

# Australian Philanthropic Services Foundation

## General Portfolio performance report for the six months ended 31 December 2023

This performance report is for the Australian Philanthropic Services Foundation (APS Foundation) General Portfolio and covers the six-month period from 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023. The next report will be for the six-month period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 and will be available in September 2024.

### Investment objective and strategy

The APS Foundation's Investment Strategy document sets the investment objective, which is to achieve a return after fees at least equal to CPI inflation + 4% per annum, measured over rolling 7-year periods.

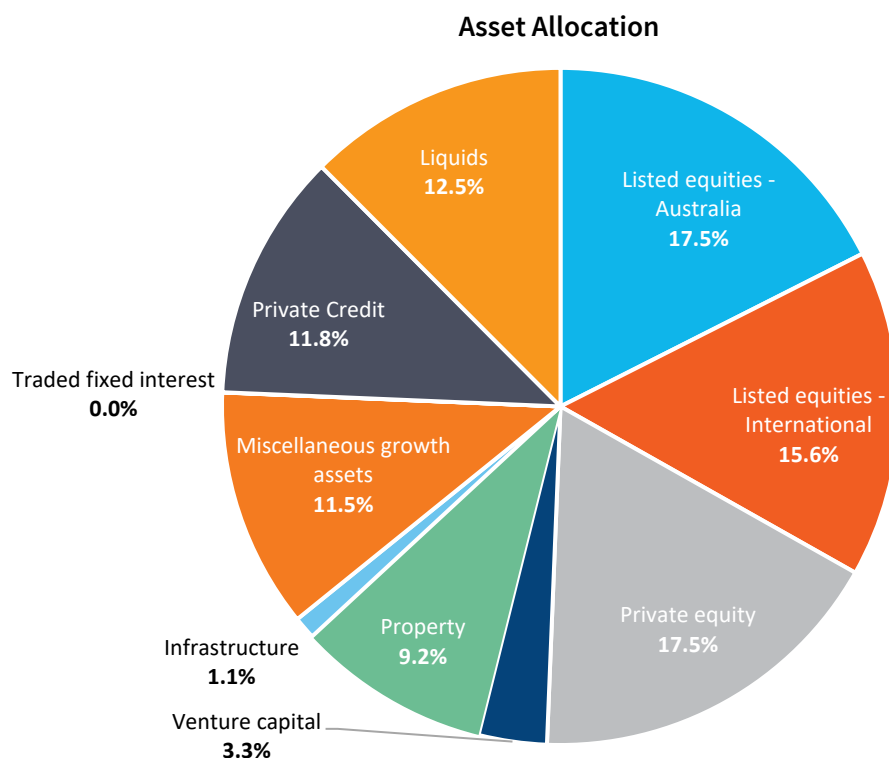
### Performance

The performance (after fees) of the APS Foundation General Portfolio and relevant indices for various periods ended 31 December 2023 was as follows:

|   | Six months | One year | Three years | Seven years | Since inception |
|---|------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| APS Foundation General Portfolio  | 3.9%       | 9.8%     | 5.2% pa     | 7.7% pa     | 10.0% pa        |
| Target return<br>(being CPI + 4% pa after fees over rolling 7-year periods)               | N/A        | N/A      | N/A         | 7.1% pa     | 6.7% pa         |
| Australian shares<br>(S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index)                                      | 7.5%       | 12.1%    | 9.0% pa     | 8.5% pa     | 9.9% pa         |
| International shares – currency unhedged<br>(MSCI World ex-AUS Unhedged AUD Total Return) | 4.9%       | 23.2%    | 11.8% pa    | 11.7% pa    | 14.6% pa        |
| Australian cash<br>(Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bills Index)                                   | 2.1%       | 3.9%     | 1.7% pa     | 1.5% pa     | 1.9% pa         |

The 'since inception' date used is 1 July 2012. Figures greater than one year are expressed as annual compound returns.

## Investments held



## Fees

The fee for a giving fund within the APS Foundation comprises an administration fee payable to APS, and an external fund manager fee.

### Administration fee

APS oversees all aspects of the Foundation including administration, compliance and internal investment management. APS applies a fee of 1% per annum, excluding GST, on the amount held in each giving fund, calculated and paid monthly. The Foundation can reclaim 75% of the GST paid, resulting in a final administration fee of 1.025% per annum.

### External investment management fee

Most assets of the APS Foundation are managed by external investment managers. Most managers provide their services on a low or pro bono basis, which contributes materially to giving fund balances. Where a pro bono fee arrangement cannot be secured, the Trustee may still choose to use them where it believes the particular investment is likely to produce an attractive post fee return for the APS Foundation. The external investment management fee is calculated on funds under management and therefore varies, ranging from 0.34-0.36%\*.

The performance of the APS Foundation is always stated after all fees, whether such fees are paid to APS or to external fund managers. The published performance figures are what have been credited to giving fund holders balances.

