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FY2026 Interim Results



+75.5%

**Investment portfolio
performance in the 12
months to 30 June 2026***

Strong outperformance of the market

The investment portfolio increased a record of +75.5%* in the financial year to 30 June 2026, outperforming the **Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (Cash)** and the **S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index** by 71.6% and 69.8%, respectively.

Investment portfolio performance at 30 June 2026

	1 yr	3 yrs %pa	5 yrs %pa	10 yrs %pa	Since inception %pa (Jan-08)
WAM Active Investment Portfolio*	75.5%	40.8%	20.6%	15.7%	14.4%
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (Cash)	3.9%	4.2%	3.1%	2.2%	3.0%
Outperformance	+71.6%	+36.6%	+17.5%	+13.5%	+11.4%
S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	5.7%	10.4%	7.4%	9.5%	6.0%
Outperformance	+69.8%	+30.4%	+13.2%	+6.2%	+8.4%

*Investment portfolio performance is before expenses, fees and taxes to compare to the relevant indexes which are also before expenses, fees and taxes.

Fully franked dividends since inception



6.4 cps

FY2026 increased fully franked full year dividend

3.0 cps

Special fully franked dividends (interim and final)

8.2%

Fully franked dividend yield incl. special dividends (interim and final)[^]

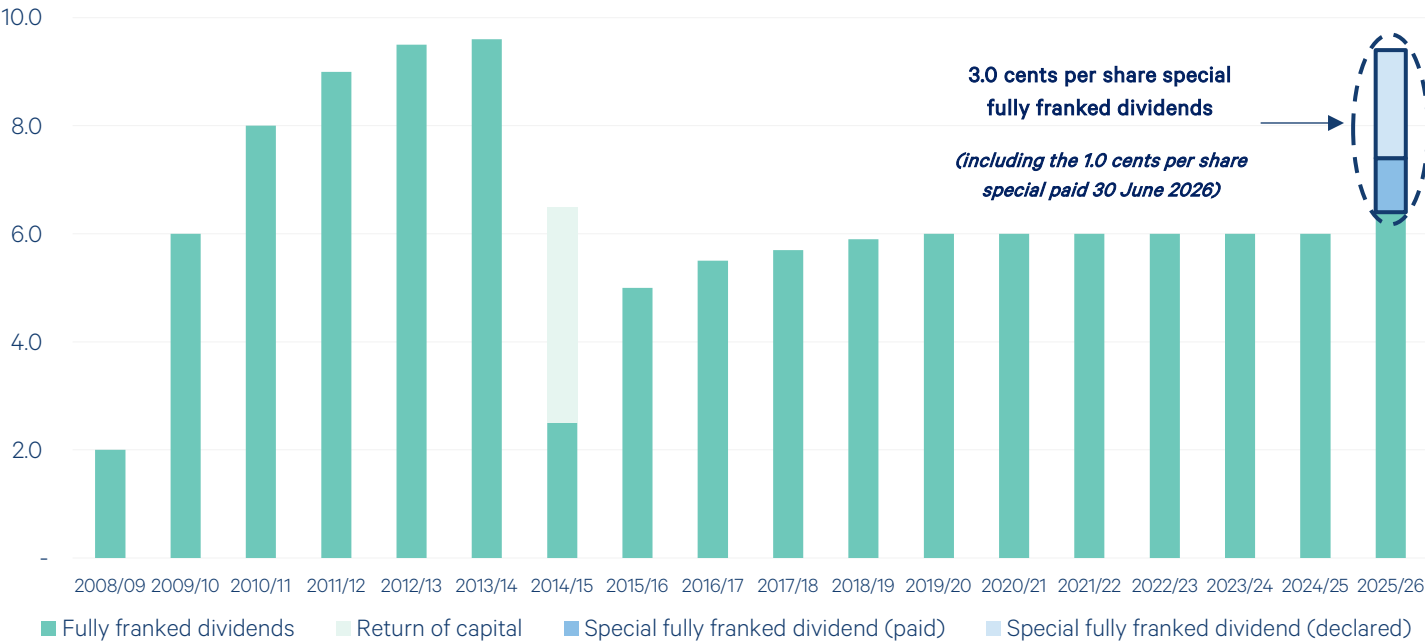
11.7%

Grossed-up dividend yield[^]

