

# Performance report | 31 May 2025

## Quay Global Real Estate Strategy (Unhedged)

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### Overview

The Quay Global Real Estate Strategy ('the Strategy') invests in global listed real estate with a focus on rent-based total return opportunities, avoiding developers and emerging markets and seeking robust balance sheets and reliable long-term cash flows. Utilizing fundamental analysis in stock selection and concentrated, low-turnover portfolio construction, the management team aims to generate annualized real total returns in excess of CPI +5% over the long term.

The Strategy is managed by Quay Global Investors, a Bennelong boutique. Bennelong is part of the BFM Group, an investment company that partners with boutiques across the globe to deliver actively managed equity funds.

### Gross returns (\$AUD)

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 year	2 years p.a.	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	10 years p.a.	Since inception <sup>1</sup> p.a.
Strategy	+2.43%	+1.56%	-0.06%	+11.87%	+13.03%	+6.52%	+9.84%	+8.96%	+11.20%
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	+1.93%	-2.31%	-1.10%	+14.28%	+9.23%	+3.82%	+6.10%	+4.45%	+6.27%
Value added	+0.50%	+3.87%	+1.03%	-2.42%	+3.80%	+2.70%	+3.74%	+4.51%	+4.93%

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

<sup>1</sup>'Value added' calculation does not use rounded performance figures. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

### Strategy managers



#### Justin Blaess

Co-founder, Principal & Portfolio Manager

Before establishing and co-managing the Quay Global Real Estate Strategy, Justin spent five years at ING Investment Management in Sydney, where he was portfolio manager for all the listed real estate investment strategies with over \$2bn under management. He has also worked in corporate finance at major investment banks, where as part of their real estate investment banking teams he had experience on local and cross border M&A, debt and equity transactions. Justin started his finance career as a research analyst, first at HSBC and then Deutsche Bank, where with Chris he established and managed a REIT research team.



#### Chris Bedingfield

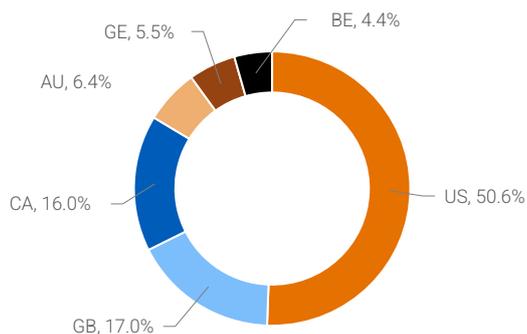
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Chris has nearly 30 years of experience working as a real estate specialist with a background in investment banking, real estate equities research and investment management. Prior to co-founding Quay, Chris was a senior member in the Real Estate Investment Banking group at Credit Suisse in Sydney and previously the Head of Real Estate Investment Banking Asia at Deutsche Bank. Chris started his career in real estate equity research, eventually becoming the head of research.

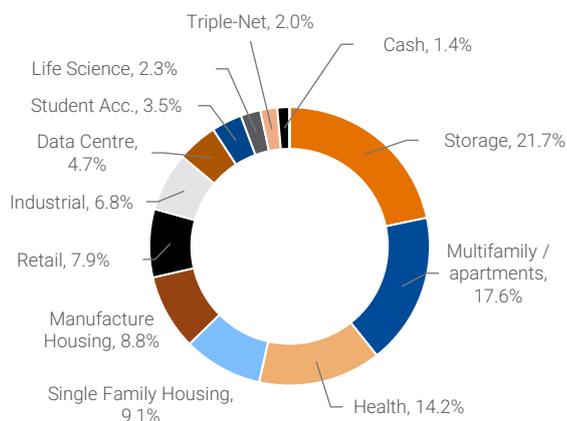
## Strategy details

Feature	Information
Strategy	Global listed real estate
Index	FTSE/NAREIT Developed TR AUD Index
Investment vehicles	Separately Managed Accounts; AUD Unit Trust

## Geographic weighting



## Sector weighting



## Commentary

The global real estate index returned +1.93% in May, with currency detracting -64bps from returns. The Strategy returned +2.43%, outperforming the index by 50bps.

This month saw a broad rotation back into risks assets, as easing global trade tensions supported a rebound in market sentiment. The rebound was especially strong in the US, which had lagged other regions the previous month.

While returns were positive, REITs underperformed US equities (S&P500 +6.0%), likely due to short-term negative correlation to rising bond yields. US 10-year treasury yields rose from ~4.2% to ~4.4% (peaking at ~4.6%) this month. A 'weak' bond auction and Moody's downgrade of the US sovereign credit rating (citing debt concerns), further dampened sentiment. In this month's [investment](#)

[perspectives](#) we discuss our take on recent bond market activity and the potential long-term impact on real estate.

Q1 reporting season wrapped up this month, with solid results across real estate, with most companies yet to feel the effects of tariffs or economic uncertainty. The exception included US industrial (particularly coastal), where some operators saw slower leasing activity in April, post-tariff announcements. GreenStreet data also showed a sharp drop in U.S. industrial net absorption to ~15M square feet for the quarter, down from the typical 45M square feet pace set in 2Q-4Q24.

In this uncertain political/economic environment, we remain cautious on economically sensitive sub-sectors of real estate where tenants commit to long term leases, as is the case in Industrial, Retail and Office.

In Canada, apartment REIT Interrent received a \$13.55/share all-cash offer from CLV Group and Singapore's GIC – 35% above its March 7 pre-sale rumour price. The deal includes a 40-day go-shop period for potential competing bids. We see this as a clear sign that the private market is capitalising on undervalued listed REITs with solid operating fundamentals.

Top contributors to returns for the month came from positions in Canadian Apartments and Canadian Healthcare. The top detractors for the month were our positions in US Healthcare and US Single Family Housing.

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