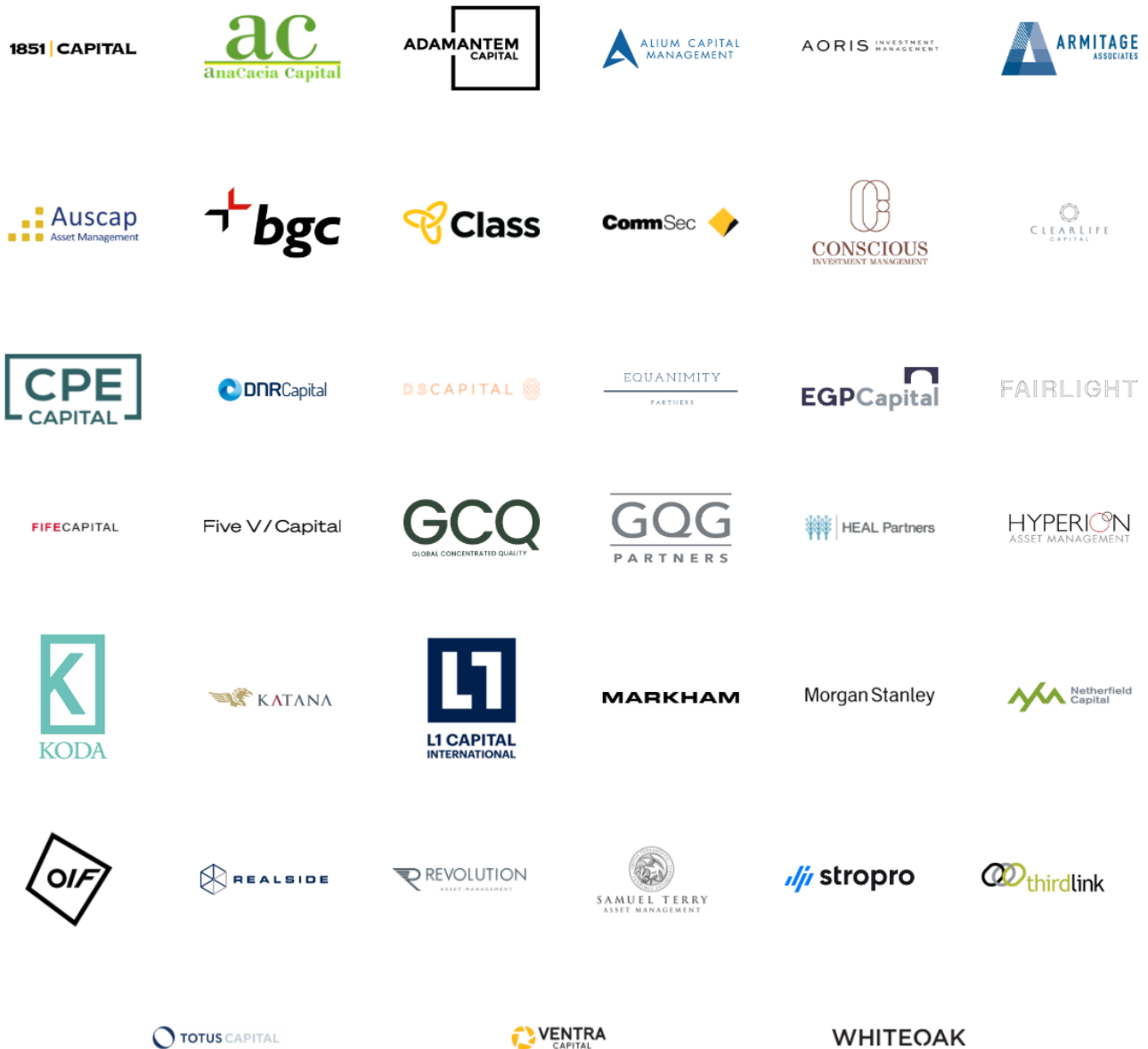
\*This only includes ongoing management fees of unlisted managed investment schemes or individually managed accounts. It excludes performance fees, out-of-pocket costs of third-party managers, fees incurred by listed investment companies and any other costs a direct investor would ordinarily incur themselves.

## **Governance**

The Trustee of the APS Foundation is Australian Philanthropic Services Foundation Pty Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Australian Philanthropic Services Limited (APS). The directors of the Trustee are Chris Cuffe AO, David Ward, and Judith Fiander. The investments of the APS Foundation are overseen by all Trustee directors. Chris Cuffe has day-to-day responsibility for managing the investments of the APS Foundation General Portfolio, including engaging the services of external specialist fund managers. An investment committee provides an additional layer of investment governance to ensure appropriate decision-making regarding the management of the General Portfolio. The investment committee comprises Chris Cuffe, David Ward and Alex Hone.

## Supporters of the APS Foundation’s General Portfolio

We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from fund managers and service providers who supply us with their investment services on a pro or low bono basis to assist with the management of the APS Foundation. We sincerely thank the companies mentioned below for their kind support of the General Portfolio during the six months ended 31 December 2023.



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