

## Investor Presentation

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# About Wilson Asset Management

## **About Wilson Asset Management**



- Our team is passionate about making a difference
- We are innovative, agile and entrepreneurial. Our investment approach and results are proven
- We invest our time and expertise in causes that resonate with us
- We value shareholder engagement, work-life balance, efficiency, teamwork, fun and humour, and employee fulfilment



Winner of the Listed Investment Companies category at the Professional Planner / Zenith Fund Awards 2014 and 2015

## **Experienced team**





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## Our listed investment companies









## WAM Capital (ASX: WAM)

WAM Research

WAM Active
(ASX: WAA)

Gross assets*	\$870m	\$210m	\$36m	
Share price*	\$1.985	\$1.255	\$0.985	
Pre tax NTA	\$1.87	\$1.17	\$1.01	
Premium to NTA*	6.2%	7.3%	-2.5%	
Fully franked FY2015 dividend yield*	7.1%	6.4%	2.5%	
Investment strategy	Research driven / market driven	Research driven	Market driven	

#### How we invest







#### Research and market driven



#### Research driven

- Extensive company research (meeting 1,000+ companies per year) focused on forecasting free cashflows and rating investment attributes
- Buy when a catalyst is identified and sell when the company reaches our valuation
- Provides exposure to undervalued growth companies
- Low portfolio turnover
- Flexibility to hold cash

#### Market driven

- Scour the market for opportunities
- Allows sound return with a low correlation to traditional markets
- Provides the opportunity to perform in both bull and bear markets
- High portfolio turnover
- Flexibility to hold cash

## Research driven investment process



**Investment universe 2,000+** 

**Investment ideas** 

Preparation and company meetings (1,000+ p.a.)

**Analysis: qualitative and quantitative** 

**Stock rankings** 

**Catalyst identified** 

**PORTFOLIO** 

20-60 stocks selected

## **Detailed rating process**



## This process has delivered strong outperformance in both rising and falling markets for almost two decades

- Qualitative analysis
  - Rate management
  - Rate industry/position
- Quantitative analysis
  - Forecast two year earnings per share (EPS) growth
  - Valuation measure: EPS / price to earnings (PE) ratio
- Investment decision making
  - We buy only when a catalyst is identified
  - We sell when our valuation is reached
- Flat team structure with investment decision making informed by 65 years' collective experience

#### **WAM Leaders**



Our disciplined investment rating process is applied to all listed equities

We have traditionally invested c. 10% in Australian large cap companies

We are now looking to establish another listed investment company focused on companies within the ASX200

We look forward to sharing more with you soon

# Market overview and outlook

### **Market overview and outlook**



Have resources stocks bottomed?

Below trend economic growth



Housing has peaked this cycle

Further interest rate cuts?

## The state of the States





# Investment themes and trends

## Taxi industry under threat



- Smartphone app-based ride sharing company,
   Uber, started in 2009 and is one of the fastest-growing businesses in the world
- The company connects passengers and drivers who use their own private vehicles to provide cheap and clean taxi-like transportation
- Uber has hit the taxi industry governments may intervene to protect taxi operators and recover associated revenue streams
- Uber is privately owned and we are unable to invest in it. We are not investing in the existing industry, avoiding companies like Cabcharge (ASX: CAB)





#### Australia's fitness obsession



- For many Australians 'activewear' has replaced casual wear given an increasing focus on health and fitness
- Australian activewear pioneer
   Lorna Jane's revenue is approaching
   \$200m growing at more than 30%
- This craze has led to the creation of wearable fitness tracking devices – Fitbit has sold more than 20m devices globally, priced between \$US50 and \$US350
- The Australian retail sector is benefiting from this trend and we are invested in RCG Corporation (ASX: RCG)



## Women having babies later in life



 Women are increasingly choosing to have children later in life and demand for assisted reproductive services has grown

 Virtus Health (ASX: VRT) and Monash IVF (ASX: MVF) dominate the Australian market performing the majority of IVF cycles and a combined market share of more than 70%.
 We own shares in Virtus Health

 The industry is maturing with low-cost operators, such as Primary Health Care (ASX: PRY) entering the market



## Western Sydney's surge





- Western Sydney is the largest longterm growth corridor in Australia, with enormous potential and minimal existing infrastructure
- The median Western Sydney house price is at a 32% discount to the rest of Sydney even after rising in value, that discount is unlikely to continue with booming jobs and economic growth

- Massive infrastructure spending is both planned and underway, including Badgerys Creek Airport with the government working towards mid-2020 commencement of operations
- We believe property, logistics and infrastructure companies will provide the best exposure to this growth story.
   We own Qube Holdings (ASX: QUB)

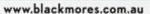
## **Growing Chinese consumption**



- Australia's exposure to China's compelling growth story has continued through the end of the mining boom and into the free trade agreement
- Market research firm Mintel found 80% of urban Chinese consumers believe organic food is worth the additional cost and 56% report increasing their spending to obtain organic products
- Chinese appetite for Australian health products is driving share prices of a2 Milk (ASX: A2M), Blackmores (ASX: BKL) and Bellamy's (ASX: BAL). We own A2M and BKL shares

