+40.2%

Total shareholder return for FY2026

Cents per share



Final dividend dates

Ex-dividend date	17 November 2026
Dividend record date (7:00pm Sydney time)	18 November 2026
Last election date for DRP	20 November 2026
Payment date	30 November 2026

Special dividend dates

Ex-dividend date	4 December 2026
Dividend record date (7:00pm Sydney time)	7 December 2026
Last election date for DRP	9 December 2026
Payment date	17 December 2026

[^]Based on the 21 July 2026 share price of \$1.15 per share. Grossed-up dividend yield includes the value of franking credits and is based on a tax rate of 30.0%.

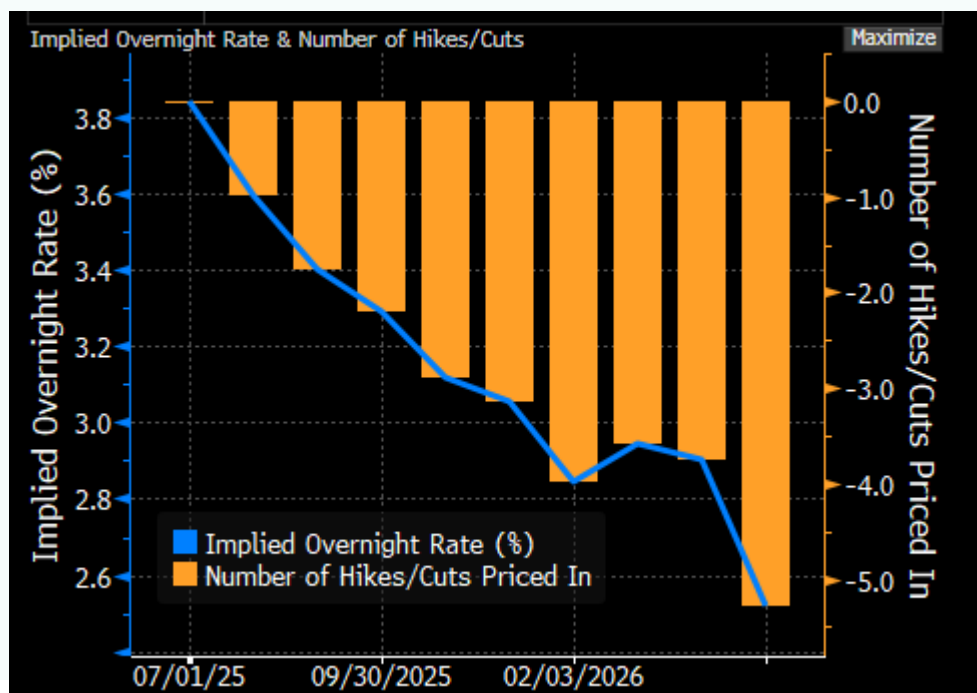
Drivers of Outperformance



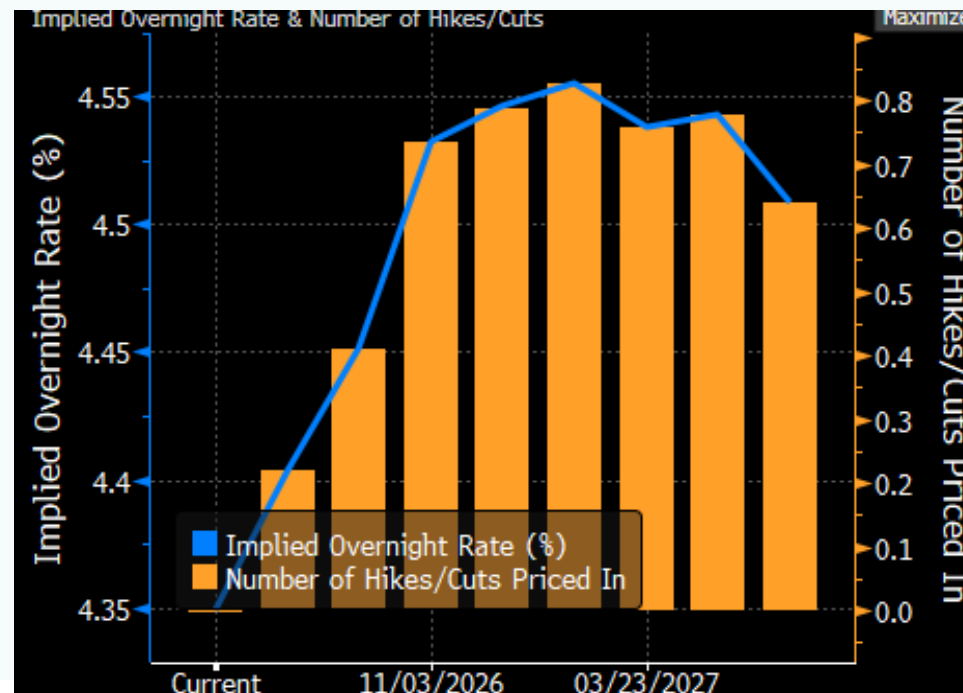
RBA interest rate expectations – what a difference a year makes

Entering FY2026, the market was pricing in five rate reductions in Australia over the following 12 months. This rapidly shifted in October 2025 as inflation expectations adjusted with the RBA, subsequently delivering two rate hikes. Fast forward to today, one further hike is priced in implying interest rates are approaching or at peak levels.

