

Global Fixed Interest Index (Hedged)

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

The strategy aims to provide returns that closely match the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (hedged to Australian dollars) before fees and taxes. Exposure to the global fixed interest asset class will be attained through the use of low cost index-focused investment managers.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

Investment category	Global fixed interest
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	5 years
Standard Risk Measure	5/Medium to High
Investment style	Index
Manager style	Single

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Cash	0
Global bonds	100
Actual Allocation	%
Global Bonds	96.70
Australian Bonds	1.67
Currency Overlay	1.38
Cash	0.26

Top Holdings	%
US TREASURY N/B	18.23
CHINA GOVERNMENT BOND	5.21
Fannie Mae	4.51
JAPAN (10 YEAR ISSUE)	3.73
Freddie Mac	3.22
FRANCE (GOVT OF)	2.95
UNITED KINGDOM GILT	2.93
BUONI POLIENNALI DEL TES	2.78
CHINA DEVELOPMENT BANK	2.12
JAPAN (20 YEAR ISSUE)	2.06

Region Allocation	%
North America	43.42
Europe ex UK	26.35
Asia ex Japan	12.50
Japan	9.42
United Kingdom	4.06
Australasia	1.94
Currency Overlay	1.38
Others	0.67
Cash	0.26

Fund Performance

The Investment Option produced a modest positive return over the June quarter, as Australian bonds gained in value and yields fell amid a volatile macroeconomic backdrop. Solid returns were produced over the full financial year.

Market Review

Over the June quarter, global bond markets were impacted primarily by US tariff policies, but also instability in the Middle East and sovereign fiscal debt concerns. Tariff-related fears peaked following President Trump's "Liberation Day" announcements in early April, before this eased as a 90-day suspension was implemented for negotiations. Markets then pivoted focus on the passage of Trump's reconciliation bill, dubbed "One Big Beautiful Bill", raising concerns over worsening debt dynamics in the US. Moody's responded by downgrading the US sovereign credit rating, citing increased budgetary risks. This episode marked the peak of US treasury yields over the quarter, with other high-deficit countries being caught up in the sell-off. In Japan for example, worsening fiscal conditions, combined with a structural supply and demand imbalance, prompted 30-year Japanese government bond yields to peak at an all-time high of 3.2%. Major central banks meanwhile were either on hold (including in the US Fed and Japan) or modestly eased monetary conditions.

Over the period, yield curves across major government bond markets steepened, moving comparatively higher in longer- maturity bonds compared to shorter-maturity bonds. Credit markets meanwhile performed extremely well, despite the global volatility and uncertainty, supported by strong demand for high all-in-yields and relatively low net issuance. Returns in lower rated sectors tended to deliver higher returns. Global bonds, as measured by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate index (\$A hedged), returned 1.49% in Australian dollar terms for the quarter. Global investment grade and high yield credit meanwhile returned 1.87% and 3.33% respectively, as measured by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate index (\$A hedged) and Bloomberg Global High Yield index (\$A hedged).

Outlook

Global bond markets are likely to continue to focus on the expected paths for US interest rates. Large drawdowns in recent years, resulting in bonds being available at significantly cheaper prices, continue to lead us to believe returns going forward will likely be reasonable; perhaps around current running yield or a little more, as inflation slows and central banks cut rates. Furthermore, bonds will likely serve as a diversifier to growth assets, particularly during economic slowdown. Stickier than expected inflation remains a risk, as this could cause further delays to additional interest rate cuts.

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