# WAM CAPITAL LIMITED

(ACN 086 587 395)



# WAM CAPITAL DECEMBER 99 INVESTMENT UPDATE & NTA

#### WAM'S PORTFOLIO +28.8% AGAINST INDEX +6.4%

In December WAM Capital Ltd's (WAM) portfolio (before all fees, costs and taxes) increased 4.9% while the All Ordinaries Accumulation Index increased 3.7%. Since inception in August 1999 WAM has continued to outperform the overall sharemarket. WAM's portfolio (before all fees, costs and taxes) has increased by 28.8% while the index has risen by 6.4%. The WAM Board is extremely pleased with the performance.

WAM is an investment company whose mission is to provide superior returns to its investors over the medium to long term. WAM is managed by Wilson Asset Management (International) Pty Limited.

#### **MARKET OUTLOOK**

In the November update we asked the question "Has the January rally already occurred?" It appears it has. The All Ordinaries index rose strongly in November and December on the back of reducing concerns about Y2K and a technology driven rally. Since then market interest rates have continued to rise. In the US, long bond yields are currently at a three year high, while Australian ten year bond yields currently are at a 2½ year high. We believe stock prices of industrial shares should fall as interest rates increase. The up tick in rates has already impacted on some of the larger industrial companies and will eventually impact on the smaller end of the market. WAM directors are also concerned about the high valuations being paid for various new technology companies. As a result of these concerns WAM has increased its cash position from below 10% to approximately 35% during late December and early January. Going forward we continue to monitor the structure of the portfolio depending on movements in interest rates.

### PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE & STRATEGY

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 1999 equities made up approximately 80% of the portfolio, the remainder being held in fixed interest and cash. In early January our exposure to equities has been reduced because of the reasons outlined above. We continue to focus on companies with relatively favourable earnings multiples, exceptionally strong earnings per share growth, well positioned in growth industries and proven management. We continue to research heavily to find companies that meet this profile.

LEVEL ELEVEN 131 MACQUARIE ST SYDNEY NSW 2000 TEL (02) 9247 6755 FAX (02) 9247 6855 The major securities held as at 31st December 1999 in the fund give exposure to;

Ten Network National Australia Bank

Brian McGuigan Wines Timbercorp

Powerlan Port Douglas Reef Resorts Snack Foods Normandy Mt Leyson

Millers Retail Bristile

Challenger InternationalCranswick EstatesNoni BReef CasinoAOGColoradoAustralian Stock ExchangePrime Life

## **PERFORMANCE**

	Sep 99	Oct 99	Nov 99	Dec 99	Since
					Inception
Gross Portfolio *	+5.1%	+4.1%	+11.0%	+4.9%	+28.8%
All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	-1.7%	+0.5%	+5.9%	+3.7%	+6.4%

<sup>\*</sup> The change in the portfolio before all expenses, fees and taxes

NTA before tax 31/12/99 *	118.2c
NTA after tax 31/12/99 *	114.1c

<sup>\*</sup> These figures are undiluted for options on issue

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