

# March 2022 Investment Update

	Pre-tax NTA
<b>W   A   M Capital</b>	\$1.73
<b>W   A   M Leaders</b>	\$1.56
<b>W   A   M Global</b>	\$2.38
<b>W   A   M Microcap</b>	\$1.64
<b>W   A   M Alternative Assets</b>	\$1.26
<b>W   A   M Strategic Value</b>	\$1.26
<b>W   A   M Research</b>	\$1.13
<b>W   A   M Active</b>	\$0.91

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

March proved to be another challenging month for all Australians impacted by the floods, and all Ukrainians dealing with their current humanitarian crisis.

The escalating tension in Eastern Europe has driven commodity prices to record levels. The MSCI World Index (AUD) closed down 0.7% for the month, Euro Stoxx 50 Index fell 0.6%, Japan's TOPIX Index was down 3.2%, the CSI 300 Index fell 7.8%, while the US S&P 500 Index rose 3.6% and the UK FTSE 100 Index closed up 0.8% in local terms.

Australian equities continued to outperform for the second month in a row with the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index increasing 6.9%.

#### Women's Investor Events

Wilson Asset Management recently held two incredibly informative and enjoyable Women's Investor events in Melbourne and Sydney. Chief Executive Officer Kate Thorley was joined by Future Generation Chief Executive Officer Caroline Gurney, WAM Global (ASX: WGB) Lead Portfolio Manager Catriona Burns, WAM Alternative Assets (ASX: WMA) Portfolio Manager Dania Zinurova and WAM Leaders (ASX: WLE) Equity Analyst Anna Milne for a panel discussion to share their investing and career insights and take questions from the audience. We would like to thank all our shareholders who joined us on the day.

If you are interested in attending a similar event in the future please contact Senior Corporate Affairs Advisor Camilla Cox at [info@wilsonassetmanagement.com.au](mailto:info@wilsonassetmanagement.com.au) or call (02) 9427 6755.

#### WAM Vault Live

We are all looking forward to meeting you again in-person for WAM Vault Live. During a candid Q&A session, hear about Wilson Asset Management's eight listed investment companies, the investment team's views on the market and how we make a difference for shareholders and the community. The Wilson Asset Management discussion will be followed by a Q&A session with Future Generation featuring a pro bono fund manager and a charity partner.

#### Register your attendance:

We will be live streaming and recording the Sydney event if you are unable to attend in person.

- [Launceston, 16 May](#)
- [Hobart, 17 May](#)
- [Sunshine Coast, 18 May](#)
- [Brisbane, 19 May](#)
- [Adelaide, 20 May](#)
- [Canberra, 23 May](#)
- [Sydney, 26 May](#)
- [Melbourne, 27 May](#)
- [Perth, 2 June](#)

#### In the media

WAM Leaders Equity Analyst Anna Milne featured on ABC's The Business to discuss her equity market outlook including market sentiment, company news and volatility in the commodities market.

WAM Capital (ASX: WAM), WAM Microcap (ASX: WMI), WAM Research (ASX: WAX) and WAM Active (ASX: WAA) Equity Analyst Sam Koch recently featured on [ausbiz](#), discussing current opportunities and trends in the small-cap space.

WAM Alternative Assets Portfolio Manager Dania Zinurova's [article](#) on real assets featured on Equity Mates, highlighting the benefits of investing in this asset class.

#### WAM Capital to acquire Westoz Investment Company (ASX: WIC) and Ozgrowth (ASX: OZG) via separate Schemes of Arrangement

On 6 April 2022, Westoz and Ozgrowth shareholders overwhelmingly voted in favour to approve the respective Schemes of Arrangement (Schemes) with WAM Capital. WAM Capital's share price premium to NTA enables it to acquire Westoz and Ozgrowth through the Schemes at a discount to their underlying asset backing in a cost-effective manner for all WAM Capital shareholders.

On a pre-tax NTA basis, the expected consideration to be paid by WAM Capital for Westoz and Ozgrowth under the Schemes is approximately \$285.9 million as at 31 March 2022, to acquire \$322.7 million of underlying assets, representing an expected return on investment of approximately 12.9% on each of the Westoz and Ozgrowth Schemes.

Following the announcement of the Schemes in December 2021, we are aware that arbitrageurs have been buying both Westoz and Ozgrowth shares at a discount to the implied value under the Schemes with a view to selling the WAM Capital shares they receive once the transaction implementation occurs on 21 April 2022. Following WAM Capital's takeover of amaysim Australia Limited in February 2021, we saw similar arbitrageurs selling out of WAM Capital. Over the eight trading days after they received their WAM Capital shares as part of the offer consideration, the WAM Capital share price fell 15 cents per share. After bottoming at \$2.06 per share, the WAM Capital share price then rallied 22 cents per share over the next 33 trading days. This period may create both short-term buying and selling opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support and please stay safe.



