

Australian Philanthropic Services Foundation

General Portfolio performance report

This performance report is for the Australian Philanthropic Services Foundation (APS Foundation) General Portfolio and covers the six-month period from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025. The next report will be for the six-month period from 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026 and will be available in September 2026.

Performance

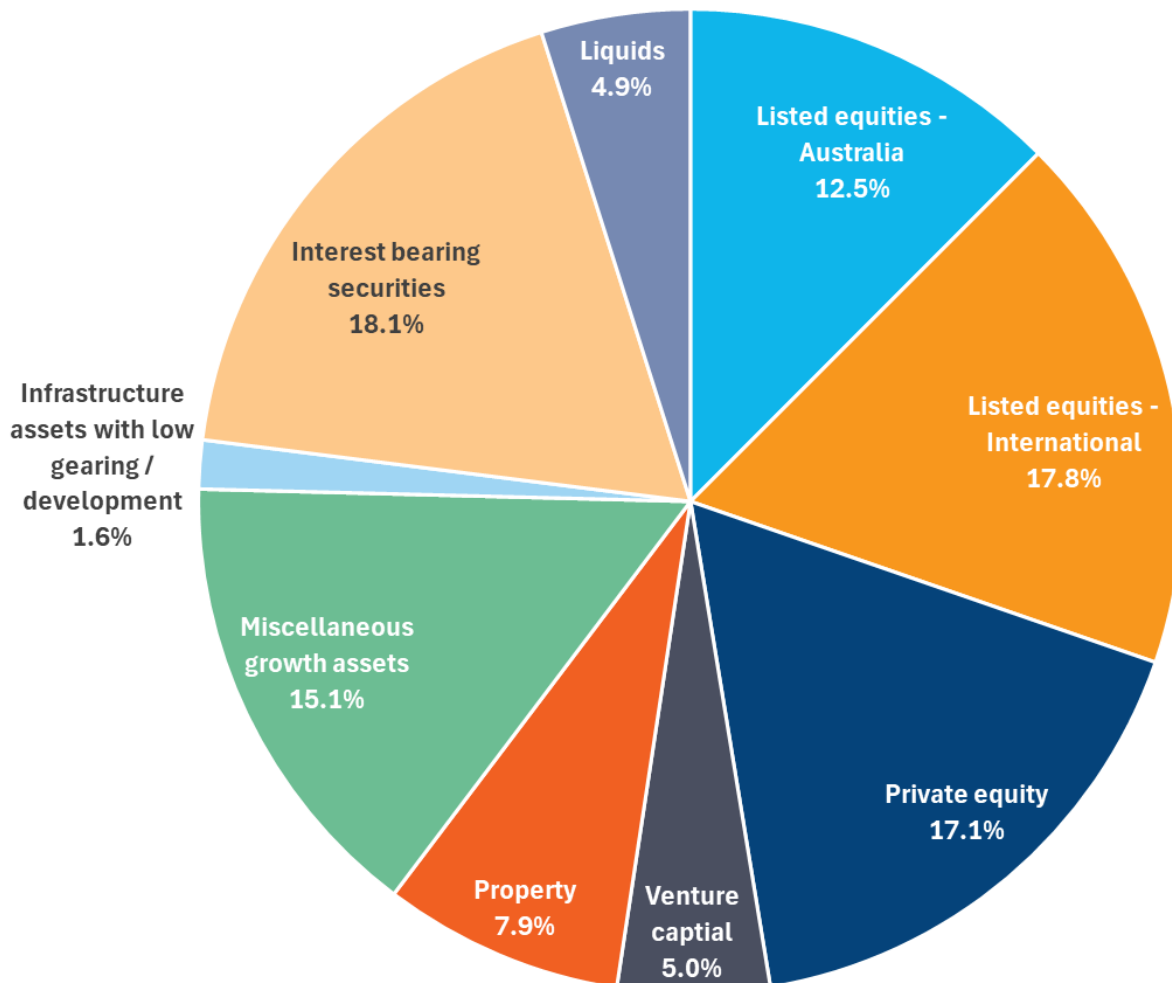
The APS Foundation General Portfolio produced a positive return of 4.1% for the six months to 31 December 2025, and 7.0% for the year ended 31 December 2025. It continues to meet its investment objective of achieving an after-fees return of CPI+4% p.a. over rolling 7-year periods. For the seven years to 31 December 2025 the return was 8.7% p.a. versus the target objective of 7.3% p.a. The return since inception in July 2012 was 10.1% p.a.

The performance (after fees) of the APS Foundation General Portfolio and relevant indices for various periods ended 31 December 2025 was as follows:

	Six months	One year	Three years p.a.	Seven years p.a.	Since inception p.a.
APS Foundation General Portfolio	4.1%	7.0%	10.1%	8.7%	10.1%
Target return (being CPI + 4% p.a. after fees over rolling 7-year periods)	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.3%	7.0%
Australian shares (S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index)	4.1%	10.7%	11.4%	10.5%	11.6%
International shares – currency unhedged (MSCI World ex-AUS Unhedged AUD Total Return)	8.8%	12.5%	22.1%	15.8%	18.0%
Australian cash (Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bills Index)	1.8%	4.0%	4.1%	2.2%	2.6%

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 APS Foundation including administration, compliance and internal investment management. APS receives a fee of 1% per annum, excluding GST, on the amount held in each giving fund, calculated and paid monthly. The APS 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. Many 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 total funds under management and as at 31 December 2025, we estimate such extra fees to be approximately 0.40%*.

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 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 John McMurdo, 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 John McMurdo, David Ward, Jason Coggins and Chris Cuffe.

Supporters of the APS Foundation's General Portfolio

We are extremely grateful for the support provided by several fund managers and service providers, many of whom offer some or all of their investment services on a low or pro bono basis to assist in managing the APS Foundation. Their generous contributions significantly enhance the performance of the APS Foundation and, in turn, the giving fund balances of our clients. During the financial year ended 30 June 2025, the value of these reduced fees exceeded \$1.9 million.

We sincerely thank the companies mentioned below for their kind support of the Focused Portfolio during the six months ended 31 December 2025.



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