

MLC Premium Model Portfolios

Portfolio changes

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We continually review the model portfolios to ensure they remain appropriately structured to meet their objectives and are well-positioned for the future market environment. These updates provide investment rationale for adding a new holding, removing an entire holding, or making a significant change to a Model Portfolio. Details of Portfolio re-weightings or re-balances occur normally in the course of managing the Portfolio and are included in our portfolio updates.

What changes have we made?

Increase	Portfolio change	Rationale
James Hardie Industries (JHX)	High Growth 98: +0.40% Growth 85: +0.30% Balanced 70: +0.25% Moderate 50: +0.25% Conservative 30: +0.25%	We have increased the position in James Hardie Industries PLC (JHX). JHX is a high-quality growth stock with a near monopoly position in US fibre cement siding. JHX's Q4 2024 result was inline with expectations with strong sales and EBIT, although FY 2025 NPAT guidance was softer. Although the stock was down severely, consensus estimates were still resilient, and our analyst expects a valuation improvement. Holding JHX balances the growth and beta exposures of the strategy.
Reduction	Portfolio change	Rationale
Telstra Group Ltd (TLS)	High Growth 98: -0.40% Growth 85: -0.30% Balanced 70: -0.25% Moderate 50: -0.25% Conservative 30: -0.25%	We have reduced the position in Telstra Group (TLS). TLS has recently reaffirmed its FY 2025 guidance and announced a cost out program via 2,800 jobs cut. While TLS remains a value stock, it has experienced some downturn with negative EPS revisions. We reduced TLS to align the position with its relatively less attractive expected return potential, in comparison with the broader strategy.

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