deploy capital into listed and unlisted technology companies and to produce absolute returns for shareholders over the medium-to-long term. Thorney Technologies investment portfolio performance was flat for the month, however the share price fell 17.0% in August, resulting in a widening of the discount to NTA. Thorney Technologies' recent full year results highlighted significant progress across many of the investments in its portfolio and we believe the discount to NTA of 35.9%, as at 31 August 2022, represents value for long-term investors seeking exposure to emerging digitalisation and innovation companies.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

|             | NTA before tax | NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains | NTA after tax |
|-------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| August 2022 | 116.73c        | 117.02c  | 120.84c       |
| July 2022   | 117.06c        | 117.35c  | 120.90c       |

Market capitalisation (ASX: WAR)

\$185.5m\*

Inaugural fully franked full year dividend

3.0cps

\*Based on the 31 August 2022 share price of \$1.03 per share and 180,125,761 shares on issue.

^Gross assets exclude the \$1.24m offer costs receivable balance associated with the Initial Public Offer (repayable by the Investment Manager).

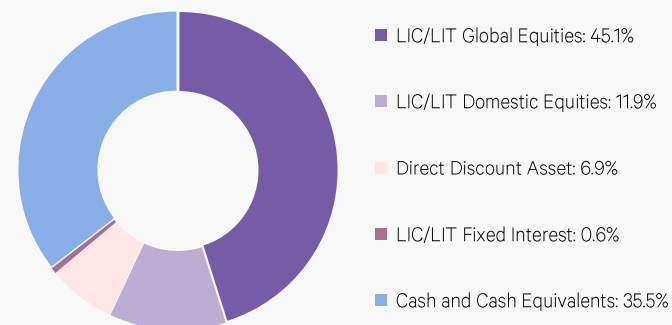
Gross assets

\$211.5m^

Pre-tax net tangible assets

\$1.17

Diversified investment portfolio by listed investment company/trust (LIC/LIT) sector



August 2022 look-through pre-tax NTA

\$1.29

## Look-through NTA before tax

The Australian Accounting standards require the Company's pre-tax NTA to be calculated based on the market price (or share price) of the underlying investment portfolio. The Company's look-through pre-tax NTA is an estimation of the Company's pre-tax NTA calculated using the estimated or most recently available pre-tax NTA of the underlying investment portfolio as at the end of the month. The look-through pre-tax NTA of the Company is indicative only and provides an estimate for investors of the value of the underlying investment portfolio, assuming the share price discount to NTA of the underlying discounted asset opportunities are closed.

## Top holdings (in alphabetical order)

|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| AMP | CIN | EAI | GDC | LSF | MFF | MGF | NSC  |
| PE1 | PIA | QRI | QVE | SEC | VG1 | VG8 | WGB* |

\*WAM Strategic Value received WAM Global shares and options as scrip consideration for TGG shares held.



# W | A | M Research

The most compelling undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian market.

The WAM Research (ASX: WAX) investment portfolio increased during the month, outperforming the S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index. Significant contributors to the investment portfolio outperformance included diversified contract services provider NRW Holdings (ASX: NWH) and intellectual property services firm IPH (ASX: IPH).

NRW Holdings is a leading provider of diversified contract services to the resources and infrastructure sectors in Australia. In early August, the company provided an earnings guidance upgrade, including a record order book of \$5.2 billion and increased earnings before interest, taxes and amortisation (EBITA) of \$157.0 million. The company's FY2022 results announcement reaffirmed the strong outlook for the company with NRW's order book at record levels. During the month, NRW Holdings also announced that it had withdrawn its merger proposal with metal mining services MACA (ASX: MLD) due to the increase in Thiess Group Investments' competing offer for the company. The withdrawal of NRW Holdings' bid for MACA highlights the disciplined capital management approach within the organisation which further strengthens our confidence in the company and management.

IPH is Asia Pacific's leading intellectual property (IP) services group with a network of member firms and clients in more than 25 countries. During the month, IPH announced that a Canadian IP agency Smart & Biggar will join the IPH group for a consideration of \$387 million. The acquisition will extend IPH's international secondary markets network beyond the Asia Pacific region for the first time and lift IPH towards being a global leading IP services group. IPH also expects the transaction will result in an underlying earnings per share accretion of approximately 10% in the first year of ownership and deliver access to further growth opportunities. In August, the company also announced its full year results, delivering a 14% year-on-year increase in its underlying net profit after tax (NPAT) to \$86.7 million and an 11% year-on-year growth in its underlying earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA). We remain positive on IPH and believe the business has a strong runway for organic and acquisition led growth over the medium term.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

|             | NTA before tax | NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains* | NTA after tax* |
|-------------|----------------|---|----------------|
| August 2022 | 100.72c        | 107.64c   | 106.57c        |
| July 2022   | 98.94c         | 105.78c   | 105.28c        |

\*Includes 5.64 cents per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WAX)

\$299.0m<sup>#</sup>

## Gross assets

\$203.3m

## Listed equities

\$170.0m

## Investment portfolio performance (pa since change in investment strategy July 2010)

14.3%<sup>^</sup>

S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index: 8.7%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

