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February 2019

# Investment Update

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### Dear Fellow Shareholders,

The MSCI World Index (AUD) closed up 5.6% as the United States Federal Reserve Bank's change in approach – pausing the increase of interest rates and reducing the limitation of money supply by ceasing its purchase of US Treasuries – continued to increase global investors' risk appetite and drive valuations upwards.

As I discussed in our listed investment companies' half-year result announcements, the change in the Fed's course considerably altered our outlook with our long-held expectations of an impending bear market delayed. As a result, we increased our investment portfolios' equity exposure to take advantage of the bull market's extension by investing in companies that met our rigorous research-driven investment process as well as those that presented short-term mispricing opportunities. We were pleased that each LIC's investment portfolio increased in February while holding conservative levels of cash to reduce our downside risk.

As the saying goes: "You can't fight the Fed". It was therefore unsurprising that the Australian equity market rallied in February with the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index increasing by 6.0%, exceeding January's gains, despite a mixed and **volatile reporting season** that highlighted the economy's weakness. The February rally was primarily driven by continued

expansions in earnings multiples as 12-month forward earnings expectations fell by 1.0% with the industrial sector experiencing a series of downgrades.

Poor consumer sentiment, resulting from rising cost pressures and stagnant wage growth, was a notable theme to emerge from company results and it particularly impacted large retailers. In contrast, companies with an off-shore growth strategy fared well, such as The a2 Milk Company (ASX: A2M) and Afterpay Touch Group (ASX: APT), as investors were increasingly looking to diversify away from the domestic economy.

Share price volatility increased significantly on previous periods, with 30% of all companies in the ASX 200 Index experiencing a positive or negative share price move of 5% or more during the month. Small-cap companies slightly outperformed large-cap companies, with the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index and the S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index rising 6.8% and 6.1% respectively.

Global equity analyst Nick Healy recently returned from a research trip in the US and the bullish sentiment was palpable in certain sectors like technology, in contrast with industrials.

The preservation of shareholders' capital is our focus in all stages of market cycles and with this in mind, we continue to monitor

global economic indicators that may impact the Fed's decision-making process.

### WAM Leaders and Century Australia merger completed

WAM Leaders acquired all Century Australia Investments shares on a pre-tax net tangible asset (NTA) basis under the scheme of arrangement which was implemented on 5 March 2019. We are pleased to welcome all Century Australia Shareholders into the Wilson Asset Management stable of LICs.

### Investor Conference Call

We are looking forward to providing an update on equity markets and our LICs during our Investor Conference Call on **Tuesday, 19 March at 11.00am – 12.00pm (Sydney time)**.

Registration details are below:

**Australia Dial-in Number:** 1300 264 804

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### May 2019 Shareholder Presentations

We are also looking forward to seeing you all at our semi-annual **Shareholder Presentations**. If you have not yet attended, please come along and feel free to bring guests who have an interest in hearing our views on the Australian and global equity markets, how we invest and

how we make a difference for shareholders and the community. If you are one of our 5,000 regular attendees, we look forward to seeing you and I promise, you will not be disappointed if you come along again.

Good luck investing,



**Geoff Wilson AO**

Chairman & Chief Investment Officer



# W | A | M Capital

Focus: small to mid-cap Australian companies  
(ASX: WAM)

## Portfolio update

The WAM Capital investment portfolio increased 3.8% in February as core holdings reported solid results during a volatile reporting season. During February, we deployed cash in 33 new companies, reducing the investment portfolio's cash level from 42.4% in January to 32.7% at the end of the month.

### Research-driven portion of the investment portfolio:

A key contributor to the portfolio performance included The a2 Milk Company (ASX: A2M). We invested in A2M backing the company's decision to accelerate its marketing spend and drive stronger than expected top line growth. A2M announced its half year results during the month, reporting revenue of \$613 million and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) of \$218 million, up 4.1% and 53% respectively, on the prior corresponding period. A2M closed up 14.0% for the month.

