

# **Balanced Index**

Quarterly Investment Option Update

## 31 December 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 to 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	29.67
Australian Shares	25.54
Listed Property and Infrastructure	13.23
Growth Alternatives	9.13
International Fixed Interest	5.81
Australian Fixed Interest	8.79
Cash	7.83

### **Market Review**

December saw some closure and improved visibility on issues that had been weighing on the market for most of 2020. Despite further COVID-19 waves, breakouts and new strains, tangible plans for vaccine rollouts in 2021 showed an improved path to normalcy. In Europe, a Brexit deal was finally agreed and signed. All-in-all, the global environment imparted a more positive backdrop at the tail-end of the year which kept equity markets supported. However, many equity markets now look stretched and signs of excessive optimism have been reflected in IPOs often trading significantly above their launch valuations, with sketchy or sometimes zero profitability.

Ahead of the US presidential election global equities exhibited mixed performance as the initial acrimonious presidential debate impacted market certainty and support. After a protracted count, Democratic candidate Joe Biden won the election, although it took significant time for the Trump administration to tacitly accept defeat and agree to co-operate with a transition of power. Post the US election, global equity markets were buoyed by increased political certainty and positive news on several viable COVID-19 vaccines.

Global markets will be looking ahead to 2021 hoping than the impact of 2020 will be able to be reversed as soon as possible once vaccine programmes start to make their full effect felt.

#### **Availability**

Product Name	APIR
CustomSuper	AMP1027AU
Flexible Lifetime - Allocated Pension	AMP1016AU
Flexible Lifetime - Investments (Series 1)	AMP1050AU**
Flexible Lifetime - Investments (Series 2)	AMP1390AU**
Flexible Lifetime - Super	AMP1027AU
Flexible Lifetime - Super Flexible Lifetime - Term Pension	AMP1027AU AMP1037AU
Flexible Lifetime - Term Pension	AMP1037AU
Flexible Lifetime - Term Pension SignatureSuper	AMP1037AU AMP0784AU

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