

# Alternative Index

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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## Aim and Strategy

To provide returns that closely match the Hedge Fund Research Index (Customised) benchmark on a 3-year rolling basis. The investment option is managed by K2/D&S Management Co. The option takes long and short positions using derivatives. Investments are made globally across equity, government bond, commodity and currency futures markets. The strategy does not make investments in underlying hedge strategies. Currency exposures are not hedged back to Australian dollars and are instead used as a value-add strategy. The strategy is allowed to gear using short positions - no more than 30% of the Net Asset Value of the strategy.

## Investment Option Performance

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## Investment Option Overview

<b>Investment category</b>	Alternative strategies
<b>Suggested minimum investment timeframe</b>	5 years
<b>Relative risk rating</b>	Medium
<b>Investment style</b>	Index
<b>Manager style</b>	Single

<b>Asset Allocation</b>	<b>Benchmark (%)</b>
Growth alternatives	100
Cash	0

<b>Actual Allocation</b>	<b>%</b>
Growth Alternatives	100.00

## Market Review

The beginning of the March quarter saw growth asset markets globally experience significant falls and volatility, as concerns increased around prevailing high inflation rates and the path towards the normalisation of interest rates. Despite a raft of concerns, sentiment generally improved in many growth markets towards the end of the quarter. Inflation increased further to 7.9% in February in the US and remains significantly elevated in most major economies like the UK and Canada. With no sign of a reprise in rising costs of living, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) finally raised rates in March by 0.25%, whilst also signalling it would likely raise them six more times this year. The US yield curve also became inverted (as measured by a narrowing gap between 10-year bond yields and 2-year bond yields), raising further recessionary fears.

By mid-February, investor sentiment shifted its focus towards Eastern Europe following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which continued through the period. Economic sanctions were placed on Russia by nations around the globe. In a surprise counter to the sanctions, President Putin subsequently announced that Russia would seek payment from "unfriendly countries" for its oil and gas in Russian rubles, a significant move given a partial dependence on Russian energy supply from many European nations, including Germany, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Hungary, and Poland.

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## Availability

Product Name	APIR
SignatureSuper	AMP1834AU*
SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1838AU*

\*Closed to new investors

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