

# NTA & Investment Update

## October 2022



### Net tangible asset (NTA) backing per share

	31 October	30 September
NTA per share <sup>1</sup>	\$8.63	\$8.13
NTA per share after unrealised tax provision <sup>2</sup>	\$7.63	\$7.28

### Market commentary

Share markets continued to be characterised by considerable volatility with global equities rallying in October, after falling sharply in September. Expectations that central banks were approaching the end of the monetary tightening cycle saw sentiment pivot, including in Australia where the Reserve Bank of Australia raised the official cash rate by a lower-than-expected 25 basis points. The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index gained +6.0% for the month, retracing much of its losses from the previous month.

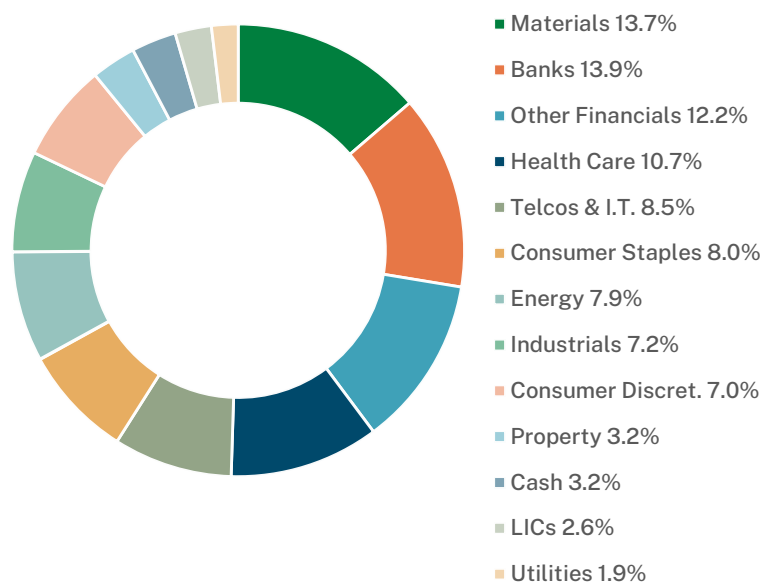
Gains were broad-based with almost every sector posting positive returns. Financials led the way, surging by a remarkable +14.5% with their deposit businesses benefiting from healthy margins in the rising interest rate environment. The next best performing sector was Energy (up +9.5%) on the back of increasing oil prices. In contrast, the Materials sector (including the miners) posted a modest fall (down -0.1%) as China's economy continued to stall amid the country's continued commitment to a policy of COVID zero.

### Portfolio

#### Top 20 investments\*

	%
Macquarie Group	6.7
BHP	5.1
CSL	5.1
CBA	4.4
Wesfarmers	3.5
ANZ	3.2
Westpac	3.1
Rio Tinto	2.9
NAB	2.9
Telstra	2.9
Santos	2.5
Aristocrat Leisure	2.2
Computershare	2.1
APA	1.9
Sonic Healthcare	1.9
Transurban	1.9
Woodside Energy	1.8
Ramsay Health Care	1.8
QBE Insurance	1.8
Woolworths	1.7
<b>Top 20 equity investments</b>	<b>59.4</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>3.2</b>

#### Sector diversification\*



<sup>1</sup> After all costs, including any tax payable.

<sup>2</sup> 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.	\$6.7bn
Shareholders	96,100
Dividend yield <sup>^</sup>	3.7%
MER	0.14%

<sup>^</sup> Historical yield of 5.3% (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



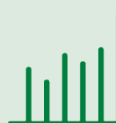
#### Low-cost, internally managed

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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