

NTA & Investment Update

August 2021



Net tangible asset (NTA) backing per share

	31 August	30 July
NTA per share ¹	\$9.27 [^]	\$9.12
NTA per share after unrealised tax provision ²	\$7.94 [^]	\$7.87

Market commentary

Australian shares continued their strong start to the financial year with the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index rising +3.6% in August - its eleventh consecutive monthly gain. Despite ongoing lockdowns in the nation's two largest economies, the August corporate reporting season was strong overall. Company balance sheets remain robust and dividends were generally better than expected.

Gains were widespread with most sectors posting positive returns. Technology stocks were the best performers, surging +17.5%. In contrast, mining stocks fell -9.1% as the iron ore price tumbled from its recent highs.

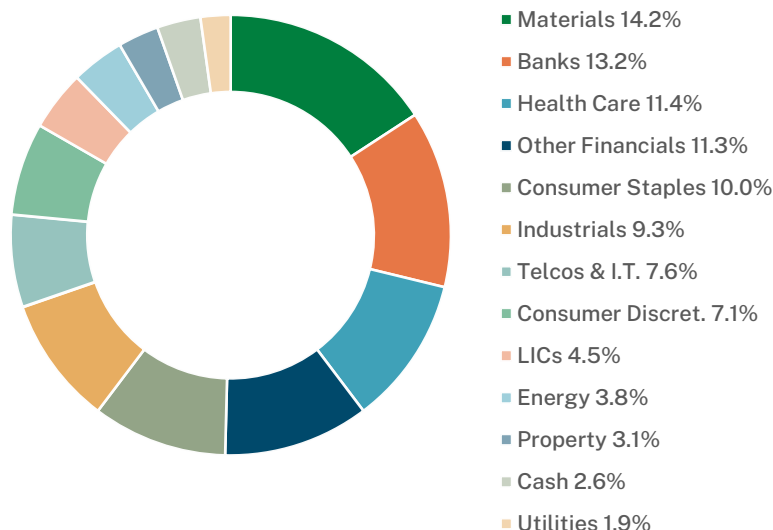
Battery and energy storage technology company, Novonix was the standout performer in Argo's portfolio, gaining a remarkable 75% for the month amid strong demand for the company's technologies.

Portfolio

Top 20 investments*

	%
Macquarie Group	6.1
BHP	5.2
CSL	5.1
Wesfarmers	4.4
CBA	4.0
Rio Tinto	3.4
ANZ	3.4
Westpac	3.2
Telstra	2.6
NAB	2.4
Sonic Healthcare	2.4
Aristocrat Leisure	2.2
Woolworths	2.1
Ramsay Health Care	2.0
Aust. United Investment	2.0
Sydney Airport	1.9
Reece	1.7
Transurban	1.7
APA	1.6
Amcor	1.6
Top 20 equity investments	59.0
Cash and cash equivalents	2.6

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.

[^] These figures are after the provision for the final dividend of 14.0 cents per share.

* As a percentage of investment portfolio.

About us

At a glance

ASX code	ARG
Founded	1946
Market cap.	\$6.9bn
Shareholders	94,500
Dividend yield [^]	3.0%
MER	0.14%

[^] Historical yield of 4.2% (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 provides exposure to a professionally managed, diversified portfolio of ASX-listed companies.

Company objective

Maximise long-term returns to shareholders through a balance of capital and dividend growth, by investing in a diversified Australian equities portfolio which is actively managed in a tax-aware manner within a low-cost structure.

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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