

# December 2022 Investment Update

	Pre-tax NTA
<b>W   A   M</b> <i>Capital</i>	\$1.39
<b>W   A   M</b> <i>Leaders</i>	\$1.43
<b>W   A   M</b> <i>Global</i>	\$2.05
<b>W   A   M</b> <i>Microcap</i>	\$1.30
<b>W   A   M</b> <i>Alternative Assets</i>	\$1.24
<b>W   A   M</b> <i>Strategic Value</i>	\$1.13
<b>W   A   M</b> <i>Research</i>	\$0.93
<b>W   A   M</b> <i>Active</i>	\$0.72

Dear Fellow Shareholder,

2022 marked a challenging year for investors marred by equity market volatility, rising costs of living and rapid interest rate hikes. Australian equities fared better than their US counterparts during the year, with the S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index down 3.0%, while the US S&P 500 Index experienced a 19.4% decline, in local terms. Australian equity markets were driven by a higher exposure to the banks and resources sectors and a lower exposure to technology. Both energy and utilities were the best performing sectors domestically during the 2022 calendar year with the S&P/ASX 200 Energy Accumulation Index and the S&P/ASX 200 Utilities Accumulation Index increasing 49.0% and 30.0% respectively. The Dow Jones Industrial Average Index closed down 8.8%, the Nasdaq Composite Index fell 33.1% and the MSCI World Index (AUD) decreased 12.2% for the year.

2023 is anticipated to be another challenging year with the full effects of inflation and interest rates impacting economic growth, as input costs rise, putting pressure on company profit margins. We are positioning the portfolio into quality companies at good valuations that will benefit from an easing in financial conditions and ideally possess defensive demand characteristics. Economic forward indicators are pointing to a sharp slowdown so we think a cautious approach is warranted at this stage.

#### Advocating for retail investors and the community

While the investment team continues to identify investment opportunities we will continue our advocacy work on behalf of our shareholders and retail investors. We firmly believe all shareholders, both retail and wholesale, should be treated equitably. Our dividend imputation system is in jeopardy once again and we will continue to advocate for retail shareholders and companies who are set to be impacted by the proposed changes put forward by the government at the end of last year. For more information on the changes and what you can do, visit [wilsonassetmanagement.com.au/frankingcredits](http://wilsonassetmanagement.com.au/frankingcredits). We will continue to update you with our progress.

#### In the media

I shared my view on how directors and boards can do more to extract shareholder value in 2023 in an article in [The Australian](#).

WAM Alternative Assets Portfolio Manager Dania Zinurova was quoted in an article in the [Australian Financial Review](#) (AFR) following her panel discussion at the AFR Infrastructure Summit in November 2022, where she discussed the investment opportunities in energy storage and transition.

#### WAM Capital (ASX: WAM) appoints new Director

We are pleased to [announce](#) the appointment of Angus Barker to the WAM Capital (ASX: WAM) Board of Directors in January 2023. Angus has been a trusted adviser to corporations and governments for decades. He is an investment banker by training, with over 20 years' experience as a mergers and acquisitions and capital markets adviser in Hong Kong, Australia and the United Kingdom. Most recently, Angus has served eight years as Chief of Staff or Senior Adviser to Australian Government Ministers in two of the key economic portfolios, in relation to policy matters including superannuation, financial services, the digital economy, and foreign investment. Angus has a Master of Philosophy degree from the University of Cambridge and a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree from the University of Melbourne.

#### FY2023 interim results | Register your interest for the interim results webinars

We will be announcing our FY2023 interim results over the coming weeks. We invite you to register your interest for our upcoming FY2023 interim results webinars for our listed investment companies (LICs) via the links below.

- [WAM Leaders FY2023 interim results webinar](#) | 4pm Sydney time on Tuesday 28 February
- [WAM Alternative Assets FY2023 interim results webinar](#) | 12pm Sydney time on Wednesday 1 March
- [WAM Strategic Value FY2023 interim results webinar](#) | 3pm Sydney time on Thursday 2 March
- [WAM Capital, WAM Microcap, WAM Research and WAM Active FY2023 interim results webinar](#) | 12pm Sydney time on Friday 3 March
- [WAM Global FY2023 interim results webinar](#) | 12pm Sydney time on Tuesday 7 March

Thank you for your continued support.



Geoff Wilson AO  
Chairman



# LIC snapshot



## W | A | M *Capital*

The most compelling undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian market

ASX: WAM

Share price*	\$1.59
NTA before tax	\$1.39
Fully franked full year dividend	15.5cps
Profits reserve#	11.9cps

## W | A | M *Leaders*

Actively investing in the highest quality Australian companies

ASX: WLE

Share price*	\$1.485
NTA before tax	\$1.43
Fully franked full year dividend	8.0cps
Profits reserve#	41.1cps

## W | A | M *Global*

The world's most compelling undervalued growth companies

ASX: WGB

Share price*	\$1.76
NTA before tax	\$2.05
Fully franked full year dividend	11.0cps
Profits reserve#	35.8cps

## W | A | M *Microcap*

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

ASX: WMI

Share price*	\$1.51
NTA before tax	\$1.30
Fully franked full year dividend	10.0cps
Profits reserve#	53.0cps

## W | A | M *Alternative Assets*

Unique opportunities beyond traditional assets

ASX: WMA

Share price*	\$1.08
NTA before tax	\$1.24
Fully franked full year dividend	4.0cps
Profits reserve#	19.2cps

## W | A | M *Strategic Value*

Discounted asset opportunities

ASX: WAR

Share price*	\$1.005
NTA before tax	\$1.13
Fully franked full year dividend	3.0cps
Profits reserve#	6.8cps

## W | A | M *Research*

The most compelling undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian market

ASX: WAX

Share price*	\$1.265
NTA before tax	\$0.93
Fully franked full year dividend	10.0cps
Profits reserve#	40.5cps

## W | A | M *Active*

Mispricing opportunities in the Australian market

ASX: WAA

Share price*	\$0.76
NTA before tax	\$0.72
Fully franked full year dividend	6.0cps
Profits reserve#	7.2cps

\*As at 12 January 2023.

