

NTA & Investment Update

AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

NET TANGIBLE ASSET (NTA) BACKING PER SHARE

	31 Dec	30 Nov
NTA per share¹	\$8.01	\$7.99
NTA per share after unrealised tax provision²	\$7.07	\$7.05

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.

The above figures are subject to external review by the Company's auditor.

MARKET COMMENTARY

Australian shares rose for the third consecutive month with the S&P/ASX200 Index increasing +1.2% in December. Although the share market posted a gain, intra-month performance was mixed. Early in December, stocks extended their November rally. However, this initial optimism was tempered by the emergence of a coronavirus cluster on Sydney's northern beaches and fears of a more infectious strain overseas. Despite the commencement of vaccinations in the US and UK, shares slumped towards the month's end.

During the month, tech stocks were the best performers as investors continued to favour the sector. Simultaneously, the rotation into 'value' stocks generally continued. This saw the share prices of mining companies rise strongly, especially those exposed to the soaring iron ore price. In contrast, health care, utilities and industrials stocks weakened.

Despite the uncertain timetable for vaccine roll outs in Australia and overseas, we are cautiously optimistic about the outlook. As we enter 2021, Australia's economy is quite well-positioned and ultra-low interest rates support the continued appeal of shares relative to other asset classes.

PORTFOLIO

Top 20 investments*

	%		%
Macquarie Group	5.8	Woolworths	2.3
CSL	5.4	Ramsay Health Care	2.2
BHP	5.4	Aust. United Investment	2.1
Wesfarmers	4.3	Sonic Healthcare	2.0
CBA	4.2	Transurban	1.9
Rio Tinto	4.1	APA	1.9
Westpac	3.6	Sydney Airport	1.8
ANZ	3.4	Aristocrat Leisure	1.7
Telstra	2.4	Coles	1.6
NAB	2.3	Amcor	1.5
Cash and term deposits	3.6	Top 20 equity investments	59.9

ARGO INVESTMENTS LIMITED

ASX code	ARG
Founded	1946
Listed	1948
Market cap.	\$6.0bn
Shareholders	93,000
Dividend yield [^]	3.6%
MER	0.15%

[^] Historical yield of 5.1% (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.

INVESTMENT APPROACH

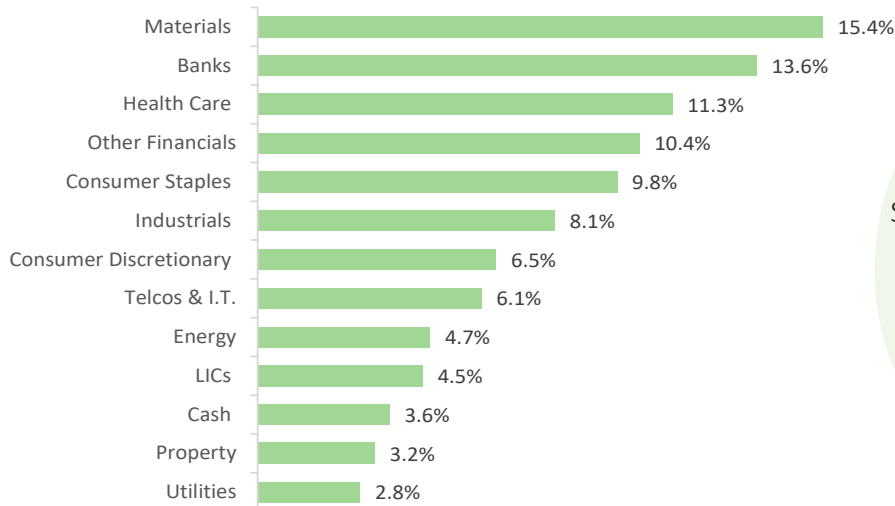
Extensive research and meetings to identify well-managed businesses in sound industries, with good cash flow and potential dividend growth. Argo buys or adds to holdings when prices compare favourably to long-term valuations.

INVESTMENT TEAM

Jason Beddow	Managing Director
Andy Forster	Senior Investment Officer
Brydie Lloyd-Roberts	Analyst
Colin Whitehead	Analyst
Paul Frost	Analyst
Andrew Moller	Analyst

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Sector diversification*



* As a percentage of investment portfolio.

HOW TO INVEST

Argo is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) under the ASX code 'ARG'.

To become an Argo shareholder, simply buy shares through your stockbroker, online broker, financial adviser or platform.

ARGO SHAREHOLDER BENEFITS



Low-cost, internally managed

Internal management structure ensures low operating costs and no external fees



Fully-franked, sustainable dividends

Dividends paid every year since inception in 1946 and fully franked since 1995



Diversified and administratively simple

Exposure to a highly diversified portfolio of Australian equities through a single ASX trade



Experienced board and management team

Highly experienced board and management team with strong governance and culture



Long-term, proven investment approach

Resilience and growth through various market cycles and conditions over almost 75 years



Strong balance sheet with no debt

Conservatively managed investment with a strong balance sheet and no debt

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