

Conservative Index

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

To provide returns primarily from income as well as some capital growth over the short to medium term, by investing mainly in defensive assets with some exposure to growth assets. Exposure to individual asset classes will be attained through the use of index focussed investment managers. This investment option seeks to provide an index focussed solution to diversified investing. Through a process of diversified market analysis combined with selection of the most appropriate investment managers for each underlying asset class, this investment is designed to provide market tracking returns over the suggested investment timeframe. Global Shares may be partially or fully hedged back to Australian Dollars.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

Investment category	Multi-Sector
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	3 years
Relative risk rating	Low to Medium
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
Listed Propery and Infrastructure	N/A
Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	10.61
Australian Shares	8.36
Listed Property and Infrastructure	9.38
Growth Alternatives	6.28
International Fixed Interest	20.41
Australian Fixed Interest	18.64
Cash	26.32

Market Review

The economic backdrop became more complicated as the quarter progressed. Uncertainty over the persistency of inflationary pressures, ongoing stimulus packages, more hawkish than expected US Federal Reserve communications, and stretched valuations in many areas, all resulted in a more heterogeneous market interpretation of future economic direction and an increasingly fluid risk on/ risk off bias. In addition, there remain some unresolved global supply-demand mismatches. The G7 meeting in Cornwall concluded with communications regarding the equalisation of global taxes but there is long way to go before anything concrete can be agreed on an international basis. The meeting also laid bare the West's increasingly fractious relationship with China. However, this year's summit was generally considered to be more positive than recent ones under the Trump administration, which should augur well for increased global cohesion, especially amongst developed democracies. Strong US demand is coming up against some supply-demand mismatches and bottlenecks which are also boosting market fears of inflation. However, the US Federal Reserve is playing down inflationary risks, citing they are transitory, which is currently assuaging markets. Despite this, investors will be watching how the combined effect of ongoing stimulus programmes, married to disrupted and possible structural changes to some supply chains, may ultimately impact the longer-term inflationary environment.

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