1 July 2025: Market pricing ~30bps additional cuts into 2026 from 3.85% rate



Today: market is pricing in ~35bps of rate increases from the 4.35% rate



Small caps performance – FY2026 a tale of sector divergence



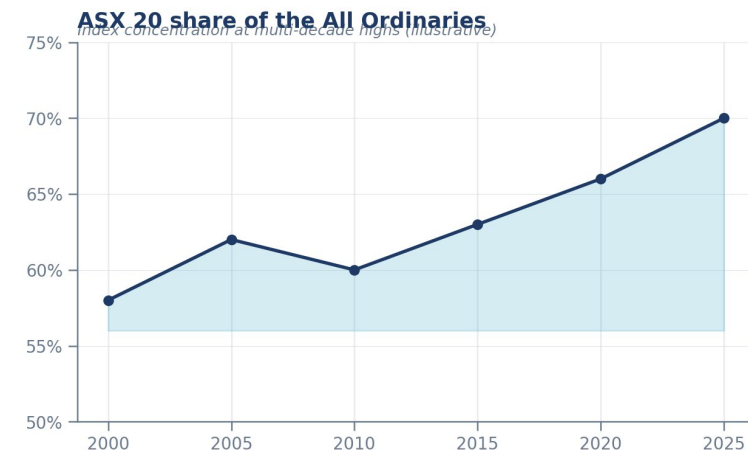
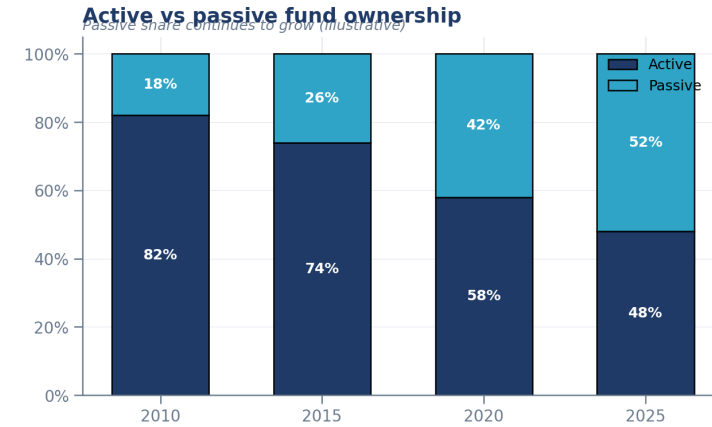
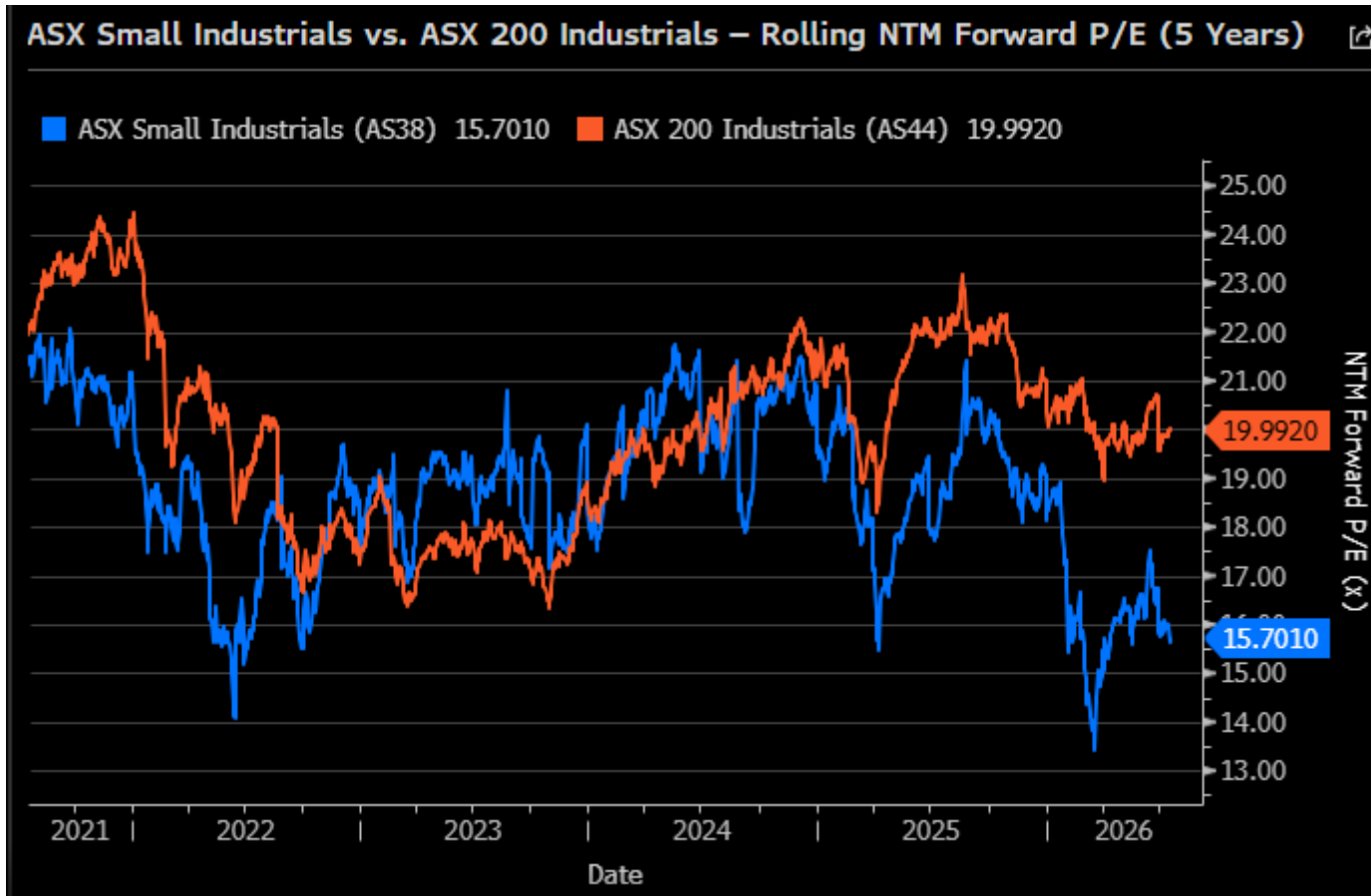
Small Ordinaries recorded 5.5% in FY2026; the Small Industrials returned -3.9%, weighed down by rising interest rates and more recently tax policy. We rotated the portfolio aggressively in October as rate expectations shifted towards the small resource sector. The onset of the Iran conflict in March was the catalyst for the small resources sector to sell-off with gold impacted by inflation expectations / USD strength.