**Geoff Wilson AO**  
Chairman



# LIC snapshot



## W | A | M *Capital*

The most compelling undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian market

ASX: WAM

Share price*	\$2.30
NTA before tax	\$1.73
Annualised fully franked interim dividend	15.5cps
Profits reserve#	19.2cps

## W | A | M *Leaders*

Actively investing in the highest quality Australian companies

ASX: WLE

Share price*	\$1.53
NTA before tax	\$1.56
Annualised fully franked interim dividend	8.0cps
Profits reserve#	39.8cps

## W | A | M *Global*

The world's most compelling undervalued growth companies

ASX: WGB

Share price*	\$2.23
WGBO option price*	\$0.003
NTA before tax	\$2.38
Annualised fully franked interim dividend	11.0cps
Profits reserve#	39.0cps

## W | A | M *Microcap*

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

ASX: WMI

Share price*	\$1.85
NTA before tax	\$1.64
Annualised fully franked interim dividend	10.0cps
Profits reserve#	52.0cps

## W | A | M *Alternative Assets*

Unique opportunities beyond traditional assets

ASX: WMA

Share price*	\$1.125
NTA before tax	\$1.26
Annualised fully franked interim dividend	4.0cps
Commencement date	14 October 2020
Profits reserve#	18.1cps

## W | A | M *Strategic Value*

Discounted asset opportunities

ASX: WAR

Share price*	\$1.165
NTA before tax	\$1.26
Inaugural fully franked interim dividend	1.0cps
Listing date	28 June 2021
Profits reserve#	4.6cps

## W | A | M *Research*

The most compelling undervalued growth opportunities in the Australian market

ASX: WAX

Share price*	\$1.605
NTA before tax	\$1.13
Annualised fully franked interim dividend	10.0cps
Profits reserve#	43.9cps

## W | A | M *Active*

Mispricing opportunities in the Australian market

ASX: WAA

Share price*	\$1.075
WAAOA option price*	\$0.009
NTA before tax	\$0.91
Annualised fully franked interim dividend	6.0cps
Profits reserve#	7.8cps

\*As at 13 April 2022.

#The profits reserve figures are as at 31 March 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. International exchange organisation and market infrastructure provider Deutsche Boerse (ETR: DB1) was a contributor to the investment portfolio performance, while home improvement retailer Lowe's (NYSE: LOW) was a detractor.

Deutsche Boerse is an international exchange and market infrastructure provider listed in Germany. The company provides a wide range of products, services and technologies that are critical to ensuring the smooth functioning of financial markets. Increased market volatility and elevated trading volumes during the month were positive for the company's earnings and contributed to the investment portfolio performance in March. Deutsche Boerse is a scale operator in an industry with high barriers to entry and is positioned to benefit from structural growth drivers. These include trends such as the shift from over-the-counter to exchange traded products, increased demand for data and analytics, rising environmental, social and governance (ESG) product demand and the continued digitisation of the financial sector. Further, the company has an attractive valuation given its resilient business model with a diversified multi-asset class offering and 55% of its revenues recurring in nature. Should market volatility persist, Deutsche Boerse will continue to benefit given higher trading in their markets. Looking forward, Deutsche Boerse is expected to perform well as it delivers on its mid-term targets for 10% growth in revenue, earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) and cash earnings per share (EPS).

Lowe's is the second largest home improvement retailer in the US. During the month, Lowe's was a detractor to WAM Global's portfolio performance as the market became concerned about weaker consumer discretionary spending in the home improvement sector amid rising inflation and concerns over the impact of rising interest rates on the US housing market. During the month, the Board of Directors for Lowe's declared a quarterly cash dividend of USD80 cents per share. The long-term outlook for the business remains attractive given the favourable housing demand and supply dynamics across the US. Various factors are driving demand including rising prices, millennials entering the market, the continuation of work-from-home flexibility and rising institutional demand for single family dwellings. This demand is meeting more than a decade of underbuild, creating shortages of housing stock. Despite a potentially difficult near-term macroeconomic backdrop, the management team has shown an excellent ability to execute and there is still a significant opportunity to improve operating margins. Lowe's continues to expand its customer loyalty base by targeting professional consumers and implementing customer engagement techniques to increase store sales and boost spending. The company is trading at an attractive valuation and is set to gain market share in a near-duopoly industry structure. We see the opportunity for the business to continue to re-rate higher as they execute on their growth plans and achieve their mid-term margin targets.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

The below NTA figures are **before** the fully franked interim dividend of 5.5 cents per share due to be paid on 27 May 2022. The shares will trade ex-dividend on 16 May 2022.

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains	NTA after tax
March 2022	237.59c	239.47c	240.77c
February 2022	245.80c	246.87c	246.53c

The above March NTA figures are not adjusted for the 278,453,273 options on issue with an exercise price of \$2.54 per option.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WGB)

\$784.1m\*

## Gross assets

\$833.9m

## Listed equities

\$764.6m

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

8.0%<sup>^</sup>

MSCI World Index (AUD): 11.4%

## Annualised fully franked interim dividend

11.0c

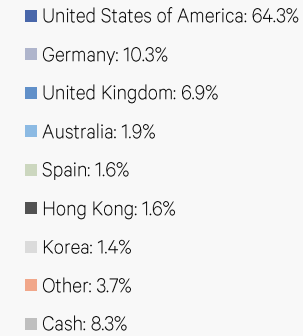
## Cash weighting

8.3%

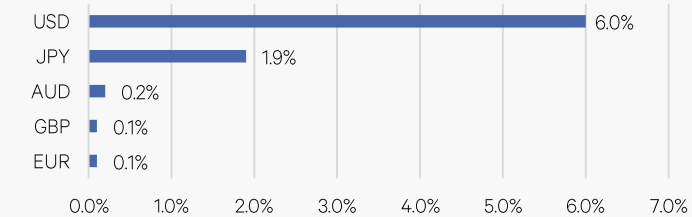
\*Based on the 31 March 2022 share price of \$2.24 per share and 350,060,800 shares on issue. During the month, 14,471 options were exercised and allotted under the Bonus Issue of Options. The options are trading under the ASX code WGB0 with an exercise price of \$2.54 per option and expire on 12 September 2022.