### Market-driven portion of the investment portfolio:

Technology company Appen (ASX: APX) contributed to the investment portfolio performance. We first invested in APX due to continued demand from its large customers, a belief that a weaker AUD would lead to earnings upgrades and that the outperformance of its Leapforce acquisition would drive increased profitability. The company delivered its full year results in February, exceeding expectations with revenue of \$364 million and underlying EBITDA of \$71 million, up 119% and 153% respectively, on the prior corresponding period. APX closed up 46.7% for the month. This week APX announced a \$300 million capital raising to fund its US\$175 million acquisition of US rival Figure Eight Technologies.



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**Martin Hickson**  
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Lead Portfolio Manager

## Net tangible asset (NTA) figures

<b>NTA before tax</b>	<b>185.01c*</b>
<b>NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains</b>	<b>185.19c**</b>
<b>NTA after tax</b>	<b>187.40c**</b>

\*The NTA before tax is after the payment of \$22k (0.003 cents per share) in tax during the month.

\*\*Includes 0.55 cents per share of tax assets resulting from the acquisition of unlisted investment companies.

Based on the 28 February 2019 share price of \$2.22 per share and the annualised FY2019 fully franked interim dividend of 15.5 cents per share.

Pre-tax net tangible assets

**\$1.85**

Gross assets

**\$1,323.4m**

Fully franked dividend yield\*

**7.0%**

Performance (p.a. since August 1999)

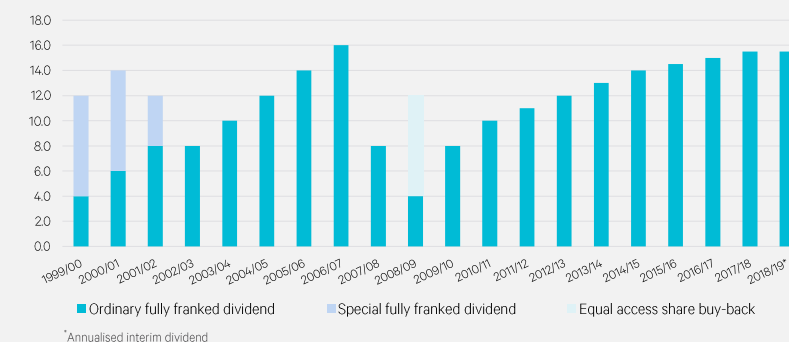
**16.6%**

Performance at 28 February 2019	1 mth	6 mths	Fin YTD	1 yr	3 yrs %pa	5 yrs %pa	10 yrs %pa	Since inception %p.a. (Aug-99)
WAM Investment Portfolio	3.8%	-7.1%	-3.6%	-1.5%	10.8%	11.8%	16.7%	16.6%
S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	6.1%	-0.7%	2.3%	6.6%	12.7%	7.4%	11.3%	8.3%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>	<b>-6.4%</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>	<b>-8.1%</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>+4.4%</b>	<b>+5.4%</b>	<b>+8.3%</b>

Investment performance and Index returns are before expenses, fees and taxes.

## Fully franked dividends since inception

Cents per share



## Top 20 holdings in alphabetical order

Afterpay Touch Group Limited	APT
ALS Limited	ALQ
Aristocrat Leisure Limited	ALL
Bravura Solutions Limited	BVS
CIMIC Group Limited	CIM
Cleanaway Waste Management Limited	CWY
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	CBA
CSL Limited	CSL
G8 Education Limited	GEM
Macquarie Group Limited	MQG
Mineral Resources Limited	MIN
Pengana International Equities Limited	PIA
PSC Insurance Group Limited	PSI
Reliance Worldwide Corporation Limited	RWC
Seven Group Holdings Limited	SVW
Steadfast Group Limited	SDF
Templeton Global Growth Fund Limited	TGG
The a2 Milk Company Limited	A2M
Viva Energy Group Limited	VEA
Vocus Group Limited	VOC

Investment type	January 2019		February 2019	
	\$m	%	\$m	%
Listed equities	736.6	57.8	891.0	67.3
Short portfolio	(2.1)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.0)
Fixed interest & cash	541.7	42.4	432.5	32.7
<b>Gross assets</b>	<b>\$1,276.2m</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>\$1,323.4m</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Market capitalisation	\$1,484.3m		\$1,584.2m	
Total shares on issue	713,608,947		713,608,947	