- FY2026:
- S&P/ASX Small Resources: 29.2%
 - S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries: 5.5%
 - S&P/ASX Small Industrials: -3.9%

Small industrials are at their largest discount in years

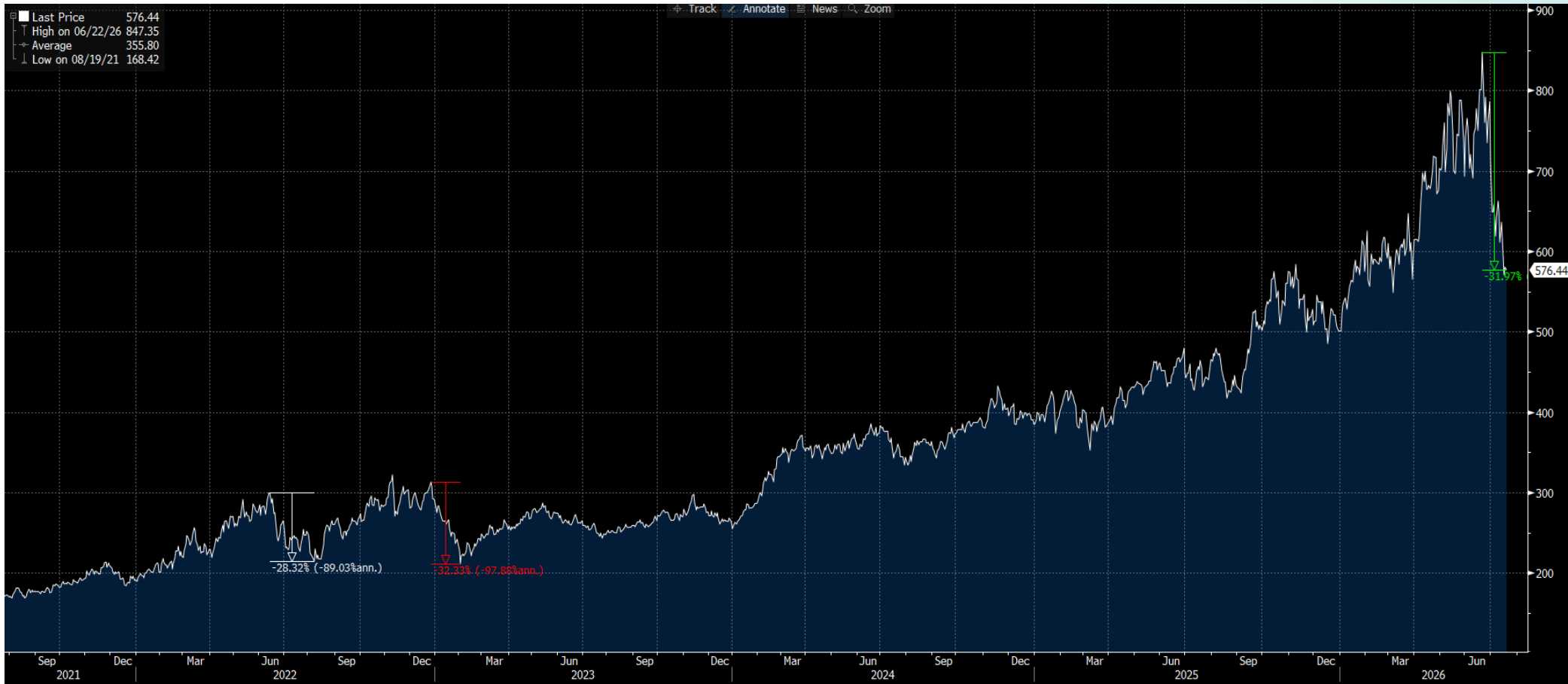
The growth in passive investing and the concentration of Superannuation assets within Industry Super Funds are distorting indices, whilst creating opportunities for active managers; we think a peak and ensuing decline in interest rates is the key catalyst to re-rate the small cap industrials