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

## Portfolio by geographical exposure

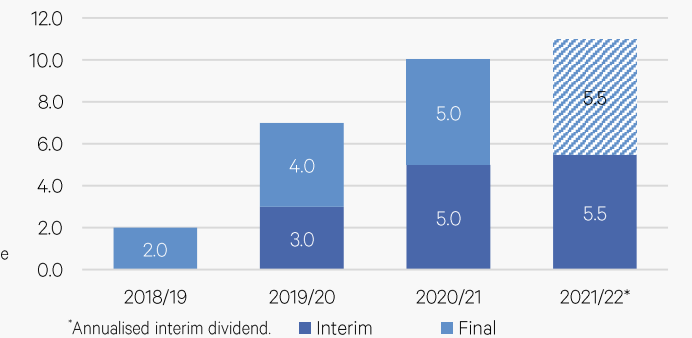


## Cash currency exposure

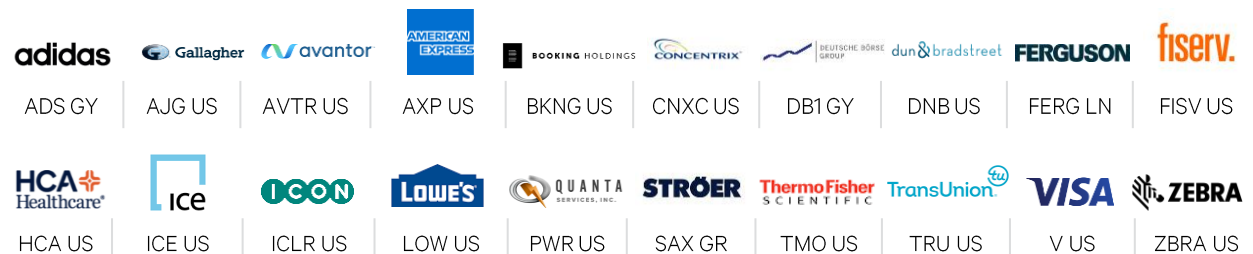


## History of fully franked dividends

Cents per share



## 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 increased during the month, with significant contributors to the investment portfolio performance including testing, inspection and certification business ALS (ASX: ALQ) and brick manufacturer Brickworks (ASX: BKW).

Headquartered in Brisbane, ALS provides laboratory testing, inspection, certification and verification solutions and services across multiple industries in over 65 countries. During March 2022, ALS announced an upgraded FY2022 underlying net profit after tax (NPAT) guidance of between \$260 and \$265 million. The midpoint of this NPAT guidance represented a 6.3% increase on the prior guidance, driven by strong geochemistry sample volume growth and price improvements within ALS' Minerals division and additional volume growth above pre-pandemic level volumes in ALS' Life Sciences division. Our outlook for the company remains strong and we believe ALS will continue to benefit from increased demand for mineral exploration services over the medium-term.

Brickworks manufactures a diverse range of building products across Australia and North America, employing 2,500 staff worldwide. In March, Brickworks announced a record half-year statutory NPAT of \$581 million, a 720% increase from the prior comparative period, beating market expectations. The company's building material manufacturing division, Building Products Australia, also delivered a significant increase in earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) in the first half of FY2022, up 66%, to \$27 million, compared to the prior comparative period as sales momentum increased post coronavirus lockdowns. We believe Brickworks' Joint Venture Industrial Property Trust, a partnership between Brickworks and Goodman Industrial Trust, continues to be undervalued by the market despite its sustained growth which has been fuelled by the accelerated industry trend towards e-commerce. We remain positive on Brickworks, particularly as further sales of land into the Property Trust will lead to a significant uplift in rental income, which will continue to support double digit earnings growth in this division.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

The below NTA figures are **before** the fully franked interim dividend of 7.75 cents per share due to be paid on 17 June 2022. The shares will trade ex-dividend on 6 June 2022.

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains*	NTA after tax*
March 2022	173.26c <sup>^</sup>	182.64c	181.38c
February 2022	171.12c	179.78c	179.99c

<sup>^</sup>The NTA before tax is after the payment of \$862k (0.09 cents per share) in tax during the month.  
\*Includes 1.14 cents per share of tax assets resulting from the acquisition of unlisted investment companies and 6.69 cents per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WAM)

\$2,117.0m<sup>#</sup>

## Gross assets

\$1,613.1m

## Listed equities

\$1,333.0m

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

15.8%<sup>^</sup>

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

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

269.5c

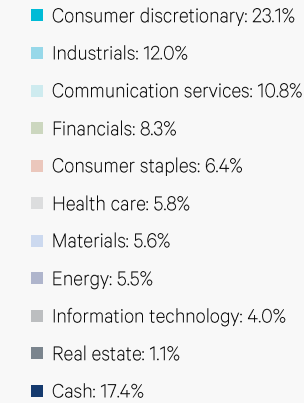
## Annualised fully franked interim dividend yield

