

Future Directions Extended Markets International Share

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

To provide a total return (income and capital growth) after costs and before tax, above the Fund's performance benchmark on a rolling 3 year basis. The Fund is designed to blend specialist investment managers from around the world, with the aim of maximising returns and managing levels of risk. In structuring the Fund, we take a four-stage investment approach: setting objectives and asset allocation; targeted manager selection; portfolio construction and implementation; and ongoing portfolio and manager review. The Fund is normally invested in international shares, with a focus on small companies and emerging markets.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

Investment category	Global Shares
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	7 years
Relative risk rating	Very High
Investment style	Active
Manager style	Multi-manager

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Global shares	100
Cash	0

Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	99.19
Cash	0.81

Market Review

Global shares fell significantly over the June quarter as the combination of prevailing high inflation, rising interest rates and fear of recession continued to dent market optimism. A highly volatile energy market also impacted, exacerbated by the Russian war on Ukraine which further stoked market fears. The MSCI World ex Australia index returned -14.4% over the quarter, capping off one of the worst consecutive two quarters for performance in around 50 years. Some positives however did emerge, including China easing its lockdown restrictions and Fed officials slightly reining in their recent hawkish tone as some very tentative signs inflation may be close to a peak appeared. While corporate earnings growth has generally remained solid, management comments around increased cost pressures was another theme also likely factored into the price falls. Emerging markets also fell significantly, though to not as a great a degree as their developed peers, returning -8.1%, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets index. China's easing of lockdowns appeared to be the prime driver of the outperformance. Meanwhile a strong US dollar may have likely capped stronger performance for emerging markets, as the majority of emerging market debt is held in this currency. (All indices quoted in local currency terms and on a total-return basis, unless otherwise stated.)

Outlook

As central banks continue to raise rates amid record levels of global debt, markets have begun to factor in a growing likelihood of recession, as well as inflation prevailing for some time yet. Corporate earnings remain mostly strong, though some companies have noted increased costs eating into margins. Russia's war on Ukraine meanwhile is continuing to exacerbate global supply chain issues. In this environment, businesses with a strong competitive advantage and power to raise prices are likely to gain market share. While further short-term volatility may ensue, we continue to believe the longer-term trend will remain to the upside, and that investors with a diversified portfolio of quality businesses, bought at a reasonable price, are likely to do relatively well.

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