

# **AMP Capital Equity**

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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## **Aim and Strategy**

To provide investors with long-term capital growth through investment in a portfolio of Australian securities, listed or about to be listed, on the Australian Securities Exchange. Investment is diversified across a range of industries and sectors, with a focus on the largest 200 companies. In constructing the portfolio, AMP Capital employs a systematic rules-based approach where no individual stock fundamental analysis is conducted and the investment team use large sets of data to analyse stocks through intelligent screening methods. Passive, enhanced

# **Investment Option Performance**

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### **Investment Option Overview**

Investment category	Multi-Sector
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	5 years
Relative risk rating	High
Investment style	Active
Manager style	Single

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Australian Shares	100
Cash	0
Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	2.78
Australian Shares	88.62
Listed Property and Infrastructure	7.16
Cash	1.44

Sector Allocation	%
Financials	31.46
Materials	18.56
Health Care	8.51
Industrials	8.14
Real Estate	7.16
Consumer Discretionary	6.13
Energy	5.39
Consumer Staples	5.26
Communication Services	3.78
Information Technology	2.27
Utilities	1.90
Cash	1.44
Top Holdings	%

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COMMONWEALTH BANK AUST	8.12
BHP Group Ltd	6.82
Westpac Banking Corp	5.50
CSL Ltd	5.45
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	4.61
National Australia Bank Ltd	4.10
Telstra Corp Ltd	2.61
Woolworths Group Ltd	2.41
Macquarie Group Ltd	2.23
Wesfarmers Ltd	2.23

#### **Fund Performance**

The fund outperformed the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index over the June quarter, primarily due to stock selection with positive contribution from the materials and financials sectors. The fund maintained a neutral exposure to both risk appetite and market beta. The largest positive stock-level contributor came from an overweight position in Magellan Financials Group, which experienced a 40% increase in its share price during the quarter following continuing strong FUM growth. An underweight position in Costa Group Holdings also benefited the fund. Costa Group announced an earnings downgrade during the quarter which saw its share price fall 21%.

#### **Market Review**

Australian equities surged in the June quarter, the S&P/ASX200 total return index finishing up by 7.97%. Speculation of official interest rate cuts drove markets early in the quarter, despite uncertainty around the Federal Election and ongoing housing market falls. In May, the market was pushed higher on the Coalition's "surprise" election victory, which removed risks around changes to the use of franking credits, which are particularly important to many Australian investors. Comments from the RBA continued to grow more dovish, culminating in a rate cut in early June to a historically low 1.25%. This, along with the possibility of further cuts, spurred on Australian markets through the remainder of June. Communication services, financials and health care were top performers over the quarter, while energy and utilities stocks were generally behind the pack.

#### Outlook

Australian shares remain exposed to global economic uncertainty, despite the greater visibility imparted by the recent return of the Liberal Coalition to government. Much of this uncertainty is outside the Australian government's control.

The Reserve Bank of Australia cut the cash rate to an historically low 1.25% in early June, with communications suggesting further likely reductions, which is positive for equites and should feed into earnings. However, looking ahead, generally higher valuations and increased global economic uncertainty have increased the shorter-term downside risk. However, this does not mean momentum cannot carry the market higher.

In the current environment, investors should benefit by being highly selective and focussing on companies with robust business fundamentals.

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