6.8%<sup>#</sup>

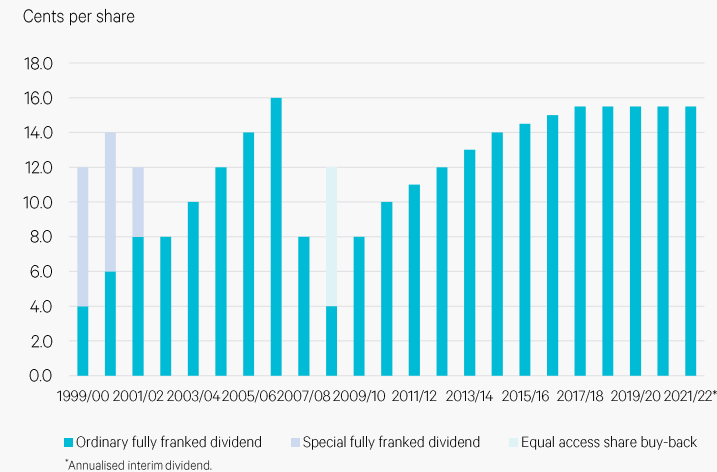
<sup>#</sup>Based on the 31 March 2022 share price of \$2.28 per share and the annualised FY22 fully franked interim dividend of 15.5 cents per share. WAM Capital has 928,520,578 shares on issue. During the month, 2,037,572 shares were issued as part of the PAF takeover offer.

<sup>^</sup>Investment portfolio performance is before expenses, fees, taxes and the impact of capital management initiatives to compare to the relevant index which is before expenses, fees and taxes.

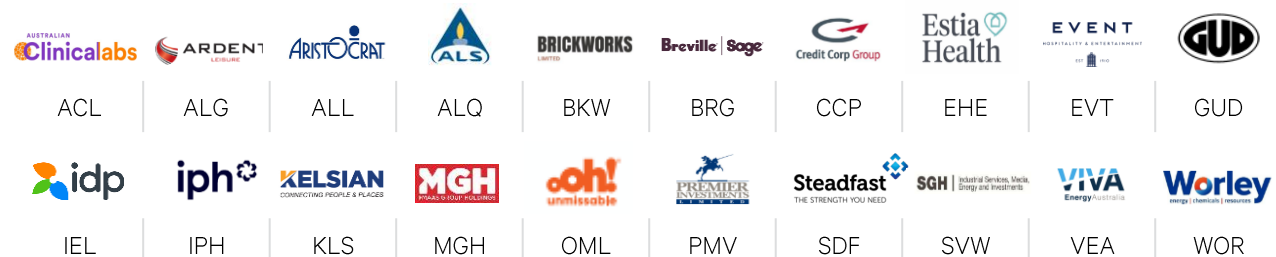
## Diversified investment portfolio by sector



## History of fully franked dividends



## 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, with significant contributors to the investment portfolio performance including mining company BHP Group (ASX: BHP) and private hospital provider Ramsay Health Care (ASX: RHC).

During March 2022, BHP Group benefited from widespread volatility in commodity prices, which will underpin earnings momentum into FY2023. Despite coronavirus concerns in China, iron ore prices continue to rise as the Chinese government promises to stimulate the economy. These signals have become louder in recent weeks as more lockdowns have been enforced and China will likely need to stimulate the economy in the second half of the year to achieve its annual gross domestic product (GDP) growth target. We believe there is further upside for BHP Group's share price, with the strategic locations of BHP Group's assets deserving higher valuations due to geopolitical tensions and concerns about security of supply globally. Additionally, proceeds from the petroleum demerger will mean shareholders can expect a significant capital return over the next six months, estimated to be greater than \$40 billion.

We have recently increased our position in Ramsay Health Care for its earnings growth profile over the coming years. Following intermittent suspensions of elective surgeries globally during coronavirus lockdowns, a growing backlog of private and public hospital admissions has created an extended pipeline of elevated demand. Across New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia alone there are over 260,000 people on public waiting lists for surgery, or around one in every hundred people. Ramsay Health Care's structural industry tailwinds, \$9 billion land banking and its favourable valuation in an expensive sector are aspects we find appealing. During the month, Ramsay Health Care's Asia-based 50:50 joint venture with Sime Darby Berhad (KLSE: SIME), received an indicative non-binding proposal from IHH Healthcare Berhad (KLSE: IHH) to acquire 100% of the business for approximately \$1.8 billion on a cash and debt free basis. If the transaction goes ahead, given the recent acquisition of Elysium Healthcare, we expect proceeds to be deployed into debt reduction.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WLE)

\$1,656.2m\*

## Gross assets

\$1,649.4m

## Listed equities

\$1,575.2m

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

16.1%<sup>^</sup>

S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index: 10.1%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

27.15c

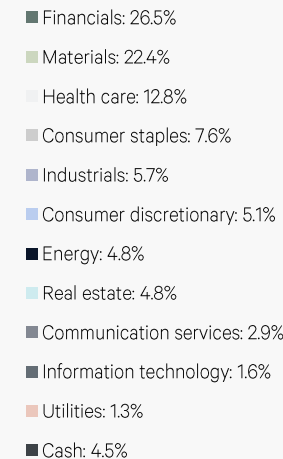
## Annualised fully franked interim dividend yield

5.0%\*

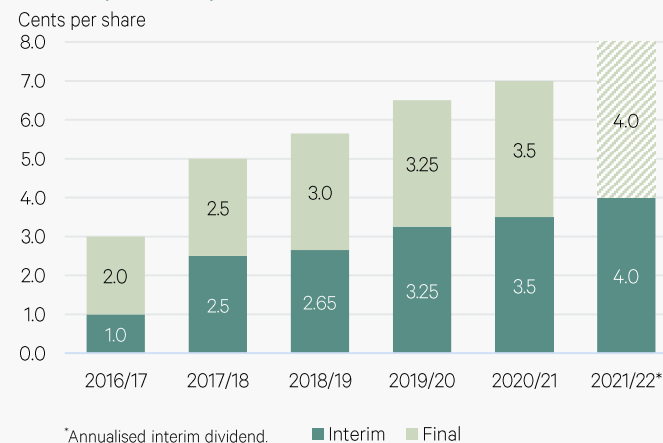
\*Based on the 31 March 2022 share price of \$1.605 per share and the annualised FY22 fully franked interim dividend of 8.0 cents per share. WAM Leaders has 1,031,930,879 shares on issue.

