# NTA & Investment Update February 2025



Net tangible asset (NTA) backing per share	28 February <sup>^</sup>	31 January
NTA per share <sup>1</sup>	\$9.94	\$10.37
NTA per share after unrealised tax provision <sup>2</sup>	\$8.56	\$8.89

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>^</sup>These figures are after provision for the interim dividend of 17.0 cents per share.

## Market commentary

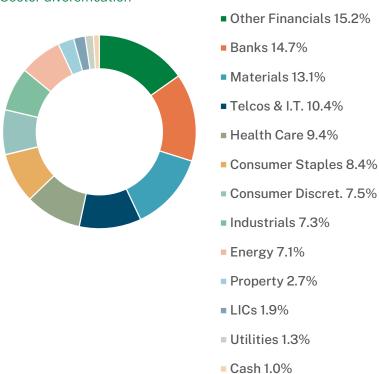
After reaching a new record high early in February, Australian shares declined through the month finishing -3.8% lower, with geopolitical uncertainty weighing on sentiment. As widely expected, the Reserve Bank of Australia cut official interest rates for the first time in more than four years marking the start of what we anticipate will be a shallow easing cycle.

The February corporate reporting season provided a mixed picture. Earnings were solid and dividends exceeded expectations across Argo's portfolio of stocks. However, uncertainties have led some businesses to postpone capital expenditure, and many companies reported increased regulatory and political headwinds. Overall, companies remained cautiously optimistic about the outlook. A notable feature of this reporting season was the dramatic share price movements – both up and down – when results did not meet investor expectations.

#### Portfolio

Top 20 investments*	%
Macquarie Group	7.5
ВНР	5.1
CBA	5.0
CSL	4.5
Wesfarmers	4.2
Westpac	3.6
Aristocrat Leisure	3.5
Rio Tinto	3.2
ANZ	3.1
NAB	2.7
Computershare	2.6
Telstra Group	2.6
Technology One	2.6
QBE Insurance	2.6
Santos	2.5
Origin Energy	2.0
Suncorp	1.7
Transurban	1.6
Brambles	1.5
Woolworths Group	1.5
Top 20 equity investments	63.6
Cash and cash equivalents	1.0

### Sector diversification\*



- After all costs, including any tax payable.
- 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
- As a percentage of investment portfolio.



# About us

# At a glance

ASX code	ARG
Founded	1946
Total assets	\$7.8bn
Shareholders	90,900
Dividend yield <sup>^</sup>	3.9%
MER	0.15%

<sup>^</sup> Historical yield of 5.5% (including franking) based on dividends paid/declared 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

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# 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 for over 75 years

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