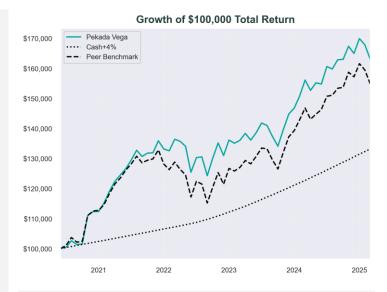


### **Objective**

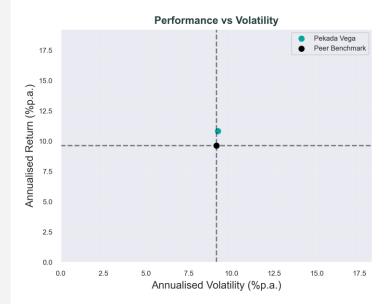
The model aims to outperform the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index +4%, after fees and costs, over rolling 10-year periods.

### **Fund Description**

The Pekada Vega Portfolio (the Model) is built and monitored using deep fundamental research on both asset allocation and fund manager selection. Asset allocation considerations include long term forecast returns for each asset class, as well as volatility and correlation. We then find exceptional managers that we believe work together to deliver on the Model's objectives. The composition of the Model will change from time to time, based on economic and market conditions, ongoing research, as well as a result of continuous monitoring of both current and potential fund managers.



Performance to 31 March 2025	3 mths	1 yr	Inception p.a.#
Growth Performance	-1.66%	-0.04%	5.28%
Income Performance	0.46%	4.44%	5.55%
Total Return	-1.20%	4.40%	10.83%
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AMI Peer Benchmark * - Total Return	-1.56%	5.42%	9.63%
Outperformance to peers	0.36%	-1.02%	1.20%



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. \*Returns of the portfolio are calculated net of applicable investment manager fees and model management fees. Returns may not match your actual return. Portfolio inception date is 03/06/2020, with simulated performance up until the launch date of 03/05/2023, where all performance is live after this date. Above performance charts use data since inception. FE fundinfo

Data Source: FE fundinfo

# Portfolio Composition

#### **FUND WEIGHTINGS**

Fund (Hedged)

Quality ETF

Cash

**Global Small Caps** 

Netwealth Netcash

VanEck MSCI International Small Companies

Below are the target holding weights of Funds within the Model as at 31/03/2025. Note: these weights may differ to live weights due to market movement.

Ironbark GCM Global Macro Fund	3.50%
Alternatives - Equities	
L1 Capital Long Short Fund	8.00%
Australian Credit	
Realm High Income Fund	4.50%
Australian Equities	
Ausbil Australian Active Equity Fund	9.00%
DNR Capital Australian Equities High Conviction Fund	7.00%
Perpetual SHARE-PLUS Long/Short Fund	2.50%
Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund	11.00%
Australian Small Caps	
Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund	2.50%
Global Equities	
Nanuk New World Fund	9.00%
RQI Global Share Value Fund	11.50%
Vanguard International Shares Index Fund	14.00%
Global Infrastructure	
ClearBridge RARE Infrastructure Value Fund (Hedged)	7.50%
Global REITs	
Resolution Capital Global Property Securities	7.00%

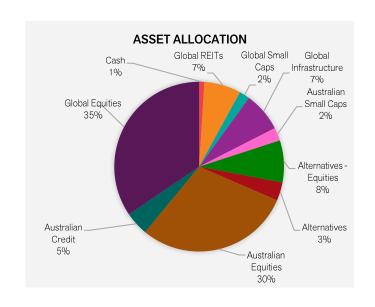
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#### **FUND & ASSET CLASS ATTRIBUTION**

The below attribution measures break down the total performance of the Model, showing the best and worst contributors and their exact contribution.

Top 3 Fund Contributors	3 Months
ClearBridge RARE Infrastructure Value Fund (Hedged)	0.37%
RQI Global Share Value Fund	0.35%
Ruffer Total Return International – Australia Fund	0.15%
Bottom 3 Fund Detractors	3 Months
Ausbil Australian Active Equity Fund	-0.48%
DNR Capital Australian Equities High Conviction Fund	-0.42%
Nanuk New World Fund (Managed Fund)	-0.40%
Asset Class Contributors	3 Months
Global Infrastructure	0.37%
Alternatives - Equities	0.24%
Asset Class Detractors	3 Months
Australian Equities	-1.36%
Global Equities	-0.38%



## Market Commentary

The year began strongly, with January delivering bumper returns across financial markets. Equities performed strongly, while fixed interest investors benefited from lower yields and tighter credit spreads.

February proved to be a tale of two halves. The first half embodied confident investors and soaring sentiment, with equity markets regularly forging new record highs and analysts cheering them higher still. However, the seasonal gloom that so often besets the latter half of February and early March rained on the market's parade. The Trump administration's persistent tariff announcements handed financial markets a long overdue reality check.

Among risk assets, in US dollar terms the benchmark S&P 500 lost 4.3% including dividends. The Magnificent 7 wore the lion's share of the losses. Domestically, total returns for the ASX 200 printed in the red to the tune of 2.80%, with dividends comprising 107bp.

Despite this market turbulence, defensive asset classes were positive across the board for the quarter. The domestic composite bond index slightly outperformed cash, while domestic credit posted returns almost in line with global peers. Yield curves gyrated considerably, with lower yields early in the quarter making way for a sharp upward shift as investors wrestled with the inflationary consequence of a potential global trade war.

# Portfolio Commentary

The Model returned -1.20% in the March quarter, outperforming the peer group benchmark by +0.36%. In what was a difficult period for growth markets, the Model's exposure to Real Assets, the value factor in Global Equities as well as Australian Credit exposure delivered strong returns.

Global equities have had a challenging start to the year with the tailwinds of US exceptionalism and Al losing momentum. As market sentiment turned, investors looked to exit anything on lofty multiples seeking greater certainty of earnings. As such the RQI Global Value Fund (+2.98%) was able to deliver positive returns in a period that was negative for the market, benefitting from their focus on value and quality.

The Model's traditional Australian equity exposures were challenged, as a significant reversal in sentiment saw a number of the market's highest quality growth names sell off aggressively. Of the 3 active managers held in the portfolio the Ausbil Australian Active Share Fund (-5.52%) delivered strongest returns despite underperforming the benchmark. On a positive note, the Model's Alternatives Equities exposure, the L1 Capital Long/Short Fund (+1.12%), was able to generate significant alpha relative to the ASX 200.

Pleasingly, the Model's Infrastructure and GREITs exposures provided downside protection. In particular the Clearbridge RARE Infrastructure Value Fund (Hedged) (+5.02%) delivered the greatest returns, as investors sought out the defensive nature of infrastructure cash flows, in particular those assets with regulated returns not reliant on economic activity.

Finally, Australian Credit continued to be additive to the performance of the Model. The Realm High Income Fund (+1.72%) delivered positive absolute returns, while outperforming its benchmark.

#### **Quarterly Report March 2025**

Pekada Vega Portfolio

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