# W | A | M Leaders

Focus: large-cap Australian companies  
(ASX: WLE)

## Portfolio update

The WAM Leaders investment portfolio increased by 5.0% in February. Our holdings in the major banks contributed to the positive investment portfolio performance as the final report by the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry was widely considered soft by market participants. Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ASX: CBA), Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ASX: ANZ), Westpac Banking Corporation (ASX: WBC) and the National Australia Bank (ASX: NAB), closed up 5.8%, 11.9%, 9.8% and 5.3% respectively for the month. We also own Macquarie Group (ASX: MQG) which increased 10.4% for the month of February.

Brambles (ASX: BXB) specialises in sustainable logistics, operating the world's largest pool of reusable pallets, crates and containers. BXB delivered solid share price performance of 10.5% during the month as it announced the sale of its IFCO reusable plastic containers business for US\$2.5 billion. This divesture will provide a significant cash return to shareholders and allow BXB to conduct an on-market buy-back and repay debt to maintain leverage in-line with the Board-approved credit policy. BXB will pay 29.0 cents per share in addition to its 14.5 cents interim dividend. BXB's half-year results were in line with our expectations, confirming our belief that the company had suffered from global economic uncertainty which has since improved. We continue to hold BXB as we believe the sale of IFCO is positive for BXB's capital management strategy and balance sheet.



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Lead Portfolio Manager

## Net tangible asset (NTA) figures

<b>NTA before tax</b>	<b>120.17c*</b>
<b>NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains</b>	<b>119.47c</b>
<b>NTA after tax</b>	<b>118.19c</b>

\*The NTA before tax is after the payment of \$14k (0.002 cents per share) in tax during the month.

Based on the 28 February 2019 share price of \$113 per share.

Pre-tax net  
tangible assets

\$1.20

Gross assets

\$848.7m

Annualised fully franked  
interim dividend

5.3c

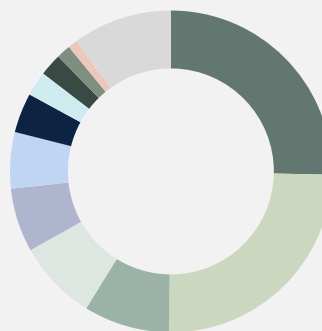
Performance  
(p.a. since May 2016)

11.4%

Performance at 28 February 2019	1 mth	6 mths	Fin YTD	1 yr	Since inception %p.a. (May-16)
WLE Investment Portfolio	5.0%	1.8%	2.4%	6.8%	11.4%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index	6.0%	-0.3%	2.6%	7.1%	9.9%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>+2.1%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>+1.5%</b>

Investment performance and Index returns are before expenses, fees and taxes.

## Portfolio composition by sector



Financials: 25.3%
Materials: 24.9%
Consumer Discretionary: 8.6%
Energy: 8.0%
Consumer Staples: 6.4%
Health Care: 5.7%
Industrials: 4.0%
Real Estate: 2.5%
Telecommunication Services: 2.2%
Utilities: 1.4%
Information Technology: 1.0%
Cash and Fixed Interest: 10.0%

Investment type	January 2019		February 2019	
	\$m	%	\$m	%
Listed equities	739.0	91.3	764.1	90.0
Short portfolio	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fixed interest & cash	70.7	8.7	84.6	10.0
<b>Gross assets</b>	<b>\$809.7m</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>\$848.7m</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Market capitalisation	\$767.5m		\$795.7m <sup>1</sup>	
Total shares on issue	704,135,905		704,135,905	

## Top 20 holdings in alphabetical order

Amcor Limited	AMC
Aristocrat Leisure Limited	ALL
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited	ANZ
BHP Group Limited	BHP
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	CBA
CSL Limited	CSL
Macquarie Group Limited	MQG
National Australia Bank Limited	NAB
Newcrest Mining Limited	NCM
OZ Minerals Limited	OZL
QBE Insurance Group Limited	QBE
Rio Tinto Limited	RIO
Santos Limited	STO
South32 Limited	S32
Telstra Corporation Limited	TLS
The Star Entertainment Group Limited	SGR
Treasury Wine Estates Limited	TWE
Westpac Banking Corporation	WBC
Woodside Petroleum Limited	WPL
Woolworths Group Limited	WOW