<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



## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

The below NTA figures are **before** the fully franked interim dividend of 4.0 cents per share due to be paid on 29 April 2022. The shares traded ex-dividend on 13 April 2022.

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains	NTA after tax
March 2022	156.30c	152.75c	149.50c
February 2022	147.46c	144.46c	143.12c

## 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 increased during the month, with significant contributors to the investment portfolio performance including department store chain Myer (ASX: MYR) and information technology software and services supplier Objective Corporation (ASX: OCL).

Myer operates 58 department stores across Australia. During the month, Myer announced its FY2022 half year result, beating market expectations. The company delivered sales growth of 8.5% to \$1,517.4 million compared to the prior period, despite spending 23% of in-store trading days under state imposed lockdowns. Myer's net profit after tax (NPAT) was \$32.3 million, a 55.2% increase on the prior period, after adjusting for JobKeeper, and we believe the company's in-store sales will continue to recover as economies reopen and foot traffic returns to central business districts. We remain positive on Myer's medium-term outlook and believe that an improved product range and store footprint can demonstrate that the company can continue to recover and generate double digit earnings growth over the next few years.

Headquartered in Sydney, Objective Corporation is a mission-critical software provider to the public sector, working with more than 1,000 government organisations. In March, Objective Corporation announced it will acquire an Atlanta based software company Simflofy and expand into North America. Simflofy serves over 100 customers with software solutions targeted to all levels of the US government, financial services, insurance and Fortune 500 companies. We expect the acquisition to be earnings accretive while addressing the strong demand for federated information technology governance structures. We believe Objective Corporation has a positive outlook with a strong balance sheet which provides opportunities for further earnings accretive acquisitions.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

The below NTA figures are **before** the fully franked interim dividend of 5.0 cents per share that was paid on 14 April 2022. The shares traded ex-dividend on 4 April 2022.

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains	NTA after tax
March 2022	163.89c <sup>^</sup>	159.94c	156.47c
February 2022	163.40c	157.88c	155.00c

<sup>^</sup>The NTA before tax is after the payment of \$2.9m (1.38 cents per share) in tax during the month.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WMI)

\$413.5m<sup>#</sup>

## Gross assets

\$346.0m

## Listed equities

\$305.7m

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

21.6%<sup>^</sup>

S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index: 10.3%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

33.75c

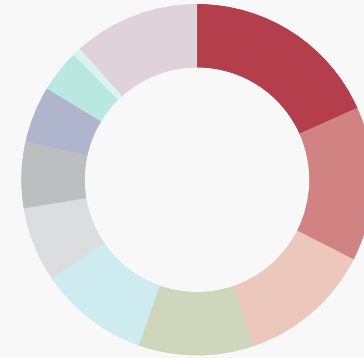
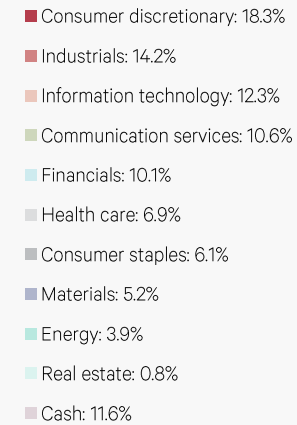
## Annualised fully franked interim dividend

10.0c

<sup>#</sup>Based on the 31 March 2022 share price of \$1.985 per share. WAM Microcap has 208,288,344 shares on issue.

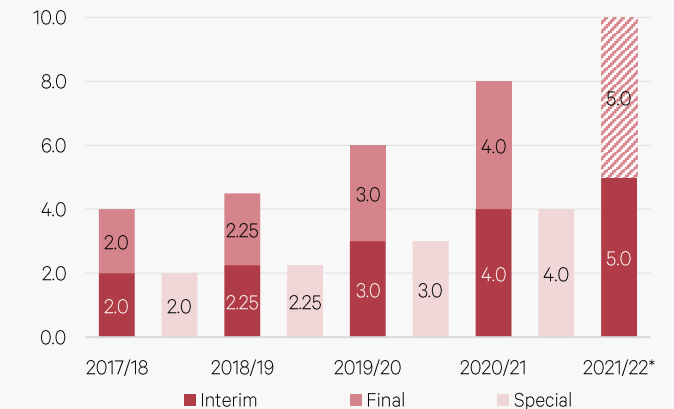
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## Diversified investment portfolio by sector



## History of fully franked dividends

Cents per share



\*Annualised interim dividend.

## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)



# W | A | M *Alternative Assets*

## Unique opportunities beyond traditional assets

The WAM Alternative Assets (ASX: WMA) investment portfolio increased during the month driven by the performance of its real assets investments.

In March, WAM Alternative Assets received the initial exit proceeds from the investment in the Blue Sky Darra Industrial Income Fund. The investment is an industrial property asset, being a freestanding office and warehouse configured as a food manufacturing facility located in Darra, Queensland. The residual exit proceeds are expected to be received over the next 12 months. The asset sale price achieved on the exit is in line with WAM Alternative Assets carrying value. WAM Alternative Assets will look to deploy the exit proceeds in line with our investment process and revitalisation strategy.

