



# AMP Balanced Growth

## Quarterly Investment Option Update

30 June 2022

### Aim and Strategy

To provide moderate to high returns over the medium to long term through a portfolio diversified across the main asset classes, but with an emphasis on shares and property.

### Investment Option Performance

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### Investment Option Overview

<b>Investment category</b>	Multi-Sector
<b>Suggested minimum investment timeframe</b>	5 years
<b>Relative risk rating</b>	High
<b>Investment style</b>	Active
<b>Manager style</b>	Multi-manager

<b>Asset Allocation</b>	<b>Benchmark (%)</b>
Global shares	33
Australian shares	25
Australian fixed interest	10
Global fixed interest	8
Growth alternatives	4.5
Unlisted property	4
Global listed infrastructure	3.5
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Cash	3
Unlisted infrastructure	3
Defensive alternatives	2.5

<b>Actual Allocation</b>	<b>%</b>
International Shares	33.08
Australian Shares	25.40
Listed Property and Infrastructure	6.56
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	9.46
Growth Alternatives	5.66
International Fixed Interest	6.66
Australian Fixed Interest	9.88
Defensive Alternatives	1.23
Cash	2.07

## Fund Performance

The Option endured a volatile end to the 2021/22 financial year, generating a negative return in the June quarter and over the year as concerns around inflation, rising interest rates and the conflict in Ukraine weighed on investment markets. Overall, the option performed in line with the neutral benchmark over the quarter and remains ahead over the year. Despite near-term volatility, longer term performance also remains in line with expectations over most key time horizons.

Sentiment deteriorated over the quarter as the increasing chance of recession became the dominant market narrative. Global developed markets retreated -14.4% during the quarter. Emerging market equities also struggled, ending the period -8.1% lower, but outperforming developed markets on the back of easing COVID lockdown restrictions in China. Australian shares fell following the lead from global markets, returning -11.9%. Within the Option, Australian equity and international share exposures slightly underperformed markets, while the overweight position to Australian equities was broadly neutral. Exposures to listed real assets were also constrained as concerns surrounding economic growth outlook limited upside.

In fixed income markets, both government bonds and credit markets, continued to struggle as bond yields shifted higher following interest rate hikes from central banks to combat inflation. Underlying fixed income manager performance was broadly in line with market benchmarks. Weaker performances in listed markets were partially offset by allocations to alternatives and direct assets. Unlisted assets, particularly private equity, remained relatively stable amid market volatility generating a positive return over the quarter. Absolute returns strategies were more mixed but still broadly outperformed equity markets.

Looking ahead, markets are likely to remain volatile as concerns around the Ukraine crisis, inflation and tightening monetary policy remain. Despite the potential for short-term fluctuations, there are some green shoots of easing inflationary pressures which may be well received by investors. In this environment, we believe maintaining an active, well-diversified asset exposure in addition to a long-term perspective on performance is important, particularly after a very strong 2021 for the investors.

## Market Review

The June quarter saw pessimistic global sentiment continue to drive further falls across various markets and asset classes, as traders began to price in a growing likelihood of recession, against a backdrop of hawkish central banks aggressively hiking rates to combat inflation. There were however some positive through the quarter, with China pulling-back some of its harsh COVID restrictions providing some much-necessary relief on ports and supply chains, as well as some tentative signs that goods inflationary pressure in the US may be slightly easing. Russia's war on Ukraine meanwhile rolled on, wreaking havoc on global energy markets, particularly in Europe – not to mention the terrible human cost.

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## Availability

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