# W | A | M Global

Focus: small to mid-cap international companies  
(ASX: WGB)

## Portfolio update

The MSCI World Index (AUD) increased 5.6% in February to deliver calendar year-to-date gains of 9.9%, following the steep and volatile decline of 11.0% experienced in the December 2018 quarter. The performance of the Index was aided by a 2.5% fall in the Australia dollar against the US dollar during the month.

The best performing sectors in February were information technology, industrials and financials while communication services and real estate lagged. All major equity markets rallied in local terms: the US S&P 500 Index by 3.0%, the Euro Stoxx 50 Index by 4.4%, the UK FTSE 100 Index by 1.5%, Japan's TOPIX by 2.6% and China's CSI 300 Index by 14.6%. Australia's S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index increased by 6.1%.

Contributors to the investment portfolio performance during the month were IT software company SS&C Technologies (NASDAQ: SSNC), rail operator Norfolk Southern Corp (NYSE: NSC) and media company Vivendi (EPA: VIV). During the month SSNC announced its 2018 results, reporting sales and earnings per share that exceeded company guidance and upgrading its expectations for synergies arising from a recent acquisition.

NSC held an analyst day and articulated a clear path to reducing its operating expenses relative to sales ratio, which is currently above that of its peers. Our belief in the ability of management to achieve this goal was the key reason we invested in NSC and we believe the team will significantly increase earnings over the next three years.

VIV owns various assets across music, pay television and advertising, including Universal Music Group (UMG). We believe UMG is a valuable asset in the age of digital streaming where success is driven by content. VIV reported strong results in February, particularly for UMG, which is undervalued within the conglomerate structure. VIV has announced a program to realise value for this asset via a partial sale. We recently returned from the US where we met with management of more than 50 companies as well as a range of market participants. The general sentiment is bullish; however, it is not universally applied.

We found that technology companies' level of optimism is heightened while certain industrial business have expressed end-of-cycle fears. While consumer sentiment is generally high, corporates are largely cautious around their ability to continue to raise margins given building inflationary pressures. Earnings season delivered mixed results, reflecting the disparate nature of industries in the US. In many cases earnings expectations were reduced in the lead-up to reporting dates so more companies delivered artificial "beats".

We continue to focus on key macroeconomic indicators, which we believe will dictate the US Federal Reserve Bank's monetary policy going forward. A key risk for the extended bull run in equities is interest rate shock as the pause in the Fed's monetary cycle has significantly increased risk appetite.

Trade war negotiations continued throughout February with Trump eventually announcing an extension to the current ceasefire on raising tariffs before the 1 March deadline was reached – both sides claim a deal is imminent. Given the strong rebound in equity markets from the recent lows, it would not be surprising to see a pause in the equities rally until we get a definitive outcome on these trade negotiations.



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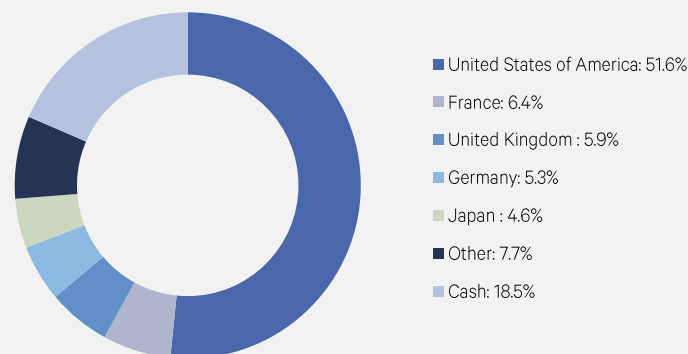
Pre-tax net  
tangible assets

