

AMP Australian Share Enhanced Index

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

To provide investors with access to a portfolio of shares listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, with diversification achieved primarily through investment across a range of industries and issuers. In identifying share opportunities for the investment option we take an 'enhanced index' approach to investment. This enhanced index approach is tailored to the Australian market and provides greater potential for enhanced, risk-adjusted returns than would be achieved through investment in a pure index investment option.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

Australian Shares
5 years
High
Enhanced Index
Single

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Australian Shares	100
Cash	0
Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	2.94
Australian Shares	83.25
Listed Property and Infrastructure	9.42
Cash	4.39

Sector Allocation	%
Financials	26.11
Materials	18.50
Health Care	11.65
Industrials	7.09
Consumer Discretionary	6.78
Real Estate	6.18
Consumer Staples	6.10
Cash	4.38
Energy	4.09
Communication Services	3.98
Information Technology	3.35
Utilities	1.80
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Top Holdings	%
CSL Ltd	7.68
Commonwealth Bank Australia	7.17
BHP Group Ltd	6.27
Westpac Banking Corp	3.96
National Australia Bank Ltd	3.40
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	3.10
Wesfarmers Ltd	2.87
Woolworths Group Ltd	2.67
Transurban Group	2.25
Telstra Corp Ltd	2.24

Market Review

In line with broader global markets, Australian shares recorded an extremely strong June quarter, as stocks rebounded from their lows experienced at the height of the COVID-19 related market panic in late March. The market finished the quarter up by 16.5%, as measured by the S&P/ASX 200 index on a total return basis. The relative success of Australia's COVID-19 containment measures, which saw authorities begin lifting mandatory lockdowns, combined with unprecedented fiscal stimulus drove the market's surge. Later in the quarter, economic indicators, such as business confidence, retail sales and trade figures, appeared to confirm the Australian economy was indeed in recovery mode. Amid all the bullishness, concerns of recent months however remained - and in some cases actually grew - such as tensions with China, potential second waves of infections (particularly in Melbourne), a rising Australian dollar and still most pressingly, COVID-19's effect on company earnings. The standout performer at a sector level was information technology (IT), which rose by a remarkable 48.7% during the period. This small, but fast-growing sector of the Australian economy appears to have benefitted in many ways from the COVID-19 crisis, as changing consumer behaviour and a shift towards online activities has led to increasing tailwinds for many IT businesses. Consistent with a rebound in the economy, defensive sectors underperformed.

Outlook

Australian shares will likely continue to be primarily driven by global markets. Like its international peers, Australia's economic growth has slumped, though evidence of a bounce-back is already emerging. Australia's greater degree of government stimulus (relative to other countries) should help support Australian shares, though there are some near-term risks, such as souring trade relations with China and a lack of earnings visibility for many companies. Given large price-rises since the March lows, we believe investors should be selective and, as always, keep an eye on the longer-term.

Availability

Product Name	APIR
Flexible Lifetime - Investments (Series 1)	AMP0828AU*
Flexible Lifetime - Investments (Series 2)	AMP1445AU*
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