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

# W | A | M Global

The world's most compelling undervalued growth companies.

The WAM Global (ASX: WGB) investment portfolio decreased during the month, outperforming the MSCI World Index (AUD). Significant contributors to the investment portfolio outperformance included CTS Eventim (ETR: EVD) and Ströer (ETR: SAX).

CTS Eventim is Europe's leading provider of ticketing services and live entertainment. The company is the number one player in its core markets of Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Austria, with over 60% market share. The company is run by CEO Klaus-Peter Schulenberg who is also the largest shareholder with 38.8% of the shares on issue. CTS Eventim is currently benefitting from a strong bounce back in revenues and profitability post the coronavirus pandemic as people return to concerts, festivals and other live events. With touring being the main source of income for artists, the line-up for acts in the next few years is extremely robust. The coronavirus pandemic accelerated the move to purchasing tickets online, which is significantly margin enhancing for the business. CTS Eventim also minimised costs through the pandemic, which will further benefit margins as volumes return. CTS Eventim recently issued 2022 revenue and earnings guidance that was above market expectations and we anticipate further earnings beats ahead. There is also the possibility of merger and acquisition activity given the group's strong balance sheet.

Ströer is the leading out-of-home (OoH) advertising company in Germany, with approximately 60% market share. In addition, Ströer operates a range of complementary businesses in digital media, including the leading German news website t-online.de, as well as high growth assets Statista and Asam Beauty. Management are highly aligned and incentivised to create value, with Co-Chief Executive Officer Udo Müller and former Managing Director Dirk Ströer together holding over 40% of the company. This alignment is evident in Ströer's operational performance in 2022, whereby Ströer grew their advertising revenues double digits when compared to the OoH market that grew only 2.7%. Further, management have outlined a path to unlocking value in the medium term by undertaking a sale of both Statista and Asam Beauty. While Ströer has faced the headwinds associated with a slowdown in advertising spend in 2022 and into 2023, we believe the market is significantly undervaluing both the quality of their core OoH operations, the significant opportunity in digital OoH, management's proven ability to control costs through advertising slowdowns, and the potential to unlock value in Statista and Asam Beauty.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WGB)

\$612.8m\*

## Gross assets

\$720.0m

## Listed equities

\$662.1m

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

4.9%<sup>^</sup>

MSCI World Index (AUD): 8.4%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

30.0c

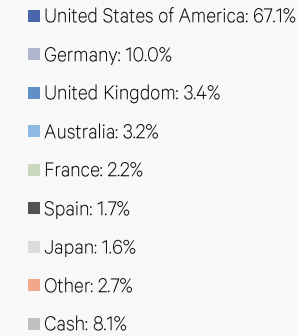
## Fully franked dividend yield

6.3%\*

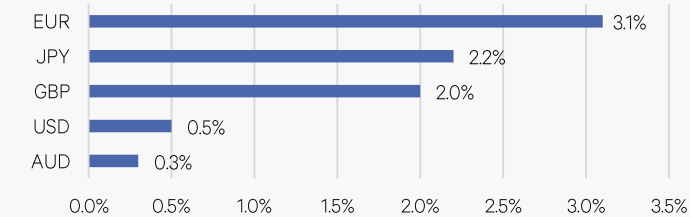
\*Based on the 30 December 2022 share price of \$1.74 per share and the FY22 fully franked full year dividend of 11.0 cents per share. WAM Global has 352,185,340 shares on issue.

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## Portfolio by geographical exposure

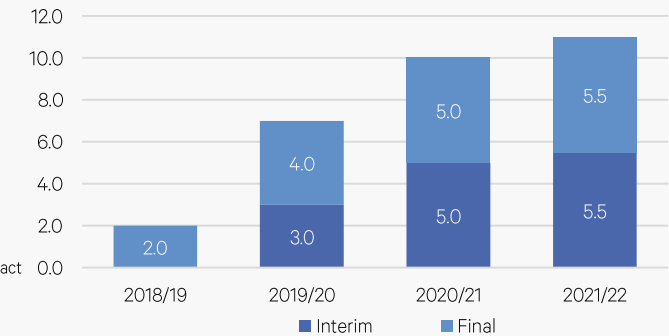


## Cash currency exposure



## History of fully franked dividends

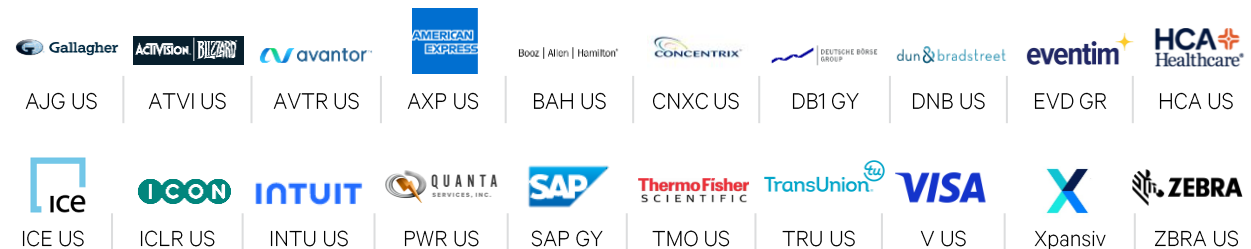
Cents per share



## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains	NTA after tax
December 2022	204.55c	205.80c	215.04c
November 2022	211.77c	211.79c	220.09c

## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)



# W | A | M Capital

The most compelling undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian market.

