

# Investment portfolio outperformance drives increased fully franked interim dividend

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## Highlights

**+10.9%**

Total shareholder return for the six months to 31 December 2023

**6.0 cps** ↑

Fully franked interim dividend FY2024

**5.9%**

Annualised fully franked interim dividend yield FY2024<sup>†</sup>

Pre-tax NTA as at 31 December 2023

**\$2.30**

Profits reserve as at 31 December 2023 before the payment of the fully franked interim dividend of 6.0 cps

**47.6 cps**

Dividends paid since inception

**41.5 cps**

### Q&A webinar

**Wednesday 13 March 2024  
11:00am (Sydney time)**

Join WAM Global Lead Portfolio Manager Catriona Burns and Portfolio Manager Nick Healy for an update on the investment portfolio.

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The WAM Global Limited (ASX: WGB) Board of Directors declared an increased fully franked interim dividend of 6.0 cents per share, providing an annualised fully franked dividend yield of 5.9%\* and an annualised grossed-up dividend yield of 8.4%\*\*.

The WAM Global investment portfolio outperformed the market in the six months to 31 December 2023, increasing 5.8%<sup>†</sup>, while the MSCI World Index (AUD) was up 4.9% and the MSCI World SMID Cap Index (in AUD terms) rose 4.7%.

The investment portfolio performance contributed to the operating profit before tax of \$39.9 million and the operating profit after tax of \$26.5 million.

WAM Global's share price increased during the period, from \$1.86 as at 30 June 2023 to \$2.00 as at 29 December 2023. Together with the fully franked final dividend of 5.75 cents per share paid in October 2023, this contributed to a total shareholder return of 10.9% and a narrowing of the share price discount to net tangible assets (NTA). At the end of the period, the share price discount to NTA had narrowed to 13.2% from 18.7% at the start of the period.

Chairman Geoff Wilson AO said, "The investment team successfully navigated a challenging period and delivered investment portfolio outperformance, which has given the board confidence to increase the fully franked interim dividend."

Since inception in June 2018, WAM Global has paid 41.5 cents per share in fully franked dividends to shareholders, providing an average dividend yield on the initial public offering price of 3.8% and a grossed-up yield of 5.4% including the value of franking credits. The current annualised dividend yield is significantly greater than the average global equity market yield of 2.0%<sup>^^</sup> and the average US equity market yield of 1.5%<sup>^^</sup>.

As at 31 December 2023, the Company had 47.6 cents per share available in its profits reserve, representing 4.0 years of dividend coverage, before the payment of the fully franked interim dividend of 6.0 cents per share payable 29 April 2024. The franking account balance of WAM Global at the end of the period enabled the Company to declare a fully franked interim dividend for shareholders. As an Australian company, WAM Global generates franking credits through the payment of tax on profits, and does not receive franking credits from global investee companies. If no additional franking is generated through the performance of the investment portfolio and the payment of tax on profits, the Company will only be able to partially frank future dividends or pay unfranked dividends to shareholders.

<sup>\*</sup>Based on the 7 February 2024 share price of \$2.03 per share.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Grossed-up dividend yield includes the benefits of franking credits and is based on a tax rate of 30.0%.

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

<sup>^^</sup>Based on the MSCI World Index and S&P 500 Index dividend yield as at 29 December 2023.

Lead Portfolio Manager Catriona Burns said, “We are pleased to deliver investment portfolio outperformance to shareholders during a volatile period for equity markets, marked by geopolitical and economic uncertainty. Our investment process is focused on diligent and comprehensive research of undervalued global companies with strong earnings potential, trading at compelling valuations, where we can identify a catalyst to drive a share price rerating.

“Over the six month period, markets were driven by interest rate expectations and whether economies globally could achieve a soft landing despite increased interest rates impacting demand. Central banks have the unenviable task of reducing inflation without causing economic distress, but to this point have navigated this narrow path well. Inflation is moderating, supply chains continue to normalise and labour markets remain relatively resilient. Equity markets were under pressure early in the half year, however, since October we have seen markets rally as expectations priced in both forward interest rate cuts and continued strong economic performance.

