

NTA & Investment Update

July 2022



Net tangible asset (NTA) backing per share

	31 July	30 June
NTA per share ¹	\$8.86	\$8.45
NTA per share after unrealised tax provision ²	\$7.81	\$7.51

Market commentary

Australian shares had a strong start to the new financial year with the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index rallying +5.8% in July. The positive performance followed three consecutive monthly declines, including June's precipitous fall of -8.8%. Australian shares rebounded in unison with global equities which, paradoxically, were buoyed by signs that the US economy was cooling. This drove expectations that the US Federal Reserve would not need to continue increasing interest rates as steeply as previously anticipated to curb soaring inflation.

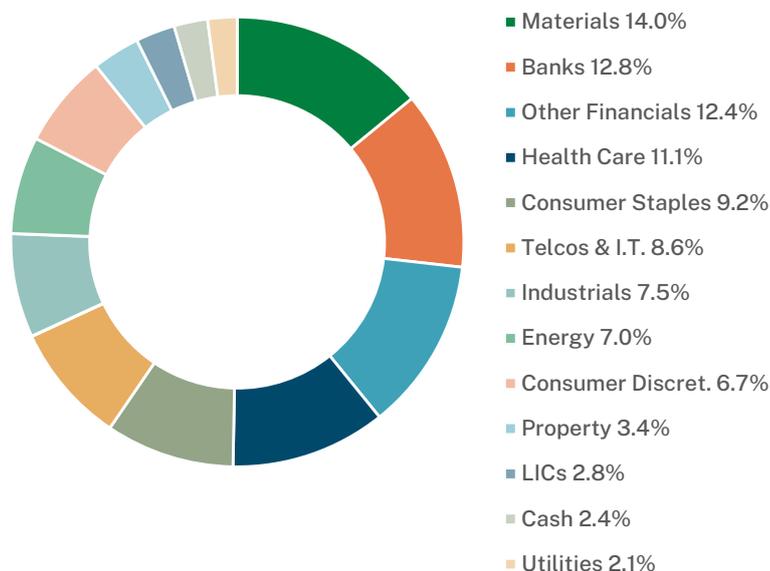
Gains were widespread with almost all sectors closing the month in positive territory. Technology stocks led the gains after being battered in recent months. The banks also outperformed with increasing interest rates viewed as a net positive for their profit margins. Discretionary retail stocks were also strong as they benefitted from resilient consumer spending as reflected in recent sales figures.

Portfolio

Top 20 investments*

	%
Macquarie Group	7.0
BHP	5.2
CSL	5.1
CBA	4.1
Wesfarmers	3.5
Rio Tinto	3.2
ANZ	3.0
Telstra	2.8
NAB	2.7
Westpac	2.7
Santos	2.3
Ramsay Health Care	2.1
Aristocrat Leisure	2.1
APA Group	2.1
Computershare	2.0
Transurban	2.0
Woolworths	1.9
Sonic Healthcare	1.9
Aust. United Investment	1.7
Amcor	1.7
Top 20 equity investments	59.1
Cash and cash equivalents	2.4

Sector diversification*



¹ After all costs, including any tax payable.

² As required under the ASX Listing Rules, theoretical NTA per share after providing for estimated tax on unrealised gains/losses in the portfolio. That is, after tax that may arise if the entire portfolio was sold.

* As a percentage of investment portfolio.

About us

At a glance

ASX code	ARG
Founded	1946
Market cap.	\$7.0bn
Shareholders	96,000
Dividend yield [^]	3.2%
MER	0.14%

[^] Historical yield of 4.6% (including franking) based on dividends paid over the last 12 months.

Company overview

One of Australia's oldest and largest listed investment companies (LICs), Argo actively manages a diversified portfolio of Australian shares with a low-cost, internally managed business model. Argo applies a conservative, long-term investment approach which has proven resilient since 1946.

Company objective

Maximise long-term shareholder returns through reliable fully franked dividend income and capital growth.

How to invest

We are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) under the ASX code 'ARG'. To become a shareholder, simply buy shares through your stockbroker, online broker, financial adviser or platform.

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Shareholder benefits



Fully-franked, sustainable dividends

Dividends paid every year since inception in 1946 and fully franked since 1995



Experienced board and management

Highly experienced board and management team with strong governance and conservative culture



Strong balance sheet with no debt

A strong balance sheet and no debt allows a long-term approach to investing



Low-cost, internally managed

Internal management structure ensures low operating costs and no external fees



Diversified and administratively simple

Exposure to a diversified portfolio of Australian equities through a single ASX trade



Long-term and proven investment approach

Resilience and growth through various market cycles and conditions over 75 years

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