The WAM Capital (ASX: WAM) investment portfolio decreased during the month. Construction materials, equipment and related services provider Maas Group Holdings (ASX: MGH) was a contributor to the investment portfolio performance, while building services company Johns Lyng Group (ASX: JLG) was a detractor.

Established in 2002, Maas Group Holdings is a leading independent Australian construction materials, equipment and services provider focused on the civil, infrastructure and mining end markets. In December, the company announced an on-market share buy-back of up to 10% of Maas Group Holdings' issued ordinary share capital within the next 12 months, with aims to increase shareholder return on equity. During the month, the company also noted that its acquisition of Victorian integrated construction materials business Dandy Premix was complete. The total consideration for the acquisition was \$85 million and the transaction will allow Maas Group Holdings to establish a significant presence in the construction materials market in Victoria, which has a good growth outlook underpinned by continuing strong construction and infrastructure spend. We remain positive on the future outlook of Maas Group Holdings and look forward to the progress in its acquisition of the commercial development site in Newcastle, New South Wales.

Johns Lyng Group is an integrated building services group delivering building and restoration services across Australia and the US. During the month, the company provided a business update, noting its Executive Director and Group Chief Operating Officer Mr Lindsay Barber sold four million shares in Johns Lyng Group, representing approximately 31% of Mr Barber's prior holdings in the company. While the news caused a drop in the company's share price, we remain confident in Mr Barber's commitment to his role as well as in the company's ability to maintain its earnings guidance for FY2023. Johns Lyng Group expects FY2023 sales revenue of \$1,030.9 million, up 15.2% from FY2022, and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) of \$105.3 million, a 26.0% increase on FY2022.

## Market capitalisation

(ASX: WAM)

\$1,772.4m<sup>#</sup>

## Gross assets

\$1,525.9m

## Listed equities

\$1,388.8m

## Investment portfolio performance

(pa since inception Aug 1999)

14.8%<sup>^</sup>

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

## Dividends paid since inception

(per share)

285.0c

## Fully franked dividend yield

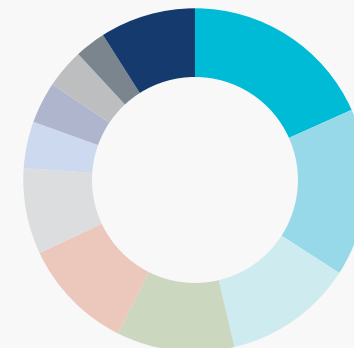
9.6%<sup>#</sup>

<sup>#</sup>Based on the 30 December 2022 share price of \$1.62 per share and the FY22 fully franked full year dividend of 15.5 cents per share. WAM Capital has 1,094,094,184 shares on issue.

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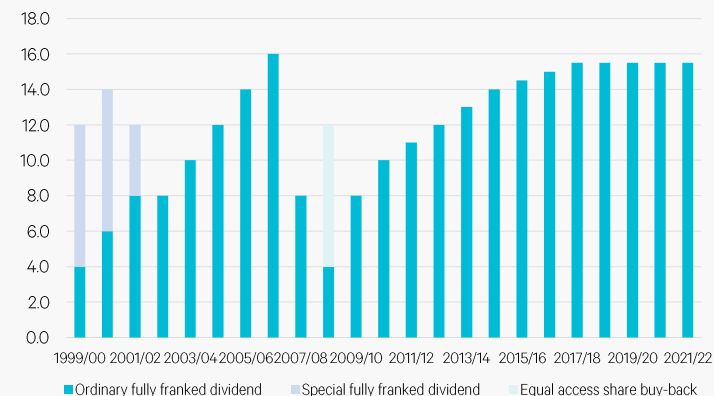
## Diversified investment portfolio by sector

- Consumer discretionary: 18.3%
- Industrials: 15.8%
- Health care: 12.2%
- Communication services: 11.1%
- Financials: 10.6%
- Materials: 8.1%
- Information technology: 4.4%
- Real estate: 3.9%
- Consumer staples: 3.7%
- Energy: 2.9%
- Cash: 9.0%



## 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*
December 2022	139.39c <sup>^</sup>	156.55c	156.37c
November 2022	144.96c	161.55c	159.93c

<sup>^</sup>The NTA before tax is after the payment of \$5.1m (0.47 cents per share) in tax during the month.  
<sup>\*</sup>Includes 1.50 cents per share of tax assets resulting from the acquisition of investment companies and 15.53 cents per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods.

## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)

@ Life360 360	AMP AMP	Estia Health EHE	EVT EVT	Fisher & Paykel Healthcare FPH	HUB 24 HUB	idp IEL	iph IPH	Lifestyle Communities LIC	Lovisa LOV
MAAS MGH	MMA Offshore MRM	NRW Holdings NWH	oh! OML	pro:medicus PME	Premier Investments PMV	Perenti PRN	REA REA	SGH Industrial Services, Metals, Energy and Investments SVW	Webjet Limited WEB

# W | A | M Leaders

Actively investing in the highest quality Australian companies.