# Investment portfolio

## **Top holdings**



ASX Code	Company
HHV	Hunter Hall Global Value Limited*
ECX	Eclipx Group Limited <sup>^</sup>
CYA	Century Australia Investments Limited*
ASB	Austal Limited <sup>^</sup>
SIQ	Smartgroup Corporation Limited <sup>^</sup>
NUF	Nufarm Limited*
IPH	IPH Limited <sup>^</sup>
AOG	Aveo Group*
AAD	Ardent Leisure Group <sup>^</sup>
CSV	CSG Limited <sup>^</sup>







- ^ Research driven
- \* Market driven

## What we like - research driven



#### Eclipx Group (ASX: ECX)

#### **Profile**

 Established player in vehicle fleet leasing, fleet management and diversified financial services

#### **Background**

- Market cap \$770m
- Forward PE of 14x
- EPS growth of 20%
- \$1.7b and 80,000 vehicles assets under management or financed under various brands, such as Fleet partners and Fleet plus

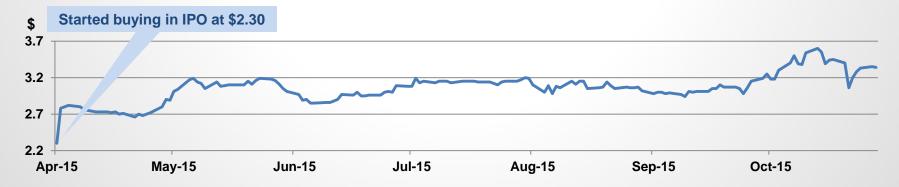
#### **Catalysts**

- New business written
- Stronger than expected acquisition integration synergies
- Adjacent financial services opportunities

#### **Risks**

- Residual value and credit risk
- Contract losses





### What we like - market driven



#### Nufarm (ASX: NUF)

Global crop protection and seed technology company

**Background** • Market cap \$2.2b

• PE of 17.5x, EPS growth of 19%

New management team recently joined the business,

undertaking a large cost-out program

• New management team

Large cost out program

Large improvement in working capital

Risks • Challenging economic industry conditions in Brazil

Weather related risks





### What has worked - research driven



#### The Reject Shop (ASX: TRS)

One of Australia's largest discount variety retailers

**Background** • Market cap \$320m

PE of 18x

EPS growth of 32%

333 stores around Australia servicing price conscious consumers

**Catalysts** • Success of the turnaround strategy demonstrated through:

- Comparable sales growth

- Improvement in profitability

- Performance of the new store formats

Risks • Consumer confidence

Expanded product range over the Christmas period





## What has worked - market driven



#### Qantas Airways (ASX: QAN)

**Profile** 

 Airline with multiple brands including Qantas, Jetstar, Qantas Link, Qantas Freight

**Background** 

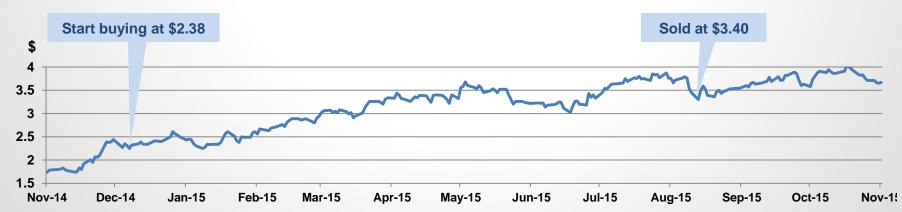
- Market cap \$7.5b
- In FY14 the company reported a \$2.8b loss, due to high operating costs, a poor operating environment and large asset write-downs
- Began a transformation program to turn the business around

**Catalysts** 

- Transformation plan (\$2b in savings)
- \$1b + reduction in net debt
- Falling oil price
- Reduced capacity growth

**Risks** 

- Execution of turnaround strategy
- Unsuccessful enterprise bargaining agreement negotiations
- Reduction in domestic and international travel





### What didn't work - research driven



#### Retail Food Group Limited (ASX: RFG)

Profile •

Owner of portfolio of franchise brands and coffee roasting business

**Background** 

Market Cap \$740m

FY16 PE of 11x

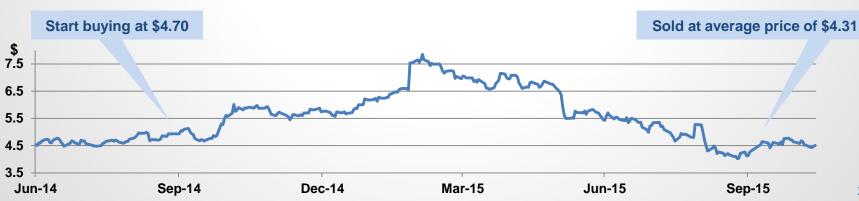
EPS growth 15%

**Catalysts** 

- Acquisition led growth path
- Diversification into coffee exposed businesses
- Opportunity to revamp and roll out new format stores
- Earnings upgrades

What went wrong

- The initial store number target changed
- Growth within the existing businesses were subdued
- Pizza category had fierce competition
- Focus changed to other opportunities than initial were flagged





