Future Directions High Growth

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

The strategy aims to achieve a rate of return of 4% above the inflation rate (measured by the Consumer Price Index) after investment fees and before tax over a 7-year period. Using a multi-manager approach, it provides investors access to a diversified portfolio that primarily invests in growth assets (shares and property) and alternative assets. The multi-manager option diversifies at asset and manager level. The key benefits are:active management: within the asset classes (for example choosing stocks) and allocating between asset classes,a broad range of asset classes including investments into unlisted property and infrastructure, andan experienced investment team.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

Investment category	Multi-Sector
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	7 years
Relative risk rating	High
Investment style	Active
Manager style	Multi-manager

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Global shares	43
Australian shares	38
Growth alternatives	9
Unlisted infrastructure	3
Global listed property	3
Global listed infrastructure	2
Unlisted property	1
Cash	1
Defensive alternatives	0
Global fixed interest	0
Australian fixed interest	0

Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	42.81
Australian Shares	40.66
Listed Property and Infrastructure	4.84
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	2.72
Growth Alternatives	7.47
International Fixed Interest	0.90
Defensive Alternatives	0.02
Cash	0.58

Fund Performance

The Fund endured a volatile end to the 2021/22 financial year, generating a negative return in the June quarter and over the year as concerns around inflation, rising interest rates and the conflict in Ukraine weighed on investment markets. Overall, the Fund performed ahead of the neutral benchmark but underperformed the CPI objective. Despite near-term volatility, longer-term performance remains in line with expectations over most key time horizons.

Sentiment deteriorated over the quarter as an increasing chance of recession became the dominant market narrative. Global developed markets retreated -14.4% over the period. Emerging market equities also struggled, ending the period 8.1% lower, though outperforming developed markets on the back of easing COVID lockdown restrictions in China. Australian shares fell following the lead from global markets, returning -11.9%. Both government bonds and credit markets, continued to struggle as bond yields shifted higher, following interest rate hikes from central banks to combat inflation. Listed real assets were also constrained, with listed infrastructure outperforming broader equities given its exposure to energy and inflation. Unlisted real assets remained relatively stable over the period.

Despite weaker absolute returns, the Fund outperformed the strategic benchmark in the June quarter and the financial year as a whole. Unlisted real assets and private equity were strong contributors as valuations remained stable, outperforming listed markets. Underweight allocations to Australian and international bonds in favour of infrastructure and alternatives also helped mitigate drawdowns relative to benchmark given the sizeable bond sell off. Additionally, strong stock selection underlying international equity and high yield credit managers helped at the margin. Performance versus CPI however remains constrained, as the sharp rise in CPI in combination with broad based corrections across equity and bond markets in 2022 hurt relative returns.

Market Review

The June quarter saw pessimistic global sentiment continue to drive further falls across various markets and asset classes, as traders began to price in a growing likelihood of recession, against a backdrop of hawkish central banks aggressively hiking rates to combat inflation. There were however some positive through the quarter, with China pulling-back some of its harsh COVID restrictions providing some much-necessary relief on ports and supply chains, as well as some tentative signs that goods inflationary pressure in the US may be slightly easing. Russia's war on Ukraine meanwhile rolled on, wreaking havoc on global energy markets, particularly in Europe – not to mention the terrible human cost.

Outlook

Looking ahead, as the Ukraine crisis, inflation and monetary tightening remain constant threat, we believe markets are likely to remain volatile. Despite the potential for short-term fluctuations, there are some green shoots of easing inflationary pressures which would be well received by investors. In this environment, we believe maintaining an active, well-diversified asset exposure in addition to a long-term focus on fund performance will serve investors well, particularly coming off a very strong 2021 for the Fund.

Availability

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SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1082AU
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