The WAM Leaders (ASX: WLE) investment portfolio decreased during the month, outperforming the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index. Significant contributors to the investment portfolio outperformance included real estate companies Lendlease Group (ASX: LLC) and Dexus (ASX: DXS).

Lendlease Group is a global diversified real estate company, operating in three main segments; property development, construction and investments. The share price fell to 10-year lows in mid December on concerns of the company's ability to meet financial targets in a more challenging economic environment. We considered this negative sentiment to be overplayed and used this opportunity to increase our position. With a new Chief Executive Officer at the helm since mid-2021, the company is simplified and overall better positioned than the market implies to weather headwinds. We expect further returns over the medium-term and are impressed by the new strategic direction of the business, which is focusing on using the development pipeline to grow investment earnings, while reducing the exposure to construction will improve earnings predictability.

Dexus is an Australian office, industrial and funds management real estate company. Dexus traded at close to a 40% discount to its asset backing at the start of December, which was at its lowest levels since the Global Financial Crisis. In 2009, the market was impacted by high debt margins, capital constraints and forced sellers. Today, demand for high quality assets remains strong. As such, we remain confident on the further returns expected over the medium-term. We believe management are exceptional asset allocators, and are continuing to move up the quality spectrum by recycling lower-quality office assets into high-quality development projects. Additionally, growth in Dexus' industrial and funds management businesses is impressive and diversifies the business from its pure office exposure. We continue to see value in Dexus with its strong balance sheet, with gearing well below its target range and long-dated average debt maturities.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WLE)

\$1,609.1m\*

## Gross assets

\$1,575.1m

## Listed equities

\$1,558.1m

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

14.4%<sup>^</sup>

S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index: 8.4%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

35.15c

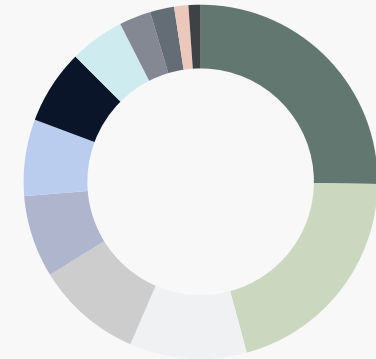
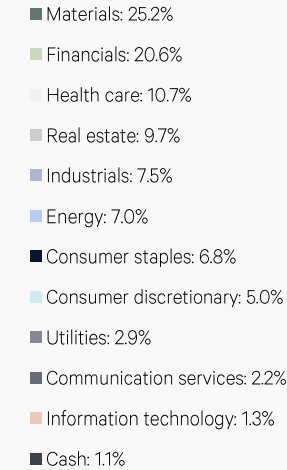
## Fully franked dividend yield

5.5%\*

\*Based on the 30 December 2022 share price of \$1465 per share and the FY22 fully franked full year dividend of 8.0 cents per share. WAM Leaders has 1,098,355,168 shares on issue.

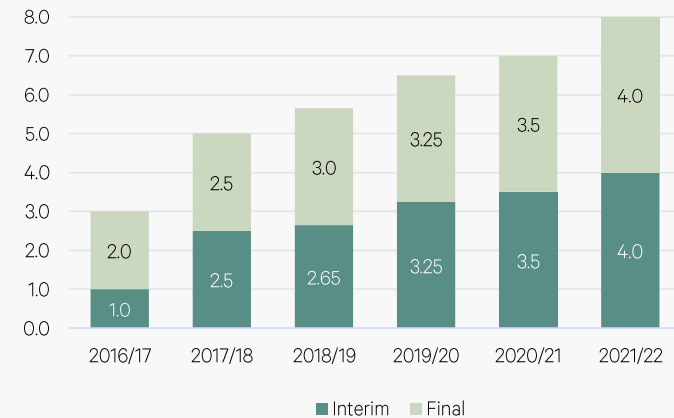
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## Diversified investment portfolio by sector



## 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
December 2022	142.98c	141.74c	141.49c
November 2022	147.11c	146.64c	144.57c

## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)





# W | A | M *Microcap*

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

The WAM Microcap (ASX: WMI) investment portfolio decreased during the month, outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index. Significant contributors to the investment portfolio outperformance included alternative real estate investment manager Qualitas (ASX: QAL) and marine service provider MMA Offshore (ASX: MRM).

Founded in 2008, Qualitas is one of Australia's leading alternative real estate investment managers. With committed capital of approximately \$5.5 billion, Qualitas invests in real estate private credit, opportunistic real estate private equity, income-producing commercial real estate and build-to-rent residential. During the month, Qualitas announced the establishment of a \$50 million warehouse facility for its listed Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund (ASX: QRI), which we believe will be immediately earnings accretive for Qualitas and allow Qualitas' Real Estate Income Fund to deploy its capital more effectively. Earlier in November, Qualitas provided a strong trading update at its AGM, noting capital deployed in FY2023 to date totalled greater than \$1 billion, which is over 50% of total capital deployed in FY2022 in just four months into the financial year. Further, the company reaffirmed its FY2023 earnings guidance of \$30 million to \$33 million net profit before tax. Qualitas is significantly exposed to the Senior Commercial Real Estate loan business, with the funds structured in such a manner that it provides positive earnings leverage to a higher interest rate environment. Coupled with the company's strong rate of capital deployment to date, Qualitas appears well positioned to upgrade its earnings guidance at the upcoming 1H2023 result in February. Its balance sheet is also strong with a significant net cash position, providing optionality to deploy further capital into existing and new strategies or undertake earnings-accretive acquisitions. Overall, we view Qualitas as attractively valued given the positive growth outlook on offer.

