

# **Balanced Index**

Quarterly Investment Option Update

## 31 March 2020

#### **Aim and Strategy**

To provide moderate to higher returns primarily from capital growth with some income over the long term by investing across the main asset classes, with higher exposure to growth assets. Exposure to individual asset classes will be attained through the use of indexfocused investment managers.

#### **Investment Option Performance**

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#### **Investment Option Overview**

Investment category	Multi-Sector
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	5 - 7 years
Relative risk rating	High
Investment style	Index
Manager style	Multi-manager

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Australian Fixed Interest	N/A
Australian Shares	N/A
Cash	N/A
Growth Alternatives	N/A
International Fixed Interest	N/A
International shares	N/A
Listed Property and Infrastructure	N/A

Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	29.96
Australian Shares	24.32
Listed Property and Infrastructure	11.66
Growth Alternatives	9.95
International Fixed Interest	6.65
Australian Fixed Interest	9.64
Cash	7.80

### **Market Review**

The first quarter of 2020 began with the renewed conflicts between the US and Iran and the US-China trade tensions which were later resolved and share markets were encouraged by initial signs the global economy was improving. However, as March approached, the global surge in COVID-19 cases outside of China led to a pandemic. At the end of the quarter, despite the continued rise in new COVID-19 cases (especially in the US and Italy) and signs of a slowdown in global economic activity, share markets had a strong rebound in response to further announcements of unprecedented stimulus measures by governments and central banks.

The Federal Reserve reduced interest rates by a further 100 basis points to 0.00%–0.25% and commenced its quantitative easing. The US government announced the largest fiscal package, worth \$US2 trillion. The Bank of Canada lowered its overnight rate target to 0.75% and launched a credit facility program.

In Europe, the UK officially left the European Union on 31 January. The European Central Bank launched a new Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme, worth €750 billion. The Bank of England lowered its Bank Rate further and launched a new substantial quantitative easing program whilst the UK government announced it credit guarantees.

In Asia, China's central bank announced a reduction in reserve ratios for banks. The Bank of Japan provided a significant liquidity injection and expanded its quantitative easing program.

#### **Availability**

Product Name	APIR
AMP Flexible Lifetime Super	AMP1027AU
CustomSuper	AMP1027AU
Flexible Lifetime - Allocated Pension	AMP1016AU
Flexible Lifetime - Investments (Series 1)	AMP1050AU*
Flexible Lifetime - Investments (Series 2)	AMP1390AU
Flexible Lifetime - Term Pension	AMP1037AU
SignatureSuper	AMP0784AU
SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1137AU
SignatureSuper Select	AMP0784AU
*Closed to new investors	

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