

# Quay Global Real Estate Fund (AUD Hedged)

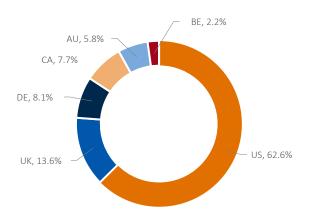
Performance report | 30 June 2023

# Net client returns (after fees and expenses)

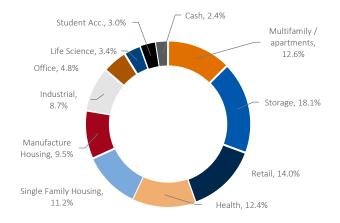
	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 year	2 years p.a.	3 years p.a.	Since inception <sup>2</sup> p.a.
Fund	+3.5%	+2.0%	+1.6%	-5.4%			-14.7%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	+2.8%	+0.9%	+1.0%	-5.9%			-13.6%
Value added	+0.7%	+1.1%	+0.7%	+0.5%			-1.1%

Performance figures include dividends and are after all fees and costs and gross of any earnings tax, but after withholding tax.

# **Geographic weighting**



Sector weighting



## **Market commentary**

Global equities had a solid June, up +3.1% with positive US data; retail and home sales, building permits and housing starts all up, and inflation softening. The Fed paused for the first time in 15 months – with the target rate range at 5-5.25% – although the updated dot plot indicated two further 25bps hikes later this year.

The Australian market recovered +1.7% this month on the back of the global theme of easing inflation and Central Banks perhaps at the end of their hawkish bender.

# **Portfolio commentary**

Despite the intra-month volatility, June saw the Fund up +3.5%. Halfway through the calendar year, the Fund has returned +1.6% so far.

The strongest contributors in June came from US Office landlord Empire State Realty. Empire State's embattled listed peer, SL Green, announced a \$2 billion sale of a 50% stake in 245 Park Avenue to Japanese investor Mori Trust. The pricing positively surprised the market, which was around \$1,200 per square foot and the same price SL Green paid for it last September.

Other strong contributions were made by investees Ventas (US Health) and Simon Property (US Malls). Our team visited NAREIT this month – the feedback was overwhelmingly yet cautiously optimistic. Ventas is enjoying a post-COVID recovery in Seniors Housing, with strong demand and lack of new supply fuelling rising occupancy and rate combined with decreasing operating expenses. On retail, sales across the board are positive, especially for luxury. Retailers are now focused back on physical stores, with malls being more affordable today, reflected by lower occupancy costs.

On the topic of Simon Property, we went back to the 90's in this month's <u>Investment Perspectives</u> – looking at the resilience of 'best-in-class' mall rents during Australia's recession "we had to have". With more talk of a rate-



induced recession in Australia, we believe that the best retail locations are critical profit centres and especially important during recessions. The result of this is earnings certainty - something sought after in an environment of collapsing cyclical earnings outlooks. Simon Property owns a portfolio of some of the best malls in the United States.

#### **Portfolio Outlook**

As a high-conviction concentrated fund we don't regularly find better opportunities than the names in our Fund right now. But that's not to say we don't look for new opportunities. We simply have yet to find any new investees that offer a more compelling risk adjusted total return than the companies that make-up the current portfolio. In fact, looking at how investee earnings are forecast to grow, combined with recent multiple de-rating, we are confident the current portfolio is well positioned to meet and exceed our long-term investment objective.

# **Fund details**

Feature	Information			
APIR Code	BFL3333AU			
Investment objective	To generate a real total return of at least 5% above CPI per annum over a 5+ year investment horizon			
Portfolio managers	Chris Bedingfield/Justin Blaess			
Stock number	24			
Fund size	A\$61m			
Inception date	2 February 2022 <sup>2</sup>			
Recommended investment period	Long term (5+ years)			
Minimum investment (AUD)	\$20,000			
Additional investment (AUD)	\$5,000			
NAV <sup>3</sup>	0.7778			
Buy/Sell spread	+/-0.20%			
Entry/Exit fees	Nil			
Distributions	Bi-annual			
Management fee <sup>4</sup>	0.82%			

## How to invest

The Fund is open to investors directly via the PDS (available on our website) or the following platforms.

#### Platforms

AMP North CFS (FirstWrap) Dash Hub24 (Super and IDPS) Macquarie Wrap Mason Stevens Netwealth (Super Service, Wrap Service) Praemium

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- <sup>2</sup> Inception date is 2 February 2022.
- <sup>3</sup> Adjusted for expected withholding taxes.
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