AMP High Growth

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

To provide high returns over the medium to long term through a diversified portfolio investing mostly in shares with some property, fixed interest and alternative assets.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

Investment category	Multi-Sector
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	6 - 9 years
Relative risk rating	High
Investment style	Active
Manager style	Multi-manager

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
International shares	39
Australian Shares	32
Growth Alternatives	6.5
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	6.5
listed Property and Infrastructure	6
Australian Fixed Interest	4
International Fixed Interest	4
Cash	1
Defensive Alternatives	1

Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	37.85
Australian Shares	34.23
Listed Property and Infrastructure	5.74
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	5.62
Growth Alternatives	4.29
International Fixed Interest	3.23
Australian Fixed Interest	3.63
Defensive Alternatives	2.54
Cash	2.86

Fund Performance

The 2019/2020 financial year ended on a positive note, with the option delivering a strong return after a period of significant volatility. Growth assets, particularly shares, provided the largest contribution to overall returns, partially recovering from the lows experienced at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in late March. Despite underperforming compared to its benchmark over the quarter, peer-relative performance remains strong as the option remains above median across most key timeframes.

Throughout the quarter, investor sentiment improved with increased economic activity after lockdowns and social distancing measures were eased. The option's allocations to growth assets, such as shares, rebounded despite the ongoing risks surrounding COVID-19. Developed and emerging market shares rose 18.5% and 16.7% respectively (in local currency terms) boosted by positive employment and business confidence data, in addition to continued and coordinated policy support from regulators. Australian shares also rallied, gaining 16.5%. The allocations to more defensive assets, such as government bond and cash, also generated positive returns due to monetary policy support from central banks. Returns from the private equity, direct property and infrastructure allocations were constrained as the impacts of COVID-19 were captured in asset revaluations.

As the strong returns experienced over the quarter were substantially influenced by generous fiscal and monetary policy support, we remain cognisant of the prevailing risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic for the near-term future. With some countries continuing to experience rising infection rates, the possibility of a 'second wave' could lead to further social distancing measures being imposed, or governments reverting to complete lockdowns. Ultimately, this leaves investment markets susceptible to further corrections and in this environment, returns are likely to be volatile. However, we maintain a highly-diversified portfolio to mitigate risk within and between asset classes, including exposures to alternatives such as direct property and hedge funds. We currently hold a close to neutral growth/defensive split, with a view to shift into more defensive allocations should the environment worsen. It is important to remember that these market shocks do not last forever and to remain focussed on the long term.

Market Review

As expected, global markets were heavily impacted by COVID-19 government restrictions and the flow-on effects of lockdown. Equities were volatile as shifting sentiment created swings between a risk-on and risk-off bias. Despite this, there was a net sharp rally over the quarter in equity markets as some COVID-19 lockdown measures started to be unwound. This leaves equity markets open to the risk of a correction. COVID-19 impacts were aggravated by increasingly acrimonious relations between the US and China. In addition, there is the risk of further waves of COVID-19, especially in the more densely populated countries, and the potential for economies to fall back once working capital supplied by government policies peters out and companies review their strategies and demand. The World Bank, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the International Monetary Fund all indicate they expect the worst global recession since the Great Depression.

In the US, the Federal Reserve (Fed) significantly increased its COVID-19-related lending programmes. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell suggested the central bank will use its "full range of tools" and act "forcefully, proactively and aggressively until it is confident the economy is on the road to recovery". He also said the central bank still had plenty of options available, with the expectation that monthly bond purchases will increase.

Availability

Product Name	APIR
AMP Flexible Super	AMP1455AU
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Flexible Lifetime - Super	AMP0342AU
SignatureSuper	AMP0774AU*
SuperLeader	AMP1885AU

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