

Market Overview

The S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index posted a small gain (+1.5%) for the third quarter, most of it recorded in July. The monthly run of outperformance for Australian equities came to an end as the ASX declined in September. In global equities, trends diverged as the US market continued to make progress while many international and emerging markets lost ground. A duller earnings outlook and looming political risks created less enthusiasm about Europe, while Japanese equities lacked a clear catalyst to propel performance. Concerns also that a trade war could do serious damage by disrupting global supply chains, with investors also worried by US sanctions against Iran, tensions with Turkey, and Italian politics.

Once again the RBA decided to hold the cash rate at 1.5%. Weak core inflation outcomes and tight financial conditions suggested that inflation would not recover to target within a reasonable timeframe. Though based on the most recent GDP data, the economy delivered above-trend growth. Labour market data showed the unemployment rate remained low at 5.3%, whilst domestic wage growth was still low at +2.1%. The central bank had less concern on housing or the recent rise in mortgage rates. The Australian dollar fell heavily against most major currencies as it depreciated to a more than two-year low to US71.0c as fears over an escalation in the trade conflict between the United States and China dominated concerns.

The Communication Services sector (+14.7%) was the best performing sector for the quarter, mainly from contribution by telecommunication network companies. Information Technology (+12.2%) also performed well, predominantly through a few payment and software companies. The Utilities sector (-5.5%) was the worst performing sector for the quarter as it was pulled down by power and electricity firms. Other sectors that fell included Materials (-3.2%) and Consumer Staples (-2.7%).

The best performing stock for the quarter was Afterpay Touch Group (+92.0%), growth expected to continue as management works towards expanding its international operations. The worst performing stock for the quarter was RCR Tomlinson (-52.4%) as the company had a trading halt and a solar power project blowout.

Performance as at 30 September 2018

	Gross %	Out-performance % [^]	Benchmark % [*]
1 Month	-3.11%	-1.91%	-1.19%
3 Months	-0.59%	-2.09%	1.50%
6 Months	6.49%	-3.50%	9.99%
1 Year	8.22%	-5.81%	14.03%
2 Years (pa)	8.75%	-2.76%	11.51%
3 Years (pa)	9.54%	-2.62%	12.16%
5 Years (pa)	10.10%	1.91%	8.19%
Since inception (pa) [*]	8.16%	1.18%	6.98%

^{*} S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index.

[^] Shows the difference between Portfolio Gross Return and Benchmark Return.

[#] Model performance inception date: 8/11/2005.

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Summary

Model Portfolio Name	BlackRock Equity Yield Focus
Model Code	BR0005
Model inception date	4/11/2005
Principal investment objective	Tax effective and growing income stream
Can derivatives be used?	Yes
Indicative number of stocks	Up to 40
Minimum Model investment	No fixed minimum*
Model Provider's Fees*	
Investment Fee	0.40% p.a.
Performance Fee applicable?	No
Benchmark Index	S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index^

* Please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement for further details.
 ^ Adjusted for franking credits.

About the Model Portfolios

Investment objective

The primary aim of the BlackRock Equity Yield Focus Model Portfolio (the "Model") is to provide the investor with a tax effective and growing income stream sourced primarily from dividend payments by companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. Through investing in equity markets there is also the prospect of capital gains over time.

Investment strategy

The investment objective of the Model is pursued by investing in a moderately diversified portfolio of shares, whilst maintaining low portfolio turnover levels. The Model invests in stocks which are expected to pay grossed-up dividend yields (including anticipated special dividends) in excess of the market average over the medium term. A portfolio of these stocks is developed in a manner which aims to ensure that industry exposures are diverse.

Designed for investors who...

- Seek a tax-effective income stream with some capital growth
- Accept the risk that some volatility will be experienced