

### Key Features

Name	Alpha Balanced Fund
APIR Code	ETL4308AU
Inception Date	30 December 2021
Perf Benchmark	Morningstar AUS Balanced Target Allocation NR \$A
Peer Group	Australia Fund Multisector Balanced
Mgmt Costs	0.74% p.a.
Buy/Sell Spread	0.20% / 0.20%
Platforms	PlatformplusWRAP
Fund Size	\$8.0m

### Monthly Commentary

The Alpha Balanced Fund delivered a total return of 0.38% (net of fees) in February 2025, which was above the Morningstar Australian Balanced Target Allocation Index by +0.76% and the Peer Median by +0.78%. The key driver of strong performance was positions in Asian shares (including Tencent, Alibaba, and Geely Automobiles) as well as long-dated bonds.

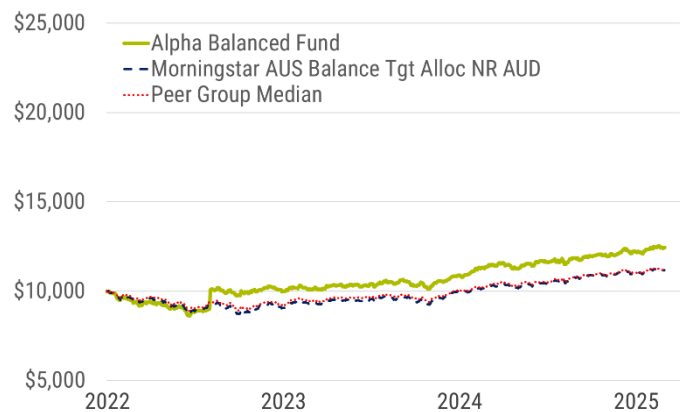
Financial markets were volatile in February amid continued policy uncertainty from the Trump administration. Global share markets initially rose on strong earnings season results but dipped later in the month due to slowing US growth and caution ahead of NVIDIA's earnings. The US 10-year Treasury yield fell to 4.22% p.a., reflecting rising recession fears and Tesla (-27%) and Bitcoin (-23%) dropped, as past winners of the 'Trump trade' lost momentum. NVIDIA delivered exceptional revenue growth, with its data centre segment surging 93% on AI demand. Despite such strong growth, NVIDIA declined after its earnings announcement due to concerns about potential export restrictions to China. Chinese technology shares, which were the key winners for the Fund, rallied as DeepSeek's AI breakthrough fuelled a market rally and prompting hedge funds to shift focus from India to China. Jack Ma, Alibaba's billionaire co-founder, re-emerged at a business summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping, signalling potential regulatory easing and boosting investor confidence. In Australia, the RBA cut rates by -0.25% to 4.10% despite inflation concerns and indicated significant further easing is unlikely.

The other key winners for the Fund in February were strong earnings performers, including Daifuku (Japanese industrial), Eli Lilly (US weight-loss drug maker), and Computershare (Australian registry). Avoiding or underweighting major market detractors such as Tesla, Goodman Group, and CSL also benefited relative performance. On the downside, the Fund held some companies that reported disappointing results, including Alphabet, West Pharmaceutical Services, and Agilent Technologies. Exposure to lithium miners also detracted. While NVIDIA declined after earnings, it ended slightly up for the month due to a strong start, whereas TSMC was down and detracted from performance.

The Fund remains overweight growth assets and bonds, with the portfolio considering a wide range of possible market and economic outcomes this year. The Fund's key additions in February included high-quality names Nestlé, Johnson & Johnson, GSK, Alphabet, Meta Platforms and Walt Disney, along with a number of gold miners. In terms of sells, exposure was trimmed AI (NVIDIA and TSMC) and weight-loss drugs (Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly) and we exited from US private equity (KKR and Hamilton Lane).

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### Performance



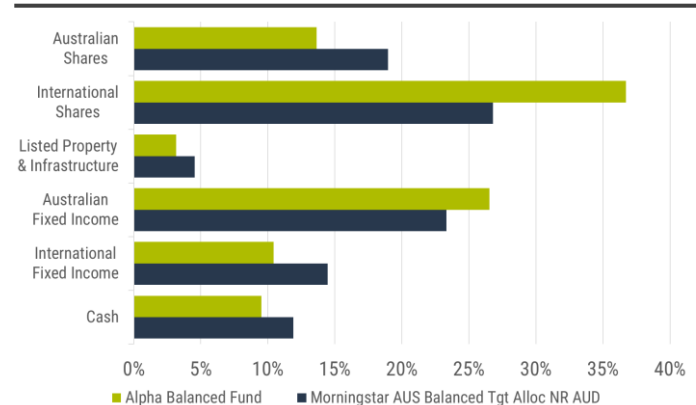
Performance	1mth	3mth	1yr	2yr	3yr	Inception
Alpha Balanced	0.38%	2.27%	9.06%	11.12%	9.78%	7.16%
Perf Benchmark	-0.38%	0.81%	9.08%	9.70%	5.34%	3.57%
Peer Median	-0.40%	0.67%	8.84%	9.29%	5.25%	3.60%

**Disclaimer:** Net performance figures are shown after all fees and expenses. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance. Returns for periods 1 year or greater are calculated on an annualised basis.

**Peer Median:** Morningstar Category: Australian Multisector – Balanced

**Source:** Morningstar Direct (to 28 February 2025)

### Asset Class Exposures



### Top 10 Holdings

Security	Ticker	Country	Weight
Tencent	00700	Hong Kong	1.6%
Alphabet	GOOGL	United States	1.4%
BHP Group	BHP	Australia	1.3%
NVIDIA	NVDA	United States	1.2%
JPMorgan Chase & Co	JPM	United States	1.2%
Alibaba Group	09988	Hong Kong	1.1%
Cheniere Energy	LNG	United States	1.1%
Rio Tinto PLC	RIO	United Kingdom	1.1%
Williams Companies	WMB	United States	1.0%
National Australia Bank	NAB	Australia	1.0%