\$2.13

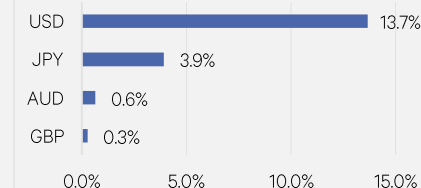
Gross assets

\$445.7m

## Portfolio composition by geographical exposure



## Cash currency exposure (18.5%)



## Top 20 holdings in alphabetical order

Alphabet Inc	GOOG US	USA
American Express Company	AXP US	USA
Bandai Namco Holdings Inc	7832 JP	JPN
CDW Corporation	CDW US	USA
CME Group Inc	CME US	USA
Danone SA	BN FP	FRA
Deutsche Boerse AG	DB1 GY	GER
Diageo PLC	DGE LN	UK
Entertainment One Limited	ETO LN	UK
Harris Corporation	HRS US	USA
HCA Healthcare Inc	HCA US	USA
Logitech International SA	LOGN SW	SUI
Norfolk Southern Corporation	NSC US	USA
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	RB LN	UK
Scout24 AG	G24 GR	GER
SS&C Technologies Holdings Inc	SSNC US	USA
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	TMO US	USA
United Technologies Corporation	UTX US	USA
Vivendi SA	VIV FP	FRA
Waste Management Inc	WM US	USA

Investment type	January 2019		February 2019	
	\$m	%	\$m	%
Listed equities	327.5	77.5	363.2	81.5
Short portfolio	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fixed interest & cash	95.1	22.5	82.5	18.5
<b>Gross assets*</b>	<b>\$422.6m</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>\$445.7m</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Market capitalisation	\$412.6m		\$404.2m <sup>†</sup>	
Total shares on issue	211,607,623		211,607,623	

\*Gross assets exclude the \$5.7m offer costs receivable balance associated with the Initial Public Offer (repayable by the Investment Manager).

## Net tangible asset (NTA) figures

<b>NTA before tax</b>	<b>212.77c</b>
<b>NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains</b>	<b>219.00c</b>
<b>NTA after tax</b>	<b>214.94c</b>

# W | A | M Research

Focus: small to mid-cap Australian companies  
(ASX: WAX)

## Portfolio update

The WAM Research investment portfolio increased 4.0% in February as core holdings reported solid results during a volatile reporting season. During February, we deployed cash in 22 new companies, reducing the investment portfolio's cash level from 51.3% in January to 32.9% at the end of the month.

Contributors to the portfolio performance included The a2 Milk Company (ASX: A2M) and Austal (ASX: ASB). We invested in A2M backing the company's decision to accelerate its marketing spend and drive stronger than expected top line growth. A2M announced its half year results during the month, reporting revenue of \$613 million and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation of \$218 million, up 41% and 53% respectively, on the prior corresponding period. A2M closed up 14.0% for the month.

Austal is an Australian shipbuilding company and defence prime contractor that specialises in the design, construction and support of defence and commercial vessels. We invested in ASB due to the recovery in the commercial ferry market and expansion of ASB's Philippines shipyard indicating strong future growth for the business. ASB released its half year results during the month, outlining a record order book of \$5 billion securing work to 2025 and revenue of \$852 million, up 54% and 31% compared to the same period last year. ASB closed up 11.0% for the month.



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Lead Portfolio Manager

## Net tangible asset (NTA) figures

<b>NTA before tax</b>	<b>114.56c<sup>†</sup></b>
<b>NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains</b>	<b>115.74c</b>
<b>NTA after tax</b>	<b>114.80c</b>

<sup>†</sup>The NTA before tax is after the payment of \$12m (0.62 cents per share) in tax during the month.