MMA Offshore provides offshore supply vessels and a comprehensive suite of marine and subsea services to the offshore energy sector and government, defence and wider maritime industries. During the month, the company announced that it expects to deliver earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) in the range of \$30 to \$32 million in the first half of FY2023, up approximately 70% on the second half of FY2022. The positive earnings guidance was a result of stronger-than-anticipated market conditions during the first half of FY2023, driven by increased activity in the company's traditional oil and gas markets and offshore wind developments in South-East Asia. We continue to believe that the recovery in oil and gas activity following disruptions caused by the coronavirus lockdowns, combined with the growth in offshore wind developments, presents a unique opportunity for MMA Offshore to secure meaningful contracts moving forward.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WMI)

\$318.2m\*

## Gross assets

\$276.4m

## Listed equities

\$256.9m

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

15.4%<sup>^</sup>

S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index: 5.8%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

43.75c

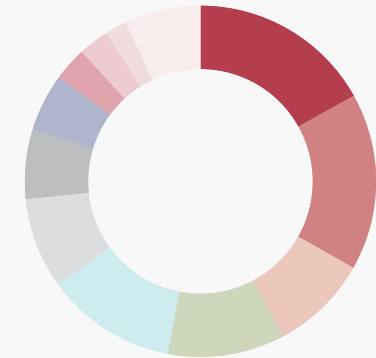
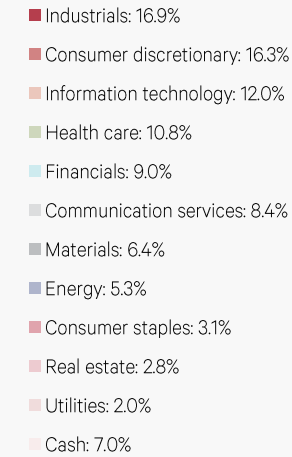
## Fully franked dividend yield

6.6%\*

\*Based on the 30 December 2022 share price of \$1515 per share and the FY22 fully franked full year dividend of 10.0 cents per share. WAM Microcap has 210,045,039 shares on issue.

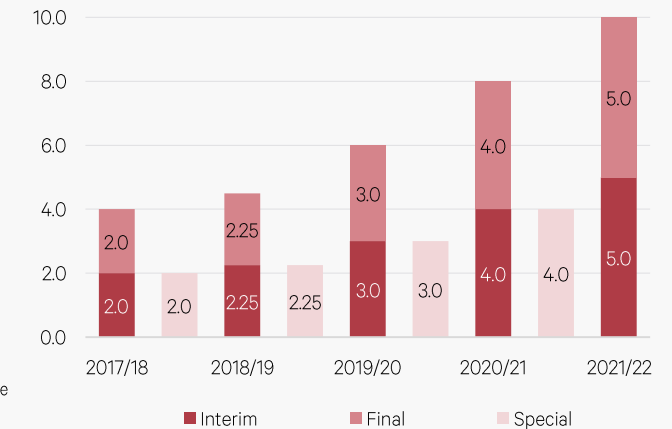
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## Diversified investment portfolio by sector



## History of fully franked dividends

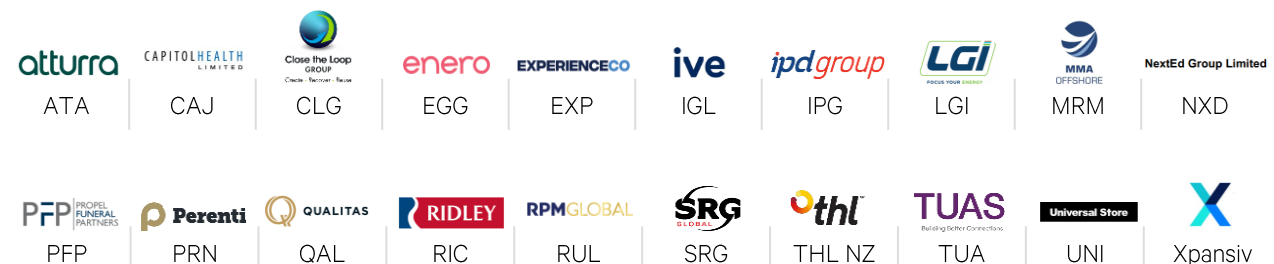
Cents per share



## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains	NTA after tax
December 2022	130.28c	132.94c	131.86c
November 2022	133.95c	136.39c	134.42c

## 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 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 assessments.

In December, WAM Alternative Assets committed \$10 million to our investment partner, Palisade Investment Partners, to be invested in Palisade's Renewable Energy Fund (PREF). PREF is one of the largest renewable energy platforms in Australia that provides investors with access to \$2 billion of renewable energy generating assets, with over 1 gigawatt of total capacity. The PREF portfolio is diversified by fuel source (wind and solar) and geography with sites in South Australia, Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania. The current PREF portfolio will supply 530,000 homes with clean energy and abate over 2 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2) per year. Palisade Investment Partners has a strong track record of investing in and delivering renewable energy projects. The PREF investment portfolio includes six assets, with more investments to be made. This commitment to PREF will provide the WAM Alternative Assets investment portfolio with a relatively stable income yield and aligns with WAM Alternative Assets' long-term thematic portfolio construction approach, with the megatrend being climate change. The Australian renewable energy buildout continues to receive strong support from the Federal and State Governments, including the establishment of Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) and investing in transmission infrastructure.