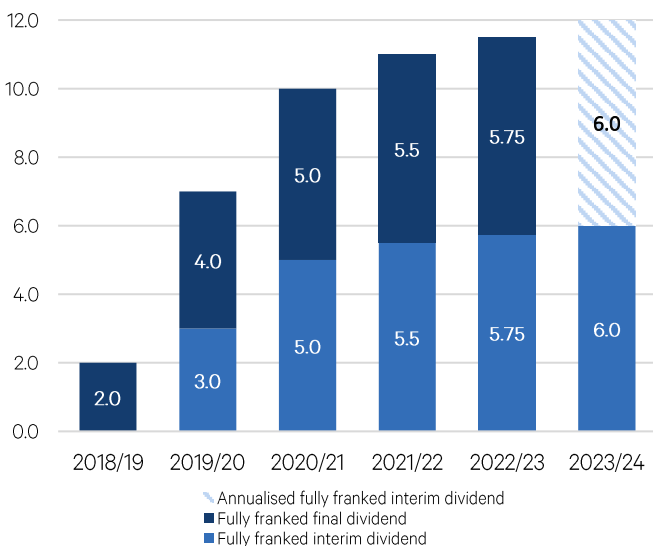
“During the half year, the WAM Global investment team travelled extensively across the United States and Europe meeting the management teams of companies we are invested in and potential investments. The companies we are invested in are generally navigating an uncertain operating environment well. Companies that contributed to investment portfolio outperformance during the period included tax software provider Intuit (NASDAQ: INTU), fixed income trading platform provider Tradeweb (NASDAQ: TW), online travel agency Expedia (NASDAQ: EXPE) and exchanges CME Group (NASDAQ: CME) and Intercontinental Exchange (NYSE: ICE). During the period we uncovered a number of exciting opportunities in the technology, defence, healthcare and information services sectors.

“We remain confident in the long term growth prospects for the companies we own in the WAM Global investment portfolio and their ability to provide solid returns and dividends for shareholders going forward,” Catriona said.

<b>Investment portfolio performance since inception</b> <small>Performance as at 31 December 2023</small>	Fin YTD	1 yr	3 yrs %pa	Since inception %pa (Jun-18)
WAM Global Investment Portfolio	5.8%	22.3%	6.0%	7.8%
MSCI World Index (AUD)	4.9%	23.0%	11.8%	10.9%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>+0.9%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>
MSCI World SMID Cap Index (in AUD terms)	4.7%	14.9%	7.4%	7.1%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>+1.1%</b>	<b>+7.4%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>+0.7%</b>

Investment portfolio performance is before expenses, fees, taxes and the impact of capital management initiatives to compare to the relevant indexes which are before expenses, fees and taxes.

**Fully franked dividends (cents per share)**



**Key dividend dates**

Ex-dividend date	<b>16 April 2024</b>
Dividend record date (7:00pm Sydney time)	<b>17 April 2024</b>
Last election date for DRP	<b>19 April 2024</b>
Payment date	<b>29 April 2024</b>

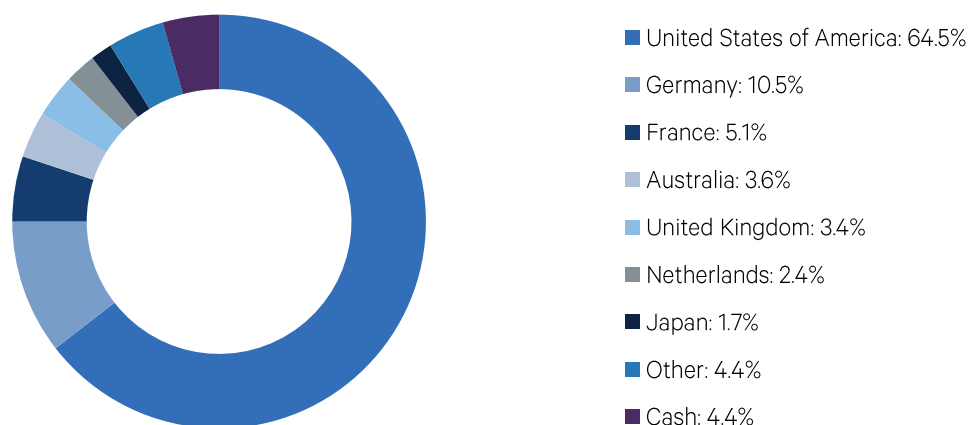
The Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) is in operation and the recommended fully franked interim dividend of 6.0 cents per share qualifies. Participating shareholders will be entitled to be allotted the number of shares (rounded to the nearest whole number) which the cash dividend would purchase at the relevant issue price. The relevant issue price will be calculated as the volume weighted average market price (VWAP) of shares sold on the ASX over the four trading days commencing on the ex-dividend date for the relevant dividend. The DRP will operate without a discount for the fully franked interim dividend.