During the month, we began deploying capital to our investment partner, Centennial Property Group, in the CEN (I&L) Partnership Fund. The strategy aims to target Australian assets valued at \$15 million and over, in the industrial and logistics property sector, with a focus on acquiring vacant or underutilised land that provide opportunities to develop core, multi-unit industrial and logistics estates located in established, land constrained markets. WAM Alternative Assets previously committed \$10 million in December 2021 and looks forward to deploying the residual commitment of \$8 million in the fund.

Since the end of the month, WAM Alternative Assets has committed an additional \$5 million to our investment partner Palisade Investment Partners through the Palisade Diversified Infrastructure Fund (PDIF). This brings our total commitment to the PDIF to \$20 million, which we expect the majority to be drawn down during FY2022. Palisade Investment Partners is a specialist infrastructure funds manager providing dedicated asset management services, investing predominantly in Australian infrastructure. The PDIF portfolio consists of over 20 high quality infrastructure assets, including transport, energy, utilities, renewable energy and social infrastructure. PDIF provides the WAM Alternative Assets investment portfolio with diversification, access to strong yield and an investment opportunity set with attractive underlying market fundamentals.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

The below NTA figures are **before** the fully franked interim dividend of 2.0 cents per share that was paid on 14 April 2022. The shares traded ex-dividend on 4 April 2022.

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains	NTA after tax
March 2022	126.06c	124.74c	121.25c
February 2022	125.97c	124.82c	121.12c

Market capitalisation (ASX: WMA)

\$219.4m\*

Share price

\$1.13

\*Based on 194,167,007 shares on issue.

Gross assets

\$244.5m

Annualised fully franked interim dividend

4.0c

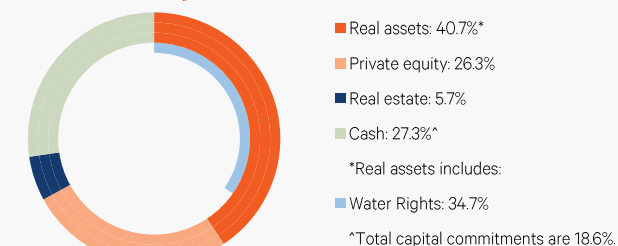
## About WAM Alternative Assets

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	99.5	40.7	0.8	0.8
Private equity	64.3	26.3	(0.4)	(0.6)
Real estate <sup>†</sup>	13.9	5.7	(0.1)	(0.7)
Cash <sup>†</sup>	66.8	27.3	(0.1)	(0.1)
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>244.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>

<sup>†</sup>Includes capital commitments to the Palisade Diversified Infrastructure Fund (\$15.0m); the Barwon Institutional Healthcare Property Fund (\$15.0m); the CEN (I&L) Partnership Fund (\$8.0m); the Adamantem Fund 2 (\$6.2m) and the Strategic Australian Agriculture Fund (\$1.3m). During the month, \$2.0m of committed capital to CEN (I&L) Partnership Fund was invested.

<sup>†</sup>During the month, \$19m of the initial exit proceeds were received from our investment in the Darra Industrial Income Fund.

## 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.

## 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



Shopping centre advertising campaigns

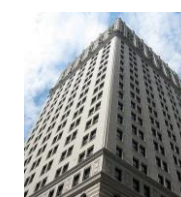


A leading developer of utility-scale battery energy storage projects in the US



Owns and operates a portfolio of hotels in Australia

### Real estate



2 Rector Street, Manhattan, New York

Revesby Industrial Income Fund, New South Wales

## New Investment Partners



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# W | A | M Strategic Value

Discounted asset opportunities.

The WAM Strategic Value (ASX: WAR) investment portfolio increased during the month, with significant contributors including Westoz Investment Company (ASX: WIC), Ozgrowth (ASX: OZG) and VGI Partners Global Investments (ASX: VG1).

In March, the share price of Westoz and Ozgrowth performed strongly in anticipation of shareholders approving the Schemes of Arrangement (Schemes) with WAM Capital (ASX: WAM), following the outcome of first court hearing, which was announced on 28 February 2022. On 6 April, Westoz and Ozgrowth shareholders overwhelmingly voted in favour of the respective Schemes with WAM Capital. On 8 April, the Supreme Court of Western Australia approved the Schemes and the Schemes' implementations will occur on 21 April. We view the Schemes as a highly positive result for WAM Strategic Value shareholders as the full upside of the transactions are realised in the coming months. The Schemes provide the ability for WAM Strategic Value to exit these positions at a 7.5% premium to net tangible assets (NTA) after we had built up these positions at a 10.8% and 19.5% discount to NTA respectively.

During the month, VGI Partners (ASX: VGI), the underlying investment manager of WAM Strategic Value's investment in VGI Partners Global Investments, and Regal Funds Management announced that they will merge the two investment managers, which will be renamed Regal Partners pending shareholder approval in May 2022. VGI Partners Global Investments also announced the extension of its on-market buy-back of its shares, which will provide the dual benefits of a short-term increase in liquidity and an accretive effect to its current NTA. Both announcements during the month led to the increase in the share price of VGI Partners Global Investments and closing of the current share price discount to NTA.

Market capitalisation (ASX: WAR)

\$214.2m\*

Inaugural fully franked interim dividend

1.0cps

\*Based on the 31 March 2022 share price of \$1.19 per share and 180,000,001 shares on issue.

