

# **International Share Index**

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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# **Aim and Strategy**

The strategy aims to provide returns that closely match the MSCI World (ex-Australia, ex-Tobacco) Accumulation Index with net dividends reinvested before fees and taxes. This option is unhedged to Australian dollars. Exposure to the international shares asset class will be attained through the use of low cost index-focused managers.Note: investment unhedged strategy results in net performance being impacted (positively or negatively) by movements in the Australian dollar, relative to other currencies where the portfolio holds exposure.

### **Investment Option Performance**

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# **Investment Option Overview**

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

Actual Allocation	%
Global Shares	97.10
Australian Shares	0.13
Property	2.06
Cash	0.72

Sector Allocation	%
Information Technology	26.60
Financials	15.65
Consumer Discretionary	11.27
Industrials	10.47
Health Care	10.37
Communication Services	8.22
Consumer Staples	5.49
Energy	3.74
Materials	2.95
Utilities	2.50
Real Estate	2.03
Cash	0.72
Futures	-0.02
Top Holdings	%
APPLE INC	5.56
NVIDIA Corp	4.81
Microsoft Corp	4.34
Amazon.com Inc	3.02
Alphabet Inc	3.01
Meta Platforms Inc	1.87
Tesla Inc	1.70
Broadcom Inc	1.50
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	1.00
Eli Lilly & Co	0.91

Region Allocation	%
North America	77.61
Europe ex UK	11.93
Japan	5.42
United Kingdom	3.42
Asia ex Japan	0.87
Cash	0.72
Australasia	0.04

#### **Fund Performance**

During the December quarter, the Investment Option continued to rise on the back of the ongoing gains in global share markets. Most market advances occurred mid-quarter, as investors were buoyed by optimism of market-friendly policies from the incoming US administration. Revenue from drilling and fracking for oil and gas is set to significantly rise, while national spending, tax and regulations are all flagged to be significantly cut. Emerging markets however didn't fare as well as their developed counterparts, with challenges faced by economies such as China weighing alongside the threat of higher US tariffs. Boosted by the double-digit performance earlier in 2024, the Investment Option has provided healthy positive returns over the medium to longer term, including over 1, 2, 3 and 5 years, and since inception.

#### **Market Review**

International shares rose further in the December quarter, ending the period up by around 2.0% in local currency terms. In Australian dollar terms however the return was much greater, at 12.1%, as the domestic currency fell significantly over the period amid evolving interest rate expectations. Notably, RBA commentary became more dovish, particularly relative to overseas central banks such as the US Fed, where rate expectations for aggressive cuts through 2025 were tempered. Gains in sharemarkets were mostly seen mid-quarter, as markets jumped on the back of the US election results, with traders factoring in expectations of higher growth, lower taxes and further deregulation from the new administration. Further rate cuts around the world also aided the market optimism. Whilst gaining ground in Australian dollar terms, emerging markets meanwhile pulled back by around 4.4% over the period, driven primarily by the threat of tariffs being placed on exports to the US by the incoming administration. Of the major emerging markets, Chinese shares were the standout negative performer, whilst geopolitical issues placed pressure on shares in South Korea and budgetary issues caused Brazilian shares to fall. (All returns quoted are in local currency terms and on a total-return basis, unless otherwise stated.)

#### **Outlook**

The overall macro environment for global shares looks reasonable, with interest rates now falling in most regions on the back of significantly decreased levels of inflation and low, but still-positive economic growth. Of course, geopolitical and some valuation-related risk exists, which may result in some shorter-term volatility, however these factors could also surprise on the positive side. Regardless, for longer-term investors, we believe a diverse basket of businesses, bought at reasonable prices, particularly those with strong competitive advantage that generate high amounts of cash from their shareholders' capital, will serve investors well over the long-term.

# **Availability**

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