During the month, WAM Alternative Assets also invested \$3.1 million into a new private equity growth co-investment opportunity, Aged Care Decisions (ACD). ACD is Australia's leading end-to-end residential and home care placement and support services platform. ACD is a technology-enabled service provider that helps a growing number of families navigate the increasingly complex aged care and disability care markets. ACD offers a highly scalable tech-enabled business model. This co-investment was made with WAM Alternative Assets' investment partner, Fortitude Investment Partners, and aligns with WAM Alternative Assets' long-term thematic portfolio construction approach, with the megatrend being a growing ageing population.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WMA)

\$210.5m\*

## Gross assets

\$242.1m

## Investment portfolio performance

(pa since appointment of Wilson Asset Management as Investment Manager October 2020)

13.2%^

## Profits reserve (per share)

19.2c

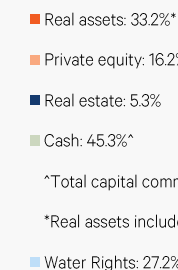
## Fully franked full year dividend (per share)

4.0c

\*Based on the 30 December 2022 share price of \$10.8 per share. WAM Alternative Assets has 194,887,687 shares on issue.

^Investment portfolio performance is before expenses, fees and taxes.

## Asset class exposure



^Total capital commitments are 31.3%.

\*Real assets includes:

Portfolio structure	Current value		+/- Prior month	
	\$m	%	\$m	%
Real assets	80.3	33.2	0.1	0.1
Private equity*	39.3	16.2	(0.3)	(0.8)
Real estate*	12.8	5.3	(0.2)	(1.5)
Cash*	109.7	45.3	(1.5)	(1.3)
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>242.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>(1.9)</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>

\*Includes undrawn capital commitments to the Palisade Diversified Infrastructure Fund (\$20.0m); the Barwon Institutional Healthcare Property Fund (\$12.4m); the Intermediate Capital Group Australian Senior Loan Fund (\$10.0m); the Palisade's Renewable Energy Fund (\$10.0m); the Allegro Fund IV (\$9.8m); the CEN (I&L) Partnership Fund (\$6.5m); the Adamantem Capital Fund II (\$5.8m) and the Strategic Australian Agriculture Fund (\$1.3m). During the month, \$3.1m was deployed to our investment in Aged Care Decisions and \$28.9k of our undrawn capital commitment to the Allegro Fund IV. ^During the month, partial exit proceeds were received from our investment in the Hotel Funds (\$0.9m), the Shopper Media Group Funds (\$0.6m) and the Darra Industrial Income Fund (\$0.1m).

## Asset Classes

### Real assets

Agricultural assets and investments in perpetual water entitlements which can be sold or leased to irrigators to generate income.

### Private equity

Unlisted companies with long-term and accelerated growth potential.

### Real estate

Domestic and international industrial, healthcare and office assets.

### Infrastructure

Mid-market infrastructure assets across a range of essential services and facilities including air and sea transport, renewable energy and utilities.

### Private debt

Senior secured loans to established Australian and New Zealand-based businesses.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains	NTA after tax
December 2022	124.02c	121.42c	120.57c
November 2022	124.98c	122.46c	121.27c

## 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



Owns and operates a portfolio of hotel assets in Australia

### Real estate

2 Rector Street, Manhattan, New York

Centennial CEN (I&L) Partnership Fund

Barwon Institutional Healthcare Property Fund

## New Investment Partners



Mid-market private equity buy-out strategy



Australian healthcare real estate strategy



Last-mile logistics real estate strategy



Turnaround, special situations and transformation private equity strategy



Mid-market infrastructure strategy



Australian senior loan strategy

# W | A | M Strategic Value

Discounted asset opportunities.

The WAM Strategic Value (ASX: WAR) investment portfolio decreased during the month as domestic and global markets fell following concerns of continued interest rate increases and the prospect of economic recession. L1 Long Short Fund (ASX: LSF) was a contributor to the investment portfolio while listed investment companies (LICs) and listed investment trusts (LITs) invested in global equities, Magellan Global Fund (ASX: MGF), WAM Global (ASX: WGB) and Pengana International Equities (ASX: PIA), were detractors.

L1 Long Short Fund provides investors with exposure to a portfolio predominantly comprised of long and short positions in Australian and New Zealand equities. The company also has the ability to invest up to 30% of the investment portfolio's gross exposure in global securities. During December, L1 Long Short Fund's pre-tax Net Tangible Assets (NTA) increased 4.4%, outperforming the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index by 7.6%. The company's share price increased 6.5% during the month, resulting in a narrowing of the share price discount to NTA from 8.5% to 6.6%. WAM Strategic Value remains invested in the L1 Long Short Fund, believing that the discount to NTA will continue to narrow over time. L1 Long Short Fund remains well positioned to continue to deliver on its objectives for investors, with the company's ability to provide investors a growing stream of fully franked dividends and Managing Directors and Chief Investment Officers Mark Landau and Raphael Lamm continue to increase their investment in the company.

During December, the investment portfolios of LICs and LITs invested in global equities largely decreased following the decline of the MSCI World Index (AUD), which fell 5.4%. LICs and LITs invested in international companies accounted for 45.0% of WAM Strategic Value's investment portfolio as at 31 December 2022. Global equities experienced a significant drawdown in the 2022 calendar year, amidst concerns around geopolitical tensions, inflation and the prospect of a global economic recession. The US S&P 500 Index and Nasdaq Composite Index finished the year down 19.4% and 33.1% respectively in local terms, their worst calendar-year performance since 2008.