^Gross assets exclude the \$1.63m offer costs receivable balance associated with the Initial Public Offer (repayable by the Investment Manager).

Gross assets

\$226.7m^

Pre-tax net tangible assets

\$1.26

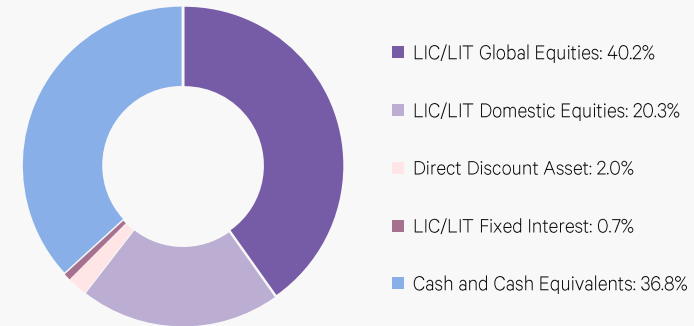
## About WAM Strategic Value

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.

## Date of listing on the ASX

28 June 2021

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



March 2022 look-through pre-tax NTA

\$1.33

## 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.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

The below NTA figures are **before** the inaugural fully franked interim dividend of 1.0 cents per share that was paid on 14 April 2022. The shares traded ex-dividend on 4 April 2022.

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains	NTA after tax
March 2022	126.13c	126.17c	126.49c
February 2022	124.27c	124.14c	125.07c

## Top holdings (in alphabetical order)

 <b>Carlton</b> INVESTMENTS	 <b>ELLERSTON ASIAN</b> INVESTMENTS LIMITED	 <b>GLOBAL DATA</b> CENTRE GROUP	 <b>LSF</b>	 <b>MAGELLAN</b> ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED	 <b>NAOS</b> ASSET MANAGEMENT	 <b>OZGROWTH</b> LIMITED	 <b>PENGANA</b> CAPITAL
CIN	EAI	GDC	LSF	MGF	NSC	OZG	PIA
 <b>QUALITAS</b>	 <b>QV</b> Equities Ltd.	 <b>Spheria</b> ASSET MANAGEMENT	 <b>TEK</b>	 <b>VGI PARTNERS</b> Global Investments	 <b>VGI PARTNERS</b> Asian Investments	 <b>WGB*</b>	 <b>WESTOZ</b>
QRI	QVE	SEC	TEK	VG1	VG8	WGB*	WIC

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



The WAM Research (ASX: WAX) investment portfolio increased during the month, with significant contributors to the investment portfolio performance including brick manufacturer Brickworks (ASX: BKW) and construction services provider Johns Lyng Group (ASX: JLG).

Brickworks manufactures a diverse range of building products across Australia and North America, employing 2,500 staff worldwide. In March, Brickworks announced a record half-year statutory net profit after tax (NPAT) of \$581 million, a 720% increase from the prior comparative period, beating market expectations. The company's building material manufacturing division, Building Products Australia, also delivered a significant increase in earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) in the first half of FY2022, up 66%, to \$27 million, compared to the prior comparative period as sales momentum increased post coronavirus lockdowns. We believe Brickworks' Joint Venture Industrial Property Trust, a partnership between Brickworks and Goodman Industrial Trust, continues to be undervalued by the market despite its sustained growth which has been fuelled by the accelerated industry trend towards e-commerce. We remain positive on Brickworks, particularly as further sales of land into the Property Trust will lead to a significant uplift in rental income, which will continue to support double digit earnings growth in this division.

Johns Lyng Group is an integrated building services group across Australia and the US. Johns Lyng Group's core business is based on its ability to rebuild and restore a variety of properties and contents after damage. In March, the company announced that it was appointed to lead the New South Wales government's \$142 million recovery response from the February and March 2022 flood events across the Eastern seaboard. We believe this will provide a tailwind of future earnings growth in Australia for Johns Lyng Group which has already been underpinned by better-than-expected FY2022 interim results. We remain positive on Johns Lyng Group as it continues to grow through earnings accretive acquisitions in Australia and the US.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

The below NTA figures are **before** the fully franked interim dividend of 5.0 cents per share that was paid on 14 April 2022. The shares traded ex-dividend on 4 April 2022.

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains*	NTA after tax*
March 2022	112.62c	116.93c	115.42c
February 2022	111.31c	115.09c	114.37c

\*Includes 5.67 cents per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WAX)

\$351.5m<sup>#</sup>

## Gross assets

\$222.5m

## Listed equities

\$212.1m

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

15.3%<sup>^</sup>

S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index: 9.6%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

124.0c

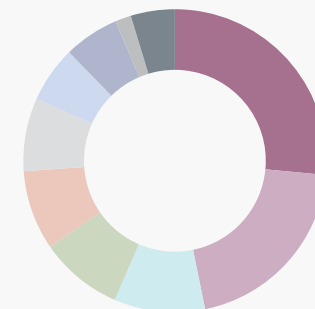
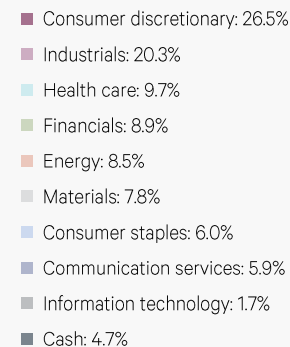
## Annualised fully franked interim dividend yield