## Performance

## **WAM Capital outperformance**

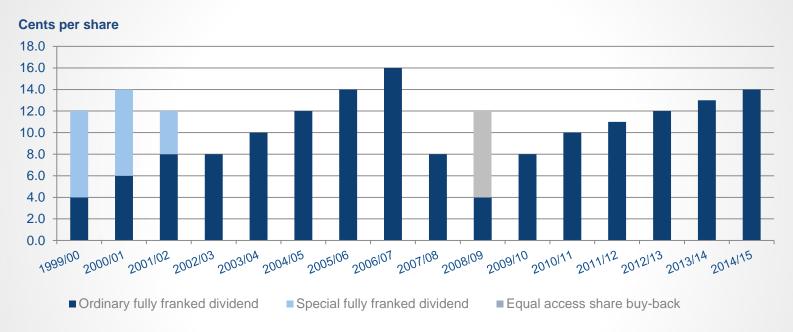


Performance at 31 October 2015 (% pa)	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception (Aug 1999)
WAM Investment Portfolio*	19.4%	19.0%	15.4%	13.9%	18.0%
S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	0.4%	9.9%	6.8%	6.3%	8.0%
Outperformance	+19.0%	+9.1%	+8.6%	+7.6%	+10.0%

## WAM Capital dividend growth



#### **WAM Capital dividends since inception**



The Board is committed to paying an increasing stream of fully franked dividends to shareholders, provided the Company has sufficient profit reserves and franking credits, and it is within prudent business practices

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Performance at 31 October 2015 (% pa)	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	Since change in investment strategy (July 2010)
WAX Investment Portfolio*	24.4%	24.4%	19.4%	19.9%
S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	0.4%	9.9%	6.8%	8.4%
Outperformance	+24.0%	+14.5%	+12.6%	+11.5%

## WAM Research dividend growth



#### WAM Research dividends since inception



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## **WAM Active outperformance**

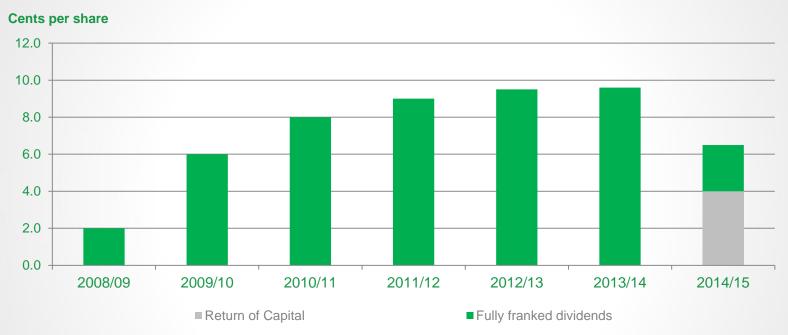


Performance at 31 October 2015 (% pa)	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	Since Inception (Jan 08)
WAA Investment Portfolio*	13.3%	13.6%	11.7%	12.6%
S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	0.4%	9.9%	6.8%	1.9%
Outperformance	+12.9%	+3.7%	+4.9%	+10.7%
UBS Bank Bill Index (cash)	2.4%	2.7%	3.5%	4.1%
Outperformance	+10.9%	+10.9%	+8.2%	+8.5%

## **WAM Active dividend growth**



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# Making a difference

## Changes to franking put to rest?



- During the 2015 financial year we submitted our response to the Federal Government's Tax Discussion Paper
- Our submission argued dividend imputation has significantly benefitted Australia's financial system and should not be changed – we weren't alone
- We will continue to monitor and engage in this debate during the 2016 financial year

"There is strong support for reducing personal income and company tax rates, for abolishing state stamp duties and for maintaining dividend imputation from the 850 submissions received on the March discussion paper."

General manager Roger Brake, Tax White Paper Taskforce, August 2015

## **Future Generation Investment Company**





Future Generation Investment Company (ASX: FGX) announced for FY2015:

\$1.644m

donation to charities focused on children at risk

\$2.5m

management and performance fees saved

Fully franked 2.0c

per share dividend to shareholders

Since inception the FGX investment portfolio has outperformed the market by

11.3%

## Future Generation Global Investment Company WILSON





## **\$302.1m** raised

In September 2015, Future Generation Global Investment Company (ASX: FGG) listed on the Australian Securities Exchange after raising \$302.1m

## \$3m to charity

FGG looks forward to making an annual donation of more than \$3m to charities focused on youth mental health

To hear more about FGX and FGG please join us for the combined Future Generation presentation at 12.15pm

## Wilson Asset Management gives



This year we launched an initiative empowering each staff member to identify causes close to them.

The management company then gifts financial support for a charitable donation.

#### So far our team has supported:











## **Volunteering**



Our team spent a day at volunteering at the Dandelion Support Network, which processes donated nursery equipment and children's clothes local families











## **Industry recognition**



This year, we won the Listed Investment Companies category at the Professional Planner / Zenith Fund Awards – the second year running







## **Community investment**



















































# Investor communication

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Weekly emails including market update



Half yearly national investor presentations



Monthly NTA announcement & investment update



Half & full year financial results



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