# WAM CAPITAL LIMITED

(ACN 086 587 395)



## WAM CAPITAL MARCH 2004 INVESTMENT UPDATE & NTA

Since inception in August 1999 WAM Capital Ltd (WAM) has outperformed the overall sharemarket. WAM's portfolio (before all fees, costs, taxes and dividend) has increased by 223.7% compared to a 34.9% increase in the All Ordinaries Accumulation Index.

- Gross portfolio has risen 29.6% in the nine months to 31 March 2004.
- In March WAM's portfolio (before all fees, costs and taxes) increased by 0.05% while the All Ordinaries Accumulation Index increased by 2.0%.
- The NTA before tax was 158.8c\* a share, as at 31 March 2004.
- The NTA after tax was 145.2c\* a share, as at 31 March 2004.

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.

#### **DIVIDEND**

An interim dividend of 5.0 cents per share fully franked will be payed to shareholders on 27 April 2004. This is a 20% increase on the previous corresponding period. The shares were quoted ex dividend on 13 April 2004. Option holders who exercise their options by 5.00pm 14 April 2004 will receive the dividend.

### **MARKET OUTLOOK**

The All Ordinaries Accumulation Index has risen approximately 28% since March 2003. Investors have now priced in a strong rebound in earnings. For the share market to continue to rally from here, company earnings will need to be stronger than expected. We remain cautious.

#### PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE & STRATEGY

As at 31 March 2004 equities made up approximately 78% of the portfolio, while fixed interest, cash, and listed debt made up the remaining 22%. We continue to focus on companies with strong earnings per share growth, trading on attractive earnings multiples, that are well positioned in growth industries and have proven management. We continue to research heavily to find companies that meet this profile.

<sup>\*</sup> Before the payment of a 5.0 cent fully franked dividend.

The major securities held as at 31 March in the fund give exposure to:

Primelife Corp. Ltd OFM Investment Group Ltd Select Harvest Ltd

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Bank of Queensland Series 1 Reset Preference Shares

RG Capital Radio Ltd

Roberts Ltd

Loftus Capital Partners Ltd

OAMPS Ltd

Pacific Strategic Investments Ltd

PCH Group Limited

Sydney Gas Ltd (12% Conv. Note)

PowerTel Ltd Reef Casino Trust Homeleisure Ltd Medical Development Ltd Beston Wine Industry Trust Greens Foods Ltd

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News Corp Ltd Preferred
Promina Group Ltd
Credit Corp. Group Ltd

Oakton Ltd

McGuigan Simeon Wines Ltd

Nylex Ltd Betcorp Ltd Tassal Group Ltd TAB Ltd AP Eagers Ltd Zinifex Ltd

Mariner Retirement Ltd MMC Contrarian Ltd Telecom NZ Limited

#### **PERFORMANCE**

	Aug 99	Sep 99	Oct 99	Nov 99	Dec 99	Jan 00
Gross Portfolio *	+1.4%	+5.1%	+4.1%	+11.0%	+4.9%	-2.0%
All Ordinaries Accum.	-1.9%	-1.7%	+0.5%	+5.9%	+3.7%	-1.8%
	Feb 00	Mar 00	Apr 00	May 00	Jun 00	Jul 00
Gross Portfolio *	+5.4%	+5.3%	-5.7%	-2.9%	+3.6%	+2.9%
All Ordinaries Accum.	+1.6%	+0.5%	-1.5%	-1.3%	+7.7%	-1.3%
	Aug 00	Sep 00	Oct 00	Nov 00	Dec 00	Jan 01
Gross Portfolio *	+5.2%	-0.7%	+2.5%	+1.9%	+0.1%	+1.7%
All Ordinaries Accum.	+1.7%	+0.2%	-1.1%	+1.1%	-2.0%	+4.4%
	Feb 01	Mar 01	Apr 01	May 01	Jun 01	July 01
Gross Portfolio *	-0.2%	- 3.7%	+3.9%	+6.7%	+6.9%	-1.0%
All Ordinaries Accum.	-0.2%	- 4.8%	+5.7%	+1.6%	+3.8%	-4.5%
	Aug 01	Sep 01	Oct 01	Nov 01	Dec 01	Jan 02
Gross Portfolio *	+4.6%	-2.9%	+8.6%	+3.8%	+3.3%	+7.0%
All Ordinaries Accum.	-1.3%	-6.7%	+6.8%	+3.4%	+2.7%	+1.3%
	Feb 02	Mar 02	Apr 02	May 02	Jun 02	Jul 02
Gross Portfolio *	+3.1%	+4.9%	-0.4%	+0.7%	-2.2%	-3.0%
All Ordinaries Accum.	-1.1%	+0.8%	-1.8%	+0.9%	-4.4%	-4.1%
	Aug 02	Sep 02	Oct 02	Nov 02	Dec 02	Jan 03
Gross Portfolio *	+3.9%	-1.1%	+1.1%	+1.6%	+1.5%	+1.3%
All Ordinaries Accum.	+1.8%	-4.1%	+2.6%	+1.5%	-1.5%	-1.3%
	Feb 03	Mar 03	Apr 03	May 03	Jun 03	Jul 03
Gross Portfolio *	-1.7%	-0.4%	+3.8%	+1.5%	+3.5%	+3.6%
All Ordinaries Accum.	-5.1%	+3.4%	+4.4%	+0.5%	+1.3%	+3.6%
	Aug 03	Sept 03	Oct 03	Nov 03	Dec 03	Jan 04
Gross Portfolio *	+5.2%	+3.7%	+5.4%	-0.7%	+3.6%	+2.5%
All Ordinaries Accum.	+3.5%	-0.1%	+3.5%	-2.1%	+3.7%	-0.7%
			Since			
	Feb 04	Mar 04	Inception			
Gross Portfolio *	+2.7%	+0.05%	+223.7%			
All Ordinaries Accum.	+3.1%	+2.0%	+34.9%			

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

NTA before tax	158.8c**	
NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains	154.8c**	
NTA after tax	145.2c**	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Before the payment of a 5.0 cent fully franked dividend.