



## MLC Wholesale Horizon 4 Balanced Portfolio

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Data is provided by the manager at 30 Jun 2025, and currency in AUD, unless otherwise stated

Refer to glossary for definition of the rating

### Product Viewpoint

#### About this Product

Investment manager	MLC Asset Management Services Limited
Benchmark	Lonsec Strategic Multi-Asset (Traditional) 70% Growth Index
Product structure	Managed Fund
Product size	\$2.12b
Inception date	Jan 1998
Asset class	Multi-Asset
Sector	61-80% Growth Assets
Growth/defensive split	71/29
Peer group	Multi-Manager
Rated peers	18

#### Product Characteristics

Business Life Cycle	Mature
Product Wind-Up Risk	Low
Key Person Risk	Low
Tenure of Decision Makers	Medium
Complex (RG240)	No
Strategy Remaining Capacity	Medium
ESG Approach	Risk or Value
Peer Relative Fees and Costs	In line with Median

### Product Opinion

The Fund has maintained its **'Recommended'** rating. This rating reflects the high regard and conviction in the experience and calibre of the broader investment team and their ability to execute the investment process. The scale of the heritage businesses provides depth of expertise across the investment process.

The pending ownership approval to CC Capital is a watchpoint for the stability of the investment management business. The Fund has persistently underperformed against the Lonsec Strategic Benchmark and Composite Benchmark across most rolling periods. Although there are processes in place, the use of related-party capabilities and perceived conflicts remains a watch point.

#### Lonsec Rating Model

Rating key: ●●● Above ●●● In-line ●●● Below

Factor	Peer Rating	YoY Score Change
Business	●●●	—
Team	●●●	—
Process	●●●	—
ESG	●●●	↑
Product	●●●	—
Fees	●●●	—
Performance	●●●	—

#### Allocation Profile

Core		
Satellite		
	Low Complexity	High Complexity

#### Return Profile

Income		
Capital		
	Defensive	Growth

#### Strengths

- The Fund is managed by an experienced and well-led investment team.
- Breadth of resources and tools pertaining to manager research, asset allocation, performance analytics, governance and implementation teams.
- Robust and consistently applied investment process underpinning underlying manager selection and portfolio construction.
- Integration of the broader investment team is well-progressed to further enhance the Manager's investment capabilities.

#### Weaknesses

- The pending ownership approval to CC Capital is a watchpoint given its potential implications for the stability of the investment management business.
- Persistent underperformance against the Lonsec strategic index and its SAA composite Benchmark across rolling periods.
- Although processes are in place, using a related party creates the potential for conflicts of interest, which remains a watchpoint.
- Managing an extensive breadth of heritage products with varying objectives raises complexity, although recent alignment of asset classes and trust structures has improved efficiency.

### Key Facts

#### Key Objectives

Investment objective	Aims to outperform the Benchmark (after fees) over five-year periods.
Internal return objective	CPI + 3.5% (After Fees) Over Five-Year Periods.
Internal risk objective	N/A

#### Rating History

29-Apr-2025	Recommended
02-Feb-2024	Recommended
20-Apr-2023	Recommended

#### Product Distribution Profile

Frequency	Quarterly
Last Missed Distribution	N/A
Number of Missed Distributions in the last 5 years	0
AMIT Election	Yes
TOFA Election	No

#### Target Market Determination

Produced by issuer	Yes
Provided to Lonsec	Yes

#### Performance Analysis - annualised after fees at 31/12/2025

	1 Year	Median	2 Year	Median	3 Year	Median	5 Year	Median
Performance (% p.a)	7.41	9.24	9.77	10.47	10.40	10.99	7.14	7.31
Standard deviation	5.00	5.08	4.42	4.91	5.50	6.13	6.69	7.08
Excess return (% p.a)	-3.22	-1.39	-2.83	-2.14	-2.02	-1.43	-1.25	-1.08
Outperformance ratio (% p.a)	16.67	33.33	25.00	37.50	33.33	40.28	38.33	41.67
Worst drawdown (%)	-3.44	-3.38	-3.44	-3.38	-4.24	-5.15	-12.41	-12.29
Time to recovery (mths)	2	-	2	-	2	-	15	-
Sharpe ratio	0.69	0.96	1.26	1.23	1.14	1.14	0.66	0.62
Information ratio	-2.51	-1.40	-1.39	-1.44	-1.07	-1.10	-0.60	-0.52
Tracking error (% p.a)	1.28	0.99	2.03	1.17	1.88	1.33	2.09	1.68