Market capitalisation (ASX: WAR)

\$182.8m\*

Inaugural fully franked full year dividend

3.0cps

Gross assets

\$202.3m<sup>^</sup>

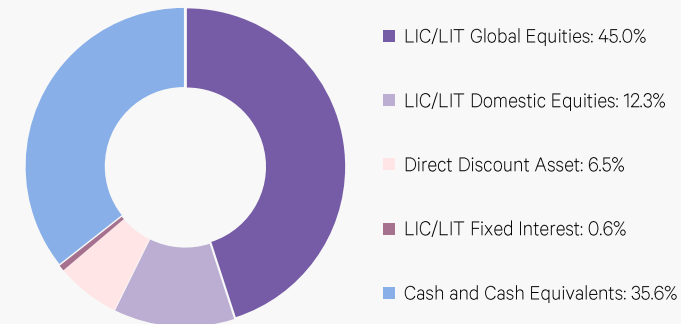
Pre-tax net tangible assets

\$1.13

\*Based on the 30 December 2022 share price of \$1.015 per share and 180,125,761 shares on issue.

<sup>^</sup>Gross assets exclude the \$932k offer costs receivable balance associated with the Initial Public Offer (repayable by the Investment Manager).

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



December 2022 look-through pre-tax NTA

\$1.25

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.

## About WAM Strategic Value

WAM Strategic Value will take advantage of market mispricing opportunities, including securities trading at discounts to assets or net tangible assets, corporate transactions and dividend yield arbitrages. WAM Strategic Value aims to deliver strong risk-adjusted returns derived from a portfolio primarily composed of discounted asset opportunities selected using the proven market-driven investment process we have developed over more than two decades.

## Top holdings (in alphabetical order)

 AMP	 CIN	 EAI	 GDC	 LRK	 LSF	 MGF	 NSC
 PIA	 QRI	 QVE	 RF1	 RG8	 SEC	 VG1	 WGB*

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

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains	NTA after tax
December 2022	112.57c	112.68c	117.60c
November 2022	114.49c	114.69c	118.94c



# W | A | M Research

The most compelling undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian market.

The WAM Research (ASX: WAX) investment portfolio decreased during the month. Diversified mining services company Perenti (ASX: PRN) was a contributor to the investment portfolio performance, while building services company Johns Lyng Group (ASX: JLG) was a detractor.

Founded in Kalgoorlie in 1987, Perenti provides mining services including contract mining, mining support services and future technology solutions. In December, Perenti announced a second earnings guidance upgrade, with FY2023 revenue now expected to be between \$2.7 billion to \$2.9 billion and earnings before interest, tax and amortisation (EBITA) of between \$230 million to \$250 million. The upgrade was a reflection of improved commercial conditions across several Australian and African projects, as well as the company being awarded a new contract for development work with Evolution Mining (ASX: EVN) and the expansion of its work scope with Regis Resources (ASX: RRL). During the month, Perenti also announced a contract extension for its surface mining business in Africa, valued at approximately USD185 million over a period of four years. We are pleased to see continued positive developments in Perenti's business, which contributes to the company's FY2025 target of achieving EBITA margin of 10%.

Johns Lyng Group is an integrated building services group delivering building and restoration services across Australia and the US. During the month, the company provided a business update, noting its Executive Director and Group Chief Operating Officer Mr Lindsay Barber sold four million shares in Johns Lyng Group, representing approximately 31% of Mr Barber's prior holdings in the company. While the news caused a drop in the company's share price, we remain confident in Mr Barber's commitment to his role as well as in the company's ability to maintain its earnings guidance for FY2023. Johns Lyng Group expects FY2023 sales revenue of \$1,030.9 million, up 15.2% from FY2022, and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) of \$105.3 million, a 26.0% increase on FY2022.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains*	NTA after tax*
December 2022	92.91c	99.54c	99.82c
November 2022	96.68c	103.48c	102.45c

\*Includes 5.60 cents per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WAX)

\$253.3m<sup>#</sup>

## Gross assets

\$185.9m

## Listed equities

\$171.5m

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

13.6%<sup>^</sup>

S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index: 8.6%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

134.0c

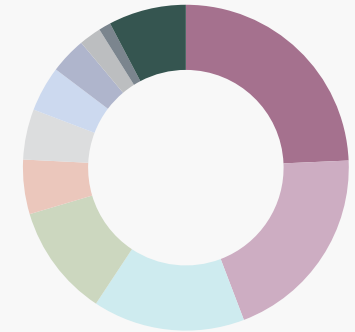
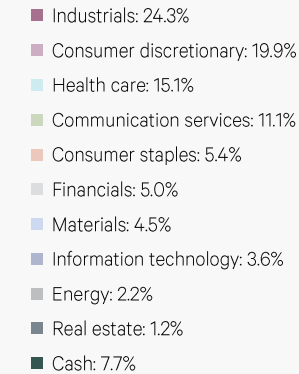
## Fully franked dividend yield