## Top 20 holdings with portfolio weightings As at 31 December 2023

Code	Company Name	Country of domicile/listing*	Description	Portfolio Weightings
ICE US	Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.	United States	Operates securities and commodity exchanges	4.9%
ICLR US	ICON plc	United States	Provides clinical research and development services	4.9%
SAP GY	SAP SE	Germany	Provides enterprise application software	4.8%
V US	Visa Inc.	United States	Operates as a global payments technology company	4.8%
EW US	Edwards Lifesciences Corporation	United States	Provides products for the treatment of cardiovascular disease	4.2%
PWR US	Quanta Services, Inc.	United States	Provides contracting services and infrastructure solutions	4.0%
BAH US	Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corporation	United States	Provides management and technology consulting services	3.8%
CME US	CME Group Inc.	United States	Operates securities and commodity exchanges	3.6%
DNB US	Dun & Bradstreet Holdings, Inc.	United States	Provides business decisioning data and analytics solutions	3.4%
INTU US	Intuit Inc.	United States	Provides software products for businesses	3.4%
AJG US	Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	United States	Provides insurance and risk brokerage services	3.2%
TRU US	TransUnion	United States	Provides credit and information services	3.2%
TW US	Tradeweb Markets Inc.	United States	Builder and operator of electronic marketplaces	3.0%
AVTR US	Avantor, Inc.	United States	Provides consumables and equipment to life sciences and industrial end markets	2.6%
HCA US	HCA Healthcare, Inc.	United States	Provides health care services	2.6%
TDY US	Teledyne Technologies Inc.	United States	Provides sensors, electronics and technology to diversified end markets	2.6%
EVD GR	CTS Eventim AG & Co. KGaA	Germany	Provides ticketing and live entertainment venue management	2.5%
EXPE US	Expedia Group, Inc.	United States	Provides online travel services	2.4%
SAF SA	Safran SA	France	Provides engines, interiors and other products for the aerospace market	2.1%
RI FP	Pernod Ricard	France	Produces premium wine and spirits	1.8%

\*Underlying business operations may comprise multiple geographies.

## Portfolio by geographical exposure As at 31 December 2023



## About WAM Global

WAM Global Limited (ASX: WGB) provides investors with exposure to an actively managed diversified portfolio of undervalued international growth companies and exposure to market mispricing opportunities. WAM Global's investment objectives are to deliver investors a stream of franked dividends, provide capital growth over the medium-to-long term and preserve capital.

All major platforms provide access to WAM Global, including Asgard eWRAP Investment, BT Panorama, BT Wrap, Colonial First State FirstWrap, Hub24, IOOF Pursuit Select Investment Service, Macquarie Investment Manager / Consolidator, MLC Wrap IDPS and SMS, Netwealth Wrap and North Investment.

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## About Wilson Asset Management

Wilson Asset Management has a track record of making a difference for shareholders and the community for 25 years and is the investment manager for eight LICs – WAM Capital (ASX: WAM), WAM Leaders (ASX: WLE), WAM Global (ASX: WGB), WAM Microcap (ASX: WMI), WAM Alternative Assets (ASX: WMA), WAM Strategic Value (ASX: WAR), WAM Research (ASX: WAX) and WAM Active (ASX: WAA) – and the Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund. Wilson Asset Management invests over \$5 billion on behalf of more than 130,000 retail investors.

Wilson Asset Management created and is the lead supporter of the first LICs to deliver both investment and social returns: Future Generation Australia (ASX: FGX) and Future Generation Global (ASX: FGG). Wilson Asset Management advocates and acts for retail investors, is a member of the global philanthropic Pledge 1% movement, is a significant funder of many Australian charities and provides all team members with \$10,000 each year to donate to charities of their choice. All philanthropic investments are made by the Investment Manager.

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