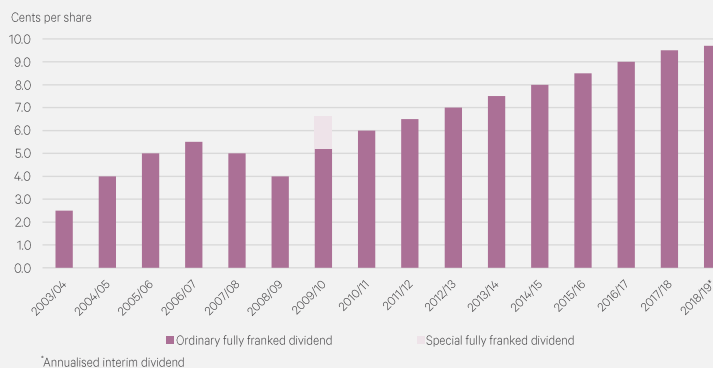
<sup>†</sup>Based on the 28 February 2019 share price of \$1.40 per share and the annualised FY2019 fully franked interim dividend of 9.7 cents per share.

Pre-tax net tangible assets	Gross assets	Fully franked dividend yield <sup>†</sup>	Performance (p.a. since July 2010)
\$1.15	\$217.8m	6.9%	15.8%

Performance at 28 February 2019	1 mth	6 mths	Fin YTD	1 yr	3 yrs %pa	5 yrs %pa	7 yrs %pa	Since change in investment strategy %p.a. (Jul-10)
WAX Investment Portfolio	4.0%	-8.9%	-5.6%	-2.4%	10.2%	13.3%	16.8%	15.8%
S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	6.1%	-0.7%	2.3%	6.6%	12.7%	7.4%	9.8%	8.9%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>	<b>-9.0%</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>+5.9%</b>	<b>+7.0%</b>	<b>+6.9%</b>

Investment performance and Index returns are before expenses, fees and taxes.

## Fully franked dividends since inception



Investment type	January 2019		February 2019	
	\$m	%	\$m	%
Listed equities	102.5	48.7	146.2	67.1
Fixed interest & cash	108.1	51.3	71.6	32.9
<b>Gross assets</b>	<b>\$210.6m</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>\$217.8m</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Market capitalisation	\$263.5m		\$265.4m	
Total shares on issue	189,561,267		189,561,267	

## Top 20 holdings in alphabetical order

Accent Group Limited	AX1
ALS Limited	ALQ
AMA Group Limited	AMA
Aristocrat Leisure Limited	ALL
Austal Limited	ASB
Bravura Solutions Limited	BVS
City Chic Collective Limited	CCX
Cleanaway Waste Management Limited	CWY
Codan Limited	CDA
Credit Corp Group Limited	CCP
Elders Limited	ELD
G8 Education Limited	GEM
Infomedia Limited	IFM
Monadelphous Group Limited	MND
Myer Holdings Limited	MYR
Noni B Limited	NBL
PSC Insurance Group Limited	PSI
The a2 Milk Company Limited	A2M
Viva Energy Group Limited	VEA
Vocus Group Limited	VOC

# W | A | M Active

Focus: market mispricing within the Australian equity market (ASX: WAA)

## Portfolio update

The WAM Active investment portfolio increased 3.6% in February as core holdings reported solid results during a volatile reporting season. Following the additional deployment of capital in March, the investment portfolio's cash weighting is currently 22.2%.

Contributors to the portfolio performance included Appen (ASX: APX) and IDP Education (ASX: IEL). We first invested in technology company APX due to continued demand from its large customers, a belief that a weaker AUD would lead to earning upgrades and that the outperformance of its Leapforce acquisition would drive increased profitability. The company delivered its full year results in February, exceeding expectations with revenue of \$364 million and underlying earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) of \$71 million, up 119% and 153% respectively, on the prior corresponding period. APX closed up 46.7% for the month. This week APX announced a \$300 million capital raising to fund its US\$175 million acquisition of US rival Figure Eight Technologies.

IEL specialises in English language education services for international audiences. Over the past few years IEL has invested in a new digital platform to introduce computer-delivered IELTS tests. We invested in the company after taking the view that its investment into digitising IELTS would drive test volumes and deliver positive margins. During the month, IEL delivered its half year result for FY2019. The company announced earnings above analyst expectations, with EBITDA increasing 33% on the prior half. IEL closed up 31.3% for the month.