7.9%<sup>#</sup>

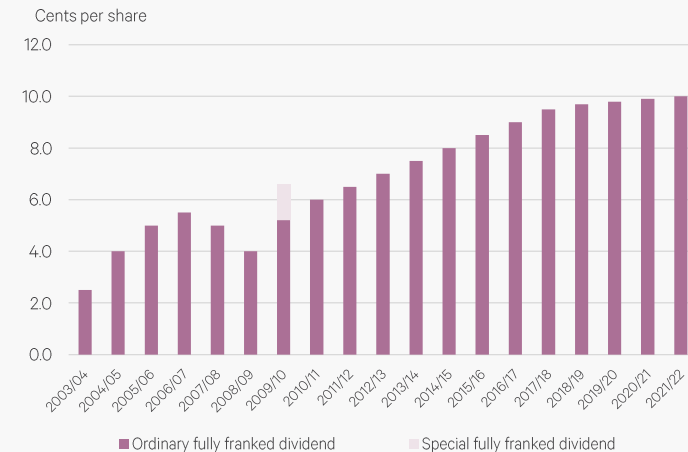
<sup>#</sup>Based on the 30 December 2022 share price of \$1.27 per share and the FY22 fully franked full year dividend of 10.0 cents per share. WAM Research has 199,431,782 shares on issue.

<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 decreased during the month. Biopharmaceutical company Neuren Pharmaceuticals (ASX: NEU) was a contributor to the investment portfolio performance, while information technology company Life360 (ASX: 360) was a detractor.

Neuren Pharmaceuticals is currently developing new therapies for highly debilitating neurodevelopmental disorders that emerge in early childhood, which currently do not have approved medicine to treat the condition. The company announced in late 2022 that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a priority review for its Rett syndrome therapy with the results due in February 2023. Additionally in December, the company announced that it had submitted an Investigational New Drug application for FDA's approval to proceed with a Phase 2 trial for a therapy in Prader-Willi syndrome. The news represented a significant milestone toward the development of the new therapy. Further, Neuren Pharmaceuticals noted positive results from its two other trials for therapies in Angelman syndrome and Phelan-McDermid syndrome, which showed good safety and tolerability profiles. We look forward to the announcement of further top-line results from these trials in the second half of 2023.

Based in San Francisco, Life360 provides location-based services to consumers globally, including integrated driving safety features and tools. The company was impacted by the broader technology market decline in December, with most of Nasdaq's suite of indexes performing negatively. In November, Life360 completed a \$50 million placement which negatively impacted market sentiment as it questioned the company's prospects of achieving its current target of free cash flow breakeven by the September 2023 quarter. Regardless, Life360 enters 2023 with a strong balance sheet to fund itself through to this milestone and we continue to see upside to consensus expectations underpinned by the positive impacts of pricing changes for its subscription products which, to date, has resulted in lower-than-expected churn. The bundling of its Tile product with the Life360 app should underpin increased paid user conversion and improvements in its gross margin should see reduction in commissions paid to Apple and Google app stores.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains*	NTA after tax*
December 2022	72.10c <sup>^</sup>	82.25c	83.03c
November 2022	74.95c	84.42c	84.80c

<sup>^</sup>The NTA before tax is after the payment of \$250k (0.34 cents per share) in tax during the month.  
\*Includes 10.08 cents per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WAA)

\$56.0m<sup>#</sup>

## Gross assets

\$53.9m

## Listed equities

\$52.5m

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

9.6%<sup>^</sup>

Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (Cash): 2.7%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

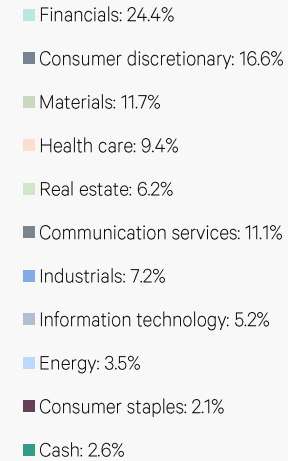
86.7c

## Fully franked dividend yield

8.0%<sup>#</sup>

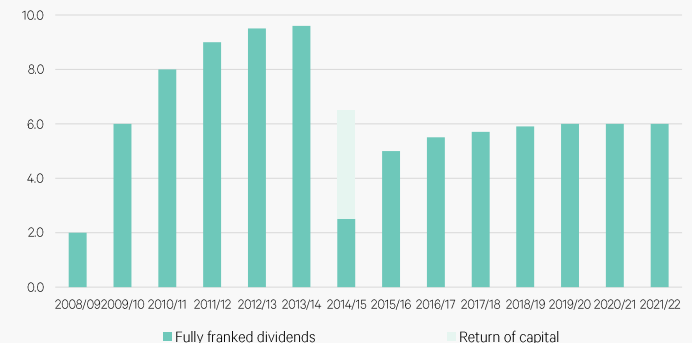
<sup>#</sup>Based on the 30 December 2022 share price of \$0.75 per share and the FY22 fully franked full year dividend of 6.0 cents per share. WAM Active has 74,619,042 shares on issue.  
<sup>^</sup>Investment portfolio performance is before expenses, fees and taxes to compare to the relevant index which is also before expenses, fees and taxes.

## Diversified investment portfolio by sector



## History of fully franked dividends

Cents per share



## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)

Life360 360	AMP AMP	BELLEVUE GOLD BGL	carsales.com ltd CAR	Domino's DMP	EMERALD EMR	Fisher & Paykel HEALTHCARE FPH	HMC HMC	HUB 24 HUB	KEYBRIDGE KBC
Lifestyle COMMUNITIES LIC	MMS MMS	MMA OFFSHORE MRM	oh! OML	PREMIER INVESTMENTS PMV	PWH PWH	REA REA	SDF SDF	SGH SVW	Tabcorp TAH