FY2027 Outlook



The Goldman Sachs Momentum Basket (a proxy for share price “winners”) has fallen 32.0% since 22 June 2026 to 21 July 2026; the fastest drawdown in the factor in >30 years. History suggests opportunities are emerging in catalyst rich stocks.

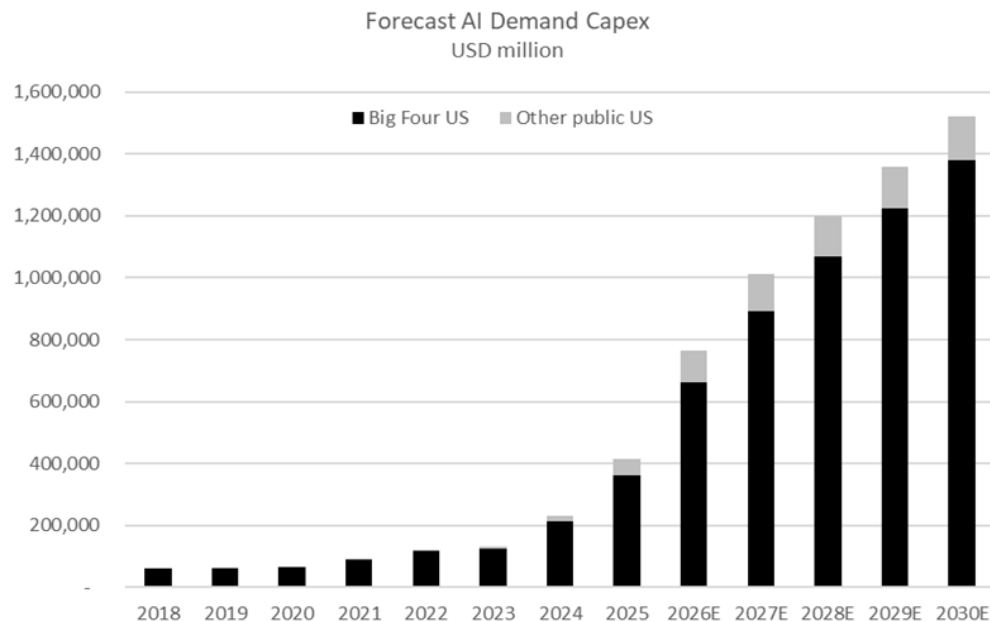


July 2026 update – AI driving market leadership, is it changing?



Over the past 12 months, equity market leadership has been concentrated within beneficiaries of booming Artificial Intelligence capital expenditure (capex); from semiconductor chips and memory through to electrical services and data centre construction, power delivery systems and the commodities required for the infrastructure buildout.

CITI forecast public AI capex spend to exceed USD\$1tn in 2027 (+33% YoY) and USD\$1.5tn in 2030 with AMZN, META, GOOGL and MSFT accounting for ~90% of total spend. Near term, hyperscaler earnings commentary is a key watchpoint with implications for equity market positioning; evidence of “buy the dip” is emerging in AI beneficiaries but has become more selective which is good for active managers. We are monitoring the situation closely; will a sustained rotation occur?



S&P 500 Index – forward earnings expectations surging

AI is powering S&P 500 earnings growth higher through 2027. Sentiment has waned in recent weeks, but it seems too early to call an end to the AI capex boom and we think the recent wobble is a speed bump.



