

Australian Share Index

Quarterly Investment Option Update

31 March 2023

Aim and Strategy

The strategy aims to provide returns that closely match the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index with net dividends reinvested before fees and taxes. Exposure to the Australian shares asset class will be attained through the use of low cost index-focused investment managers.

Investment Option Performance

To view the latest investment performances for this product, please visit www.amp.com.au/performance

Investment Option Overview

Investment category	Australian Shares
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	7 years
Standard Risk Measure	7/Very High
Investment style	Index
Manager style	Single

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Australian Shares	100
Cash	0

Actual Allocation	%
Global Shares	3.52
Australian Shares	88.28
Listed Property and Infrastructure	8.22

Sector Allocation	%
Financials	26.73
Materials	25.62
Health Care	10.06
Industrials	6.88
Consumer Discretionary	6.68
Real Estate	5.98
Energy	5.48
Consumer Staples	4.89
Communication Services	4.03
Information Technology	2.23
Utilities	1.44

Top Holdings	%
BHP Group Ltd	10.75
COMMONWEALTH BANK AUST	7.46
CSL Ltd	6.25
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	3.91
WESTPAC BANKING CORP	3.41
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	3.08
MACQUARIE GROUP LTD	2.86
Woodside Energy Group Ltd	2.84
WESFARMERS LTD	2.56
TELSTRA GROUP LTD	2.20

Fund Performance

The Fund produced a strong return for the March quarter, as markets climbed higher.

Market Review

Australian shares rose by 3.5% in the March quarter, as measured by the ASX200 total returns index. Local shares were driven by the same themes as the broader global market, with the likely path of central banks being the prime influence over economic fundamentals. In January, local shares gained ground on the belief central banks were close to easing off the brakes as inflation showed further signs of moderating. February however saw some shine taken off markets as central banks re-emphasised their priority to deal with inflation above other factors. March subsequently saw a marked change of tone as financial troubles emerged in US regional banks, then spilt into Switzerland with major bank Credit Suisse requiring a rescue by UBS and their central bank. While these events created volatility, Australian shares rallied into the final weeks of the quarter amid hopes of global, and indeed local pauses to rate hikes. This eventuated in very early April, as the RBA finally paused rates after a year of hikes.

The half yearly corporate reporting season also played out, yielding mixed results, generally moderate earnings growth, rising dividends and some cautious outlook statements amid continued inflation. Dividends also rose. Bank earnings, which make up a large proportion of the Australian market, showed signs of peaking as economic conditions continue to toughen. Bad debts also unsurprisingly rose. Cyclical meanwhile outperformed, though with consumers tightening their belts some shine may likely come off the sector as economic growth faces further headwinds.

Outlook

Corporate earnings in Australia remain reasonable, though should be considered in real terms, given ongoing high levels of inflation. Businesses meanwhile remain focussed on cost pressures, which are generally being passed onto customers. As we approach a likely phase of lower economic growth, with further volatility likely to ensue, it's worth remembering that the current stage of the economic cycle is well known by markets and priced in, at least to some degree. The relative stability of Australian dividends over the long-term and their ability to generate a growing, tax effective income stream should also be kept in mind. Over the long-term, we believe Australian shares will continue to rise, with volatility being necessary to provide opportunities for greater returns.

Availability

Product Name	APIR
SignatureSuper	AMP0782AU
SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1136AU
SignatureSuper Term Pension	AMP1136AU*

*Closed to new investors

Contact Details

Web: www.amp.com.au

Email: askamp@amp.com.au

Phone: 131 267



What you need to know

This publication has been prepared by AWM Services Pty Limited ABN 15 139 353 496, AFSL No. 366121 (AWM Services). The information contained in this publication has been derived from sources believed to be accurate and reliable as at the date of this document. Information provided in this investment option update are views of the underlying investment manager only and not necessarily the views of AMP Limited ABN 49 079 354 519 (AMP Group). No representation is given in relation to the accuracy or completeness of any statement contained in it. Whilst care has been taken in the preparation of this publication, to the extent permitted by law, no liability is accepted for any loss or damage as a result of reliance on this information.

The investment option referred to in this publication is available through products issued by N.M. Superannuation Proprietary Ltd ABN 31 008 428 322, AFSL 234654 (NM Super). Before deciding to invest or make a decision about the investment options, you should read the current Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) for the relevant product, available from the issuer or your financial planner.

Any advice in this document is of a general nature only and does not take into account your financial situation, objectives and needs. Before you make any investment decision based on the information contained in this document you should consider how it applies to your personal objectives, financial situation and needs, or speak to a financial planner. In providing any general advice, AMP Group receives fees and charges and their employees and directors receive salaries, bonuses and other benefits.

Any references to the "Fund", strategies, asset allocations or exposures are references to the underlying managed fund that the investment option either directly or indirectly invests in. The investment option's aim and strategy mirrors the objective and investment approach of the underlying fund. An investment in the investment option is not a direct investment in the underlying fund.

Neither NM Super, AWM Services, any other company in the AMP Group nor the underlying fund manager guarantees the repayment of capital or the performance of any product or particular rate of return referred to in this document, unless expressly stated in the PDS. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Any slight asset allocation deviations from 100% may be caused by rounding, asset categorisation and/or hedging.