129.0c

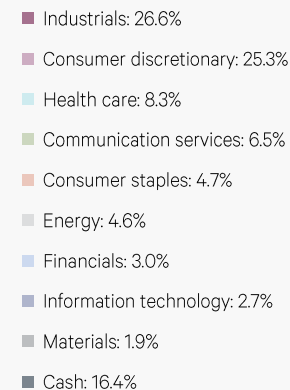
## Fully franked dividend yield

6.6%<sup>#</sup>

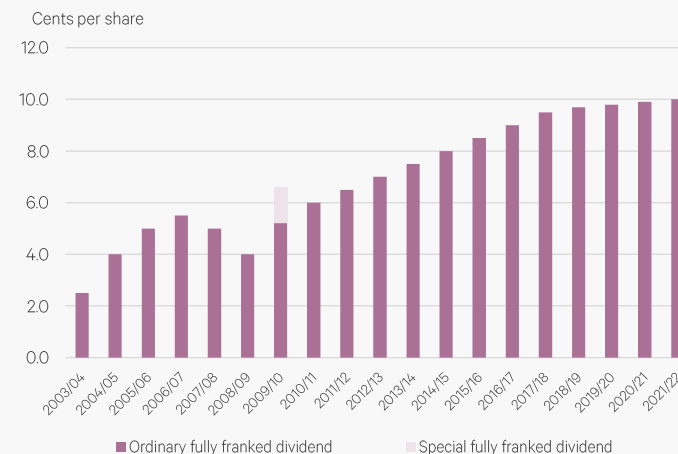
<sup>#</sup>Based on the 31 August 2022 share price of \$1.51 per share and the FY22 fully franked full year dividend of 10.0 cents per share. WAM Research has 198,038,747 shares on issue.

<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.

## Diversified investment portfolio by sector



## History of fully franked dividends



## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)



# W | A | M *Active*

Market mispricing opportunities in the Australian market.

The WAM Active (ASX: WAA) investment portfolio increased during the month, with significant contributors to the investment portfolio performance including advertising and media company oOh!media (ASX: OML) and healthcare operator Capitol Health (ASX: CAJ).

oOh!media is the largest outdoor advertising media company in Australia. During the month, oOh!media announced its results for the half year ended 30 June 2022, reporting a 62.1% increase in its adjusted underlying earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) to \$51.5 million and a 10.4% revenue increase led by its road, retail and street media assets. The company's adjusted net profit after tax (NPAT) grew to \$20.4 million from \$2.2 million in the prior period and its financial position strengthened with a 37.5% reduction in net debt. We remain positive on oOh!media as the company recovers from the coronavirus pandemic and believe that earnings will perform better than market expectations. The company also announced an on-market share buyback of up to 10% of its issued share capital, highlighting the strength of the balance sheet.

Headquartered in Melbourne, Capitol Health is a diagnostic imaging provider to the Australian healthcare market. During the month, Capitol Health announced its FY2022 full year results which were better than market expectations and included the acquisition of Future Medical Imaging Group, a diagnostic imaging services provider, for a total consideration of \$56.1 million. The transaction will enhance the scale of Capitol Health and is expected to generate a high single digit earnings per share accretion. With a strong balance sheet and continued investment in well-defined growth opportunities, we believe the outlook for Capitol Health remains strong as diagnostic imaging providers recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WAA)

\$69.0m<sup>#</sup>

## Gross assets

\$58.2m

## Listed equities

\$55.2m

## Investment portfolio performance (pa since inception Jan 2008)

9.9%<sup>^</sup>

Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (Cash): 2.8%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

83.7c

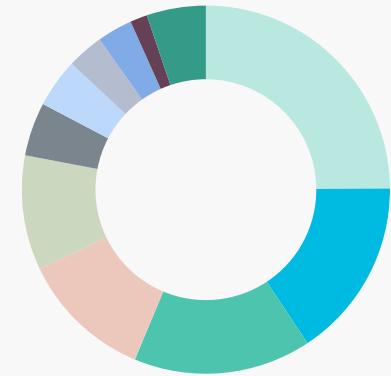
## Fully franked dividend yield

6.5%<sup>#</sup>

<sup>#</sup>Based on the 31 August 2022 share price of \$0.93 per share and the FY22 fully franked full year dividend of 6.0 cents per share. WAM Active has 74,177,980 shares on issue. <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.

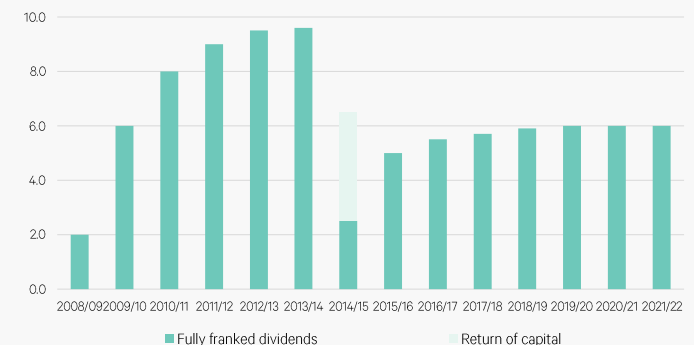
## Diversified investment portfolio by sector

- Financials: 24.9%
- Industrials: 15.8%
- Information technology: 15.6%
- Materials: 11.6%
- Communication services: 10.1%
- Consumer discretionary: 4.7%
- Energy: 4.3%
- Health care: 3.2%
- Consumer staples: 3.1%
- Real estate: 1.5%
- Cash: 5.2%



## History of fully franked dividends

Cents per share



## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

|             | NTA before tax | NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains* | NTA after tax* |
|-------------|----------------|---|----------------|
| August 2022 | 78.37c         | 86.07c  | 86.94c         |
| July 2022   | 76.73c         | 84.40c  | 85.73c         |

\*Includes 10.14 cents per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods. The above August NTA figures are not adjusted for the 67,068,824 options on issue with an exercise price of \$1.10 per option.

## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)

