



VENTURA MORNINGSTAR DEFENSIVE MODEL

February 2026

QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

Overview

- Australian shares ended Q4 2025 down 1.0%, despite a 10.3% gain for the year, with IT and Consumer Discretionary dragging while Materials rose strongly.
- Global equities delivered solid results, with the MSCI ACWI ex-Australia up 2.7% for Q4 and 13.7% for the year, led by strong performances in the U.K., Japan, and Korea.
- Bonds were mixed, with Australian bonds down 1.2% for the quarter but up 3.2% over the year, while global bonds outperformed delivering quarterly and annual gains.
- Property and infrastructure delivered steady returns globally, with Australian REITs slightly negative for Q4 but positive for the year, and global infrastructure delivering robust annual returns.
- The outlook for 2026 remains uncertain amid trade tensions, shifting central-bank policy, rising inflation risks, and potentially a continuation of the change in equity market leadership.

Model performance

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Period	Income %	Growth %	Total %
1 month	0.1	1.3	1.3
3 months	0.5	1.2	1.7
6 months	1.0	1.5	2.4
1 yr pa	2.1	3.7	5.8
3 yr pa	2.2	3.7	5.9
5 yr pa	1.6	1.8	3.4
7 yr pa	1.5	1.6	3.1

The Ventura Morningstar Defensive Model has been operating since October 2014. The performance shown is indicative only and may vary to actual investor performance due to investment model trading requirements at the individual investor account level.

Model Composition

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Asset Class	Min	NP	Actual	Max
Australian Equities	0.0	5.0	6.6	20.0
Global Equities	0.0	7.0	6.1	20.0
AREIT	0.0	0.0	0.5	15.0
Global Property	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0
Global Infrastructure	0.0	2.0	2.0	15.0
Alternatives	0.0	2.0	2.7	20.0
Aust Fixed Income	9.0	29.0	33.5	49.0
Global Fixed Income (Hedged)	8.0	28.0	25.2	48.0
Cash	10.0	27.0	23.6	47.0
		100	100.0	
Growth		15.0	16.6	
Income		85.0	83.4	

Min and Max allocations show the range in which the Model Manager can allocate, while NP refers to the Neutral Position of the Model and Actual refers to the Actual exposure at the date of this Profile.

Actual Weights

Security	%
Morningstar International Bonds (Hedged) Fun	22.3
iShares Core Composite Bond ETF	14.8
iShares Enhanced Cash ETF	12.0
Vanguard Australian Fixed Interest Index ETF	11.0
BetaShares Australian High Interest Cash ETF U	9.1
Morningstar Global Opportunities Fund	3.7
BetaShares Australian Investment Grade Corpo	3.2
Vanguard International Credit Securities Index f	2.8
Morningstar Multi Asset Real Return Fund	2.7
BetaShares Australian Bank Senior Floating Rat	2.6
Australian Dollar	2.4
ISHARES FTSE GBL Infrastructure (AUD HEDGED	2.0
iShares Core Corporate Bond ETF	1.9
Morningstar International Shares Active ETF	1.8
BHP	1.0
ANZ Group Holdings Ltd	0.8
Woolworths Group Ltd	0.8
Ramsay Health Care Limited	0.7
iShares Core S&P/ASX 200 ETF	0.7
Westpac Banking Corporation	0.7

Model Details

Objective	CPI+1%
Suggested timeframe	3 years
Number of securities	25-80
Estimated max. turnover	<40%
Model management fee	0.575%pa
Indirect Cost Ratio (ICR)	0.24%pa

Authorised Investments

ASX shares & ETFs, A-REITs, LICs, Global ETFs, Cash & Fixed Income ETFs, Managed Funds, and Cash & Term Deposits.

About Morningstar

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Portfolio Construction Process

When building diversified portfolios to achieve long-term real returns (after fees and taxes), a dynamic approach to asset allocation improves the outcome for investors. A total-portfolio-perspective approach that seeks to adjust the portfolio when the reward for risk changes, and measures risk in a more meaningful way to preserve capital for investors, is expected to provide a more stable and improved path to wealth accumulation. This approach is often contrarian to market consensus with patience and discipline provides significant investment opportunities.

Security Selection

Buying shares of superior businesses and allowing them to compound over time is the surest way to create wealth in the stock market. The long-term fundamentals of businesses, such as cash flow, competition, economic cycles, and stewardship, are the primary focus because history has shown that market sentiment is fleeting, momentum can quickly reverse, and the herd is sometimes a dangerous crowd. Occasionally, this approach causes our investment models to appear out of step, but willingness to be contrarian is an important source of outperformance.

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2. Personal tax positions (including franking credits)
3. Transparency of portfolio holdings with quality online reporting
4. Low cost trading of portfolio holdings
5. Professional portfolio construction and management

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