

Cautious Index

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

To provide returns primarily from income as well as some capital growth over the short to medium term, by investing mainly in defensive assets with some exposure to growth assets. Exposure to individual asset classes will be attained through the use of index focussed investment managers. This investment option seeks to provide an index focussed solution to diversified investing. Through a process of diversified market analysis combined with selection of the most appropriate investment managers for each underlying asset class, this investment option is designed to provide market tracking returns over the suggested investment timeframe. Global shares may be partially or fully hedged back to Australian Dollars.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

| Investment category | Multi-Sector |
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| Suggested minimum investment timeframe | 3 years |
| Relative risk rating | Low to Medium |
| Investment style | Index |
| Manager style | Multi-manager |

| Asset Allocation | Benchmark (%) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Australian Fixed Interest | N/A |
| Australian Shares | N/A |
| Cash | N/A |
| Defensive Alternatives | N/A |
| Growth Alternatives | N/A |
| International Fixed Interest | N/A |
| International shares | N/A |
| Listed Property and Infrastructure | N/A |
| Unlisted Property and Infrastructure | N/A |
| Actual Allocation | % |
| International Shares | 12.34 |
| Australian Shares | 11.15 |
| Listed Property and Infrastructure | 9.47 |
| Growth Alternatives | 7.16 |
| International Fixed Interest | 16.06 |
| Australian Fixed Interest | 19.16 |
| Cash | 24.66 |

Market Review

Increasing predispositions by global central banks to become ever more accommodative during the September quarter have kept the bias on interest rates downwards, making equities relatively attractive and increasing the correlation between equities and bonds. However, the International Monetary Fund revised down its projection for global growth further during the period.

For the US-China trade dispute, which saw further escalation during the period, trust will need to be re-established between both parties at face-to-face meetings before any serious progress can be made. Until then, there is the potential for volatility to ramp-up substantially.

As was widely factored into the market, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) cut the Federal Funds Rate range by 25 basis points to 2.0-2.25% on 31 July; the first cut since the Global Financial Crisis, followed by a further cut of 25 basis points on 18 September to take the rate range to 1.75-2.0%.

In the US economy, the trade deficit continued to widen. However, as a whole, US economic data was generally benign, and the US stock market reached a record high during the quarter. There has been strong consumerrelated and business data; however, jobs growth has been somewhat sluggish, and the ISM manufacturing conditions index remains subdued. Recent retail sales have risen more than expected and small business confidence remains strong, although latest labour market indicators have been more mixed.

Availability

| Product Name | APIR |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| AMP Flexible Lifetime Super | AMP1520AU |
| CustomSuper | AMP1520AU |
| Flexible Lifetime - Allocated Pension | AMP1532AU |
| SignatureSuper | AMP1544AU |
| SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension | AMP1556AU |

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