S&P/ASX 300 Index – forward earnings expectations plateauing

Sluggish domestic economic activity is weighing on earnings growth domestically, with limited direct AI beneficiaries



Portfolio positioning & sector weightings



WAM Active Portfolio Weighting	Jun-26 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Change (%)
Information technology	20.5	5.8	+14.7
Materials	40.5	34.8	+5.7
Communication services	6.9	1.9	+5.0
Industrials	12.0	12.7	-0.7
Health care	5.1	5.9	-0.8
Consumer staples	0.6	1.9	-1.3
Utilities	-	2.2	-2.2
Consumer discretionary	3.2	5.7	-2.5
Energy	0.4	6.8	-6.4
Financials	5.9	17.0	-11.1
Cash	4.9	5.3	-0.4
Total	100.0	100.0	

10.0x

portfolio turnover in FY2026

13.6% increase from 8.8x turnover in FY2025.

87

capital raises in FY2026

112.2% increase from 41 capital raises in FY2025.

Key themes and stock selection



While the July pullback has been sharp and painful, our baseline remains positive on the overall market.

Pockets of capitulation selling are evident with hedge fund deleveraging underway; recent weakness appears more driven by positioning as opposed to a deterioration in fundamentals, thus creating opportunities.

The portfolio remains positioned towards catalyst-rich stocks within themes/sectors as follows:

Artificial Intelligence ecosystem	Electrification and Infrastructure buildout	AI medtech platforms
Firmus Technologies, MP1	MGH, SXE, DXN	AYA, EIQ, VFY

US consumer	Critical minerals	Precious metals	Domestic rate sensitives
ZIP	Rare Earths: LIN, VMM Copper: SLS, CBE, HCH	GMD, FRS	SK1, FLT, FDC

Stock picks



Lindian Resources (ASX: LIN)

Critical Minerals (REE) entering production in 2026



Maas Group Holdings (ASX: MGH)

Diversified industrial group



Firmus Technologies

Cloud and AI factory infrastructure

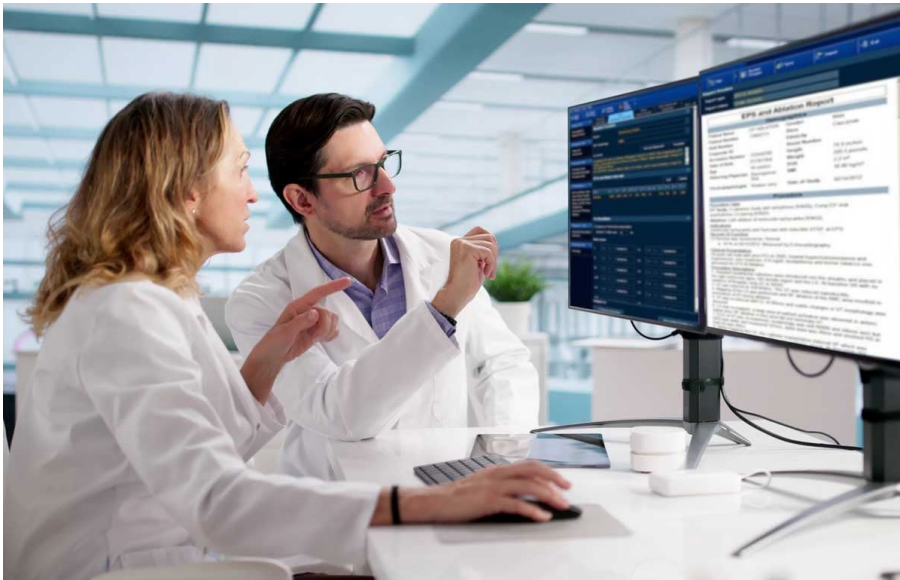


Stock picks



Echo IQ (ASX: EIQ)

Electrical infrastructure solutions provider



Zip Co (ASX: ZIP)

Payments company



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