

Australian Share Index

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