

# **Australian Fixed Interest Index**

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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# **Aim and Strategy**

The strategy aims to provide returns that closely match the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index with net dividends reinvested before fees and taxes. Exposure to the Australian fixed interest asset class will be attained through the use of low cost indexfocused investment managers.

## **Investment Option Performance**

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# **Investment Option Overview**

Investment category	Australian Fixed Interest
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	3 years
Standard Risk Measure	4/Medium
Investment style	Index
Manager style	Single

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Cash	0
Australian bonds	100

Top Holdings	%
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT	47.27
TREASURY CORP VICTORIA	9.70
NEW S WALES TREASURY CRP	9.24
QUEENSLAND TREASURY CORP	6.79
WESTERN AUST TREAS CORP	2.01
SOUTH AUST GOVT FIN AUTH	1.94
INTL FINANCE CORP	1.16
INTL BK RECON & DEVELOP	0.97
KFW	0.96
EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK	0.92

## **Fund Performance**

The Investment Option produced a solid positive return over the March quarter, as Australian bonds gained in value and yields fell on the back of traders leaning towards bonds amid increased volatility in sharemarkets.

#### **Market Review**

Australian government bonds outperformed global peers over the March quarter, with the 2-year Commonwealth yield falling by 18 basis points (bps), to 3.68%. The Australian yield curve steepened by 21 bps between 2 and 10 year maturities, on the back of the RBA's February decision to cut the cash rate by 25 bps, to 4.10%, with the long end of the curve seeing modest increases in yields. The rate move was interpreted by markets as a 'hawkish cut', with the RBA noting inflation pressures were moderating, though the outlook remained uncertain.

Australian bonds, as measured by the Bloomberg AusBond Composite (All Maturities) index, returned 1.29% over the quarter, while the AusBond Credit index returned 1.52%. The inflation-linked market, as measured by the Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Government (All Maturities) index, delivered a return of -0.42% over the same timeframe.

## **Outlook**

Like their global counterparts, Australian bond valuations have improved significantly in recent years and have moved closer to fair value as yields have risen. We therefore believe forward-looking returns are now significantly more compelling than in recent history when interest rates were close to zero.

# **Availability**

Product Name	APIR
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SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1307AU
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