**Lonsec Peer Group:** Multi-Asset - 61-80% Growth Assets - Multi-Manager

**Product Benchmark:** Lonsec Strategic Multi-Asset (Traditional) 70% Growth Index

**Cash Benchmark:** Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index AUD

**Time to recovery:** NR - Not recovered, dash - No drawdown during period

### Latest Product Information

(as provided by the manager & sourced from third party data vendors. This data may differ from the data provided to Lonsec at the time of rating)

#### Returns after fees (as at 30/04/26)

	3mth	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
Total return	-0.43	9.44	8.83	5.87	7.03
Income return	0.22	5.87	5.57	6.00	5.03
Growth return	-0.66	3.57	3.26	-0.14	2.00
Lonsec benchmark	0.35	11.80	10.49	7.46	8.33
Excess return	-0.78	-2.36	-1.67	-1.60	-1.30

**Benchmark Used:** Lonsec Strategic Multi-Asset (Traditional) 70% Growth Index

Source: FE fundinfo

#### Growth of \$10,000 Over 10 Years

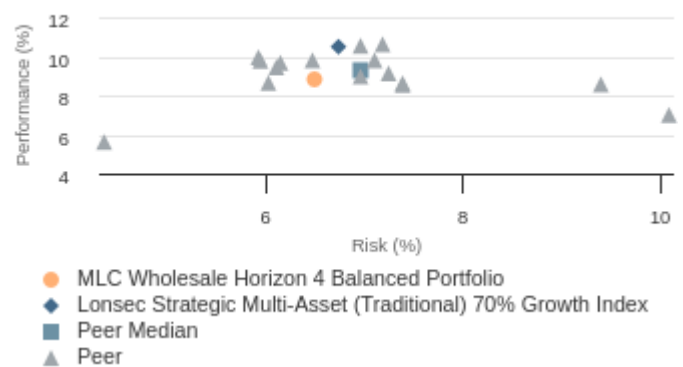


#### Annual Fees and Costs (% p.a.) (as at 30/09/2025)

Management fees & costs	0.90
Performance fee costs	0.05
Net Transaction Costs	0.08
Buy/Sell Spread	0.15/0.15
<b>Annual fees and costs</b>	<b>1.03</b>

Source: FE fundinfo

#### 3 Year Risk and Return



#### Asset Allocation (%) (as at 30/04/2026)

Australian Equities	24.55
International Equities	32.75
Unlisted Property	5.97
Australian Fixed Interest	2.97
Global Fixed Interest	15.40
Alternative Assets	17.41
Cash	0.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: FE fundinfo

## Appendix

**LONSEC RECOMMENDS THIS DOCUMENT BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRODUCT REVIEW.**

### General

**Excess return:** Return in excess of the benchmark return.

**Information ratio:** Relative reward for relative risk taken (Excess Returns / Tracking Error).

**Sharpe ratio:** Excess return earned for additional volatility experienced when holding riskier assets versus risk-free asset.

**Standard deviation:** Volatility of monthly Absolute Returns.

**Stewardship Policies:** the strength of a manager's proxy voting and engagement policies with respect to ESG.

**Time to recovery:** The number of months taken to recover the Worst Drawdown.

**Total return:** 'Top line' actual return, after fees.

**Tracking error:** Volatility of monthly Excess Returns against the benchmark (the Standard Deviation of monthly Excess Returns).

**Worst drawdown:** The worst cumulative loss ('peak to trough') experienced over the period assessed.

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