

## BlackRock Index - Top 20

## Model (BR0002)

DEC 2023

**Market Overview**

The S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index finished the year with a positive quarter, registering a +8.40% rise.

Towards the end of the quarter, there were signs that inflation could be starting to abate: the latest monthly CPI indicator rose +4.9% in the 12 months to October, and the strengthening Australian Dollar was also a positive. Elsewhere, the RBA raised the Official Cash Rate by 25bps in November, after a higher-than-expected quarterly CPI reading (+5.4% Y/Y). Retail Spending was up and down throughout the quarter, with the latest reading for October coming in at -0.2%, and, while still strong, the latest unemployment readings (+3.9%) seemed to soften a little, perhaps suggesting that the impact of aggressive rate rises might be starting to hit the labour market.

Index performance for the quarter was broad across the market as the year ended with global optimism around inflation and interest rate projections: Real Estate (+15.8%), Health Care (+13.2%), Materials (+13.2%), Financials (+8.2%), Communication Services (+6.8%), and Information Technology (+6.5%) all did well. The only negatively performing sectors were Energy (-9.1%), and Utilities (-2.0%), which was dragged lower by Origin Energy – the company's share price dropped after the proposed takeover offer by Brookfield / EIG fell through.

The best performing stock for the quarter was Neuren Pharmaceuticals (+125.8%), which rose after providing a positive update on the Phase 2 trial of NNZ-2591, which reported significant improvement in children with Phelan-McDermid Syndrome. The worst performing stock for the quarter was Liontown Resources (-43.9%), which fell after Albermarle withdrew their indicative proposal to acquire the company.

**Performance as at 31 December 2023**

	Gross %	Out-performance % <sup>^</sup>	Benchmark % <sup>*</sup>
1 Month	7.98%	-0.29%	8.27%
3 Months	9.63%	-0.04%	9.67%
6 Months	10.68%	0.61%	10.07%
1 Year	15.46%	1.63%	13.82%
3 Years (pa)	12.77%	2.09%	10.68%
5 Years (pa)	13.01%	1.90%	11.11%
10 Years (pa)	9.4%	1.94%	7.46%
Since inception (pa) <sup>*</sup>	10.22%	2.01%	8.21%

<sup>\*</sup> S&P/ASX 20 Leader Accumulation Index.

<sup>^</sup>Shows the difference between Portfolio Gross Return and Benchmark Return.

<sup>#</sup> Model performance inception date: 8/11/2005.

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Rounding used in the presentation of data may result in minor variations.

## Summary

<b>Model Portfolio Name</b>	BlackRock Index – Top 20
<b>Model Code</b>	BR0002
<b>Model inception date</b>	4/11/2005
<b>Principal investment objective</b>	To match the return of the S&P/ASX 20 Accumulation Index
<b>Can derivatives be used?</b>	Yes
<b>Indicative number of stocks</b>	About 20
<b>Minimum Model investment</b>	No fixed minimum*
<b>Model Provider's Fees*</b>	
<b>Investment Fee</b>	0.10% p.a.
<b>Performance Fee applicable?</b>	No
<b>Benchmark Index</b>	S&P/ASX 20 Accumulation Index

## About the Model Portfolios

### Investment objective

The BlackRock Index – Top 20 Model Portfolio (the "Model") seeks to match the total return (both income and capital growth) of the S&P/ASX 20 Accumulation Index, before taking into account Model fees and expenses.

### Investment strategy

The investment objective of this Model is pursued by investing in a representative sample of shares held in the S&P/ASX 20 Accumulation Index. The Index is comprised of the 20 largest and most liquid stocks in the Australian stock market. The Model may invest in shares that have been or are expected to be included in the Index.

### Designed for investors who...

- Seek exposure to Australian equities through a portfolio of large capitalisation stocks
- Are satisfied with index returns without any active investment management
- Accept the risk of significant price fluctuations.

\* Please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement for further details.