

AMP MySuper 1960s

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

Aims to achieve a rate of return of 2.5% above the Consumer Price Index, after fees and superannuation tax, over the suggested investment timeframe. This investment option gives you an investment solution that takes you all the way through your superannuation savings journey. This approach, known as lifecycle investing, delivers an investment strategy that continuously evolves to align with the changing stages of an investor's life. It takes the hard work out of deciding how to invest your savings by providing the simplicity of a single investment choice. This investment option is an age-based investment, meaning that the strategy of this investment option will change progressively over an investor's lifetime to meet the objective of the average investor born during the 1960s. For investors approaching retirement, investments will focus more on preserving the capital built up and reducing risk. International investments may be partially or fully hedged back to Australian dollars. Subject to certain conditions, the underlying investments may use derivatives (such as options, futures, forwards and swaps) and engage in short selling.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

Investment category	Multi-Sector
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	10 years
Relative risk rating	6 / High
Investment style	Active
Manager style	Multi-manager
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Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
International shares	24
Australian Shares	20
Australian Fixed Interest	14
International Fixed Interest	12
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	8
Growth Alternatives	8
Cash	7
Defensive Alternatives	5
Listed Property and Infrastructure	2
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Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	23.69
Australian Shares	19.18
Listed Property and Infrastructure	3.49
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	6.63
Growth Alternatives	7.07
International Fixed Interest	15.15
Australian Fixed Interest	13.37
Defensive Alternatives	4.22
Cash	7.18

Fund Performance

AMP MySuper 1960s delivered a positive return over the September quarter, building on the strong gains of the June quarter. Growth assets again proved to be the key driver of the overall return, as global markets enjoyed a relatively encouraging period, despite volatility.

While many economies around the world entered recession, in July and August share markets rallied. Buoyed by strong growth in the US technology sector and sustained monetary and fiscal policy stimulus, both the domestic and international shares allocations generated strong gains. However, by September share markets diverged as fears about 'second waves' of COVID-19 and further lockdowns dampened investor sentiment. Over the quarter, the S&P/ASX 200 index declined -0.4% while the MSCI World ex Australia index rose 6.9% (in local currency terms). Government bonds were generally unchanged as yields were largely range-bound, but credit markets rallied due to the 'risk-on' tone of the period. Unlisted assets were broadly flat as the impact of COVID-19 continued to weigh on asset prices.

In this volatile environment, the option performed relatively well largely due to active management. In particular, the active Australian share allocation finished well ahead of the S&P/ASX 200 index. In addition, the decision to hold overweight allocations to high-yield credit and emerging market shares also boosted relative performance. The allocation to private equity provided an alternate source of returns to listed markets.

Looking ahead, the final quarter of the year is poised to be eventful for markets. With the US election, the potential of further fiscal stimulus and news of a vaccine for COVID-19, markets are likely to be volatile. As such, we remain confident an active diversified approach across defensive and growth assets will benefit members going forward. We continue to hold tilts into credit markets and alternative assets, rather than bonds, as we expect continued monetary policy stimulus to keep bond yields low. We also remain neutrally positioned across share allocations.

Market Review

Global equities rose during most of the quarter as the balance of data and economic expectations was initially viewed positively and on hopes that a COVID-19 vaccine might be available in a compressed timeframe. However, by quarter end, global equity markets suffered a pullback, led by the technology sector which later broadened to other sectors. Energy was also impacted as the oil price pulled back. For COVID-19, conditions and outlook remained uncertain. The global death count from the pandemic has now exceeded the one million mark.

Escalating tensions between the US and China have also elevated uncertainty. The US has rejected China's territorial claims to the South China Sea and has ended Hong Kong's special trade status with the US, requesting support in its stance from its allies. The US administration has also moved to put restrictions on some Chinese companies operating in the US, including TikTok and WeChat, although the US courts have moderated some of these decisions.

In the US, there is likely to be further downward pressure on the US dollar as quantitative easing measures continue to ramp up. An ongoing US dollar retracement would be consistent with improving global growth relative to that in the US and the US Federal Reserve's aggressive quantitative easing programme, which is significantly increasing the supply of US dollars.

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