5.6%<sup>#</sup>

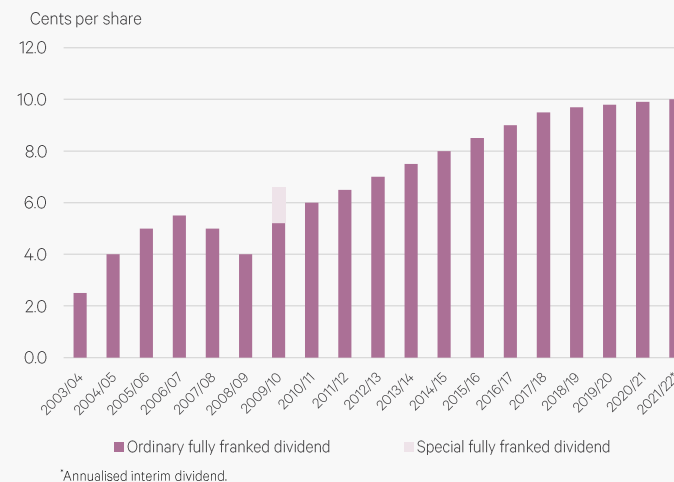
<sup>#</sup>Based on the 31 March 2022 share price of \$1.785 per share and the annualised FY22 fully franked interim dividend of 10.0 cents per share. WAM Research has 196,927,852 shares on issue.

<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)

Clinicallabs	ARDENT	Accent Group	BRICKWORKS LIMITED	Credit Corp Group	enero	Estia Health	EVENT	GUD	idp
ACL	ALG	AX1	BKW	CCP	EGG	EHE	EVT	GUD	IEL
iph	KELSIAN	Lovisa	MGH	RIDLEY	SG Fleet Group	TREASURY WINE ESTATES	VIVA	Wagtail Limited	Worley
IPH	KLS	LOV	MGH	RIC	SGF	TWE	VEA	WEB	WOR

# 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 testing, inspection and certification business ALS (ASX: ALQ) and mineral resource miner Mincor Resources (ASX: MCR).

Headquartered in Brisbane, ALS provides laboratory testing, inspection, certification and verification solutions and services across multiple industries in over 65 countries. During March 2022, ALS announced an upgraded FY2022 underlying net profit after tax (NPAT) guidance of between \$260 and \$265 million. The midpoint of this NPAT guidance represented a 6.3% increase on the prior guidance, driven by strong geochemistry sample volume growth and price improvements within ALS' Minerals division and additional volume growth above pre-pandemic level volumes in ALS' Life Sciences division. Our outlook for the company remains strong and we believe ALS will continue to benefit from increased demand for mineral exploration services over the medium-term.

Mincor Resources is involved in mine development and construction at both the Cassini and Northern Operations nickel mines in Western Australia and is underpinned by a high-quality nickel sulphide resource and reserve inventory. During March 2022, the company announced it had intersected its first nickel ore at the new Cassini nickel mine which is part of the Kambalda Nickel Operations. The development meant Mincor Resources has significantly de-risked its pathway towards the resumption of nickel concentrate production for the June 2022 quarter. New drilling projects in the Northern Operations have been positive, providing Mincor Resources with an opportunity to drive growth and extend its mine-life at a time when high quality nickel sulphides are in high demand, but in short supply. The drilling projects are set to continue over the remainder of 2022 and we remain optimistic on the delivery of its first nickel production.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share

The below NTA figures are **before** the fully franked interim dividend of 3.0 cents per share due to be paid on 27 May 2022. The shares will trade ex-dividend on 16 May 2022.

	NTA before tax	NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains*	NTA after tax*
March 2022	91.48c	96.72c	96.72c
February 2022	90.73c	96.15c	96.14c

\*Includes 2.63 cents per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods. The above March NTA figures are not adjusted for the 67,085,942 options on issue with an exercise price of \$1.10 per option.

## Market capitalisation (ASX: WAA)

\$78.2m<sup>#</sup>

## Gross assets

\$67.8m

## Listed equities

\$56.7m

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

11.0%<sup>^</sup>

Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (Cash): 2.8%

## Dividends paid since inception (per share)

80.7c

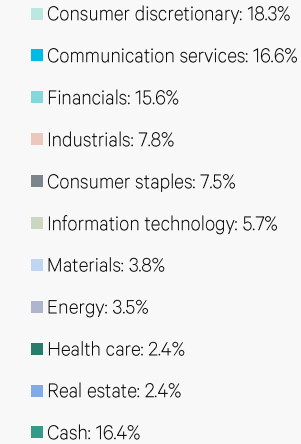
## Annualised fully franked interim dividend yield

5.7%<sup>#</sup>

<sup>#</sup>Based on the 31 March 2022 share price of \$1.06 per share and the annualised FY22 fully franked interim dividend of 6.0 cents per share. WAM Active has 73,796,641 shares on issue. During the month, 2,273 options were exercised and allotted under the Bonus Issue of Options. The options are trading under the ASX code WAAOA with an exercise price of \$1.10 per option and expire on 31 October 2022.

<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



\*Annualised interim dividend.

## Top 20 holdings (in alphabetical order)

ARISTOCRAT	ALS	AMP	ARB	Breville	CAPITOLHEALTH LIMITED	carscales.com ltd	costa well grown	ctm	Data#3
ALL	ALQ	AMP	ARB	BRG	CAJ	CAR	CGC	CTD	DTL
KEYBRIDGE	Nine	oh!	PREMIER INVESTMENTS	PEXA	Steadfast	SELECT HARVESTS	SGH	tpg TELECOM	TUAS
KBC	NEC	OML	PMV	PXA	SDF	SHV	SVW	TPG	TUA