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Lead Portfolio Manager

## Net tangible asset (NTA) figures

<b>NTA before tax</b>	<b>103.50c</b>
<b>NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains</b>	<b>104.99c</b>
<b>NTA after tax</b>	<b>104.95c</b>

Based on the 28 February 2019 share price of \$1045 per share and the annualised FY2019 fully franked interim dividend of 59 cents per share.

Pre-tax net tangible assets

**\$1.04**

Gross assets

**\$47.8m**

Fully franked dividend yield<sup>a</sup>

**5.6%**

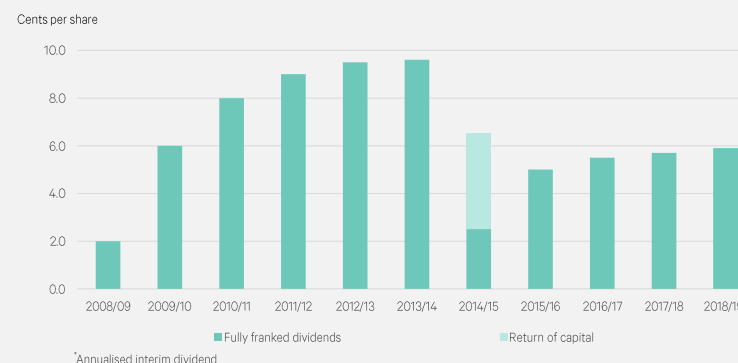
Performance (p.a. since January 2008)

**12.1%**

Performance at 28 February 2019	1 mth	6 mths	Fin YTD	1 yr	3 yrs %pa	5 yrs %pa	10 yrs %pa	Since inception %p.a. (Jan-08)
WAA Investment Portfolio	3.6%	-4.3%	-0.4%	0.6%	11.7%	10.2%	14.9%	12.1%
S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	6.1%	-0.7%	2.3%	6.6%	12.7%	7.4%	11.3%	4.2%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>+2.8%</b>	<b>+3.6%</b>	<b>+7.9%</b>
UBS Bank Bill Index (Cash)	0.2%	1.0%	1.4%	2.0%	1.9%	2.1%	3.0%	3.5%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>-5.3%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>+9.8%</b>	<b>+8.1%</b>	<b>+11.9%</b>	<b>+8.6%</b>

Investment performance and Index returns are before expenses, fees and taxes.

## Fully franked dividends since inception



## Top 20 holdings in alphabetical order

Afterpay Touch Group Limited	APT
Altium Limited	ALU
Appen Limited	APX
CIMIC Group Limited	CIM
Collins Foods Limited	CKF
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	CBA
CSL Limited	CSL
Domino's Pizza Enterprises Limited	DMP
IRESS Limited	IRE
Macquarie Group Limited	MQG
Macquarie Media Limited	MRN
Mineral Resources Limited	MIN
Pengana International Equities Limited	PIA
Reliance Worldwide Corporation Limited	RWC
Seven Group Holdings Limited	SVW
Steadfast Group Limited	SDF
Templeton Global Growth Fund Limited	TGG
The Star Entertainment Group Limited	SGR
Westoz Investment Company Limited	WIC
WorleyParsons Limited	WOR

Investment type	January 2019		February 2019	
	\$m	%	\$m	%
Listed equities	30.8	66.6	32.3	67.7
Short portfolio	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Fixed interest & cash	15.6	33.8	15.5	32.3
<b>Gross assets</b>	<b>\$46.2m</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>\$47.8m</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Market capitalisation	\$46.0m		\$48.0m	
Total shares on issue	45,969,433		45,969,433	

# W | A | M *Microcap*

Focus: micro-cap Australian companies  
(ASX: WMI)

## Portfolio update

The WAM Microcap investment portfolio increased 4.5% in February as core holdings reported solid results during a volatile reporting season. During February, we deployed cash in 28 new companies, reducing the investment portfolio's cash level from 39.6% in January to 29.0% at the end of the month.

Contributors to the portfolio performance included Infomedia (ASX: IFM) and Ruralco (ASX: RHL). IFM is a software provider supporting the automotive industry. We invested in IFM during April 2018 as we saw evidence that IFM's new management team was delivering a more refined sales strategy. IFM has 95% recurring revenue and a strong balance sheet that will allow for acquisitions. Over 80% of IFM's revenue is generated overseas, providing a resilient and diverse income base. During the month, IFM released its half year results to 31 December 2018 with earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation of \$17 million, a 36% increase on the prior corresponding period. The company indicated a strong outlook for the remainder of the year and is continuing to explore growth opportunities for its current parts and service offering. IFM shares closed up 24.8% for the month.

RHL is a leading agricultural business focussed on water services, live export, financial services and rural supplies. We first invested in RHL during December 2018 due to our belief that that the current drought on the Eastern seaboard of Australia would provide RHL with opportunities to make earnings accretive acquisitions. RHL announced in February the company had entered into a merger agreement with Canadian company Nutrien (TSE: NTR), under which NTR would acquire 100% of RHL for \$4.40 per share in cash, representing a 44.0% premium to the one-month volume weighted average price per share. The company also announced that it expects to pay a fully franked special dividend of up to 90.0 cents per share on or shortly before the merger. RHL closed up 4.75% for the month.



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## Net tangible asset (NTA) figures

<b>NTA before tax</b>	<b>126.33c</b>
<b>NTA after tax and before tax on unrealised gains</b>	<b>126.13c</b>
<b>NTA after tax</b>	<b>123.70c</b>

Based on the 28 February 2019 share price of \$1.255 per share.

Pre-tax net tangible assets

**\$1.26**

Gross assets

**\$182.5m**

Annualised fully franked interim dividend

**4.5c**

Performance (p.a. since June 2017)

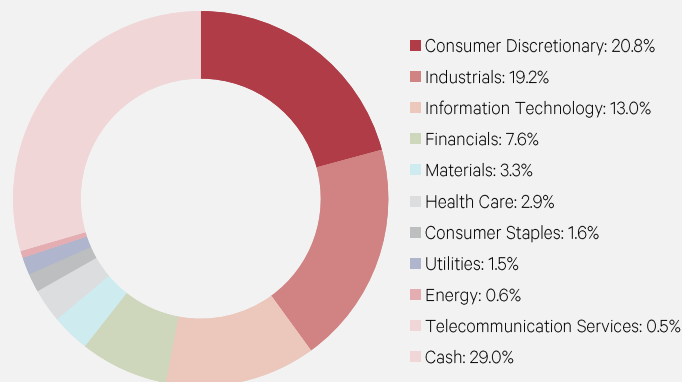
**16.6%**

## Performance at 28 February 2019

	1 mth	Fin YTD	1 yr	Since inception %p.a. (Jun-17)
WMI Investment Portfolio	4.5%	-0.3%	2.7%	16.6%
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	6.8%	-1.6%	3.5%	12.1%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>	<b>+1.3%</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>+4.5%</b>

Investment performance and Index returns are before expenses, fees and taxes.

## Portfolio composition by sector



## Top 20 holdings in alphabetical order

A2B Australia Limited	A2B
Alliance Aviation Services Limited	AQZ
Australian Vintage Limited	AVG
City Chic Collective Limited	CCX
Generation Development Group Limited	GDG
Infomedia Limited	IFM
Johns Lyng Group Limited	JLG
Macquarie Media Limited	MRN
Noni B Limited	NBL
Over The Wire Holdings Limited	OTW
People Infrastructure Limited	PPE
PSC Insurance Group Limited	PSI
PWR Holdings Limited	PWH
QANTM Intellectual Property Limited	QIP
Ruralco Holdings Limited	RHL
Rhipe Limited	RHP
Reckon Limited	RKN
Spicers Limited	SRS
360 Capital Total Return Fund	TOT
Village Roadshow Limited	VRL

Investment type	January 2019		February 2019	
	\$m	%	\$m	%
Listed equities	106.0	60.6	129.6	71.0
Short portfolio	(0.4)	(0.2)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Fixed interest & cash	69.3	39.6	52.9	29.0
<b>Gross assets</b>	<b>\$174.9m</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>\$182.5m</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Market capitalisation	\$174.3m		\$176.4m*	
Total shares on issue	140,530,698		140,530,698	



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