

# Australian Fixed Interest Index

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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## Aim and Strategy

The strategy aims to provide returns that track the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index.

Investments into the Australian Fixed Interest asset class will be attained through the use of low cost index-focused investment managers.

## Investment Option Performance

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## Investment Option Overview

<b>Investment category</b>	Australian Fixed Interest
<b>Suggested minimum investment timeframe</b>	3 years
<b>Relative risk rating</b>	Medium
<b>Investment style</b>	Index
<b>Manager style</b>	Single

<b>Asset Allocation</b>	<b>Benchmark (%)</b>
Australian Fixed Interest	100
Cash	0

## Market Review

Monetary policy dominated news flow in the domestic bond market early in the September quarter, with the Reserve Bank of Australia announcing a 0.25% reduction in early July, bringing the official cash rate to 1.0%. The central bank maintained an unchanged monetary policy stance in August, however left the door open for further easing. Against this backdrop, the domestic yield curve mirrored the flattening trend evident in overseas peers and reached its flattest level since 2010. Domestic yields continued to follow the lead of their global counterparts during September, reversing their previous downtrend to end the month higher, although bonds did rally later in the period on the back of rising geopolitical tensions, easier monetary policy in the US and Europe and the release of dovish RBA meeting minutes. The Commonwealth Government 2-year bond yield ended the quarter at 0.77%, while the 10-year bond yield ended at 1.02%.

## Outlook

Low Australian sovereign bond yields point to a low medium-term return potential from Australian sovereign fixed interest. But with benign inflation, ongoing geopolitical risks, and the Reserve Bank of Australia's easing bias, against a backdrop of soft growth, any upwards pressure on bond yields is likely to be subdued for the time being. Lower bond yields may persist, at least until the global and Australian economic environment shows signs of improved sentiment, momentum and visibility.

## Availability

Product Name	APIR
AMP Flexible Lifetime Super	AMP1286AU
CustomSuper	AMP1286AU
Flexible Lifetime - Allocated Pension	AMP1293AU
SignatureSuper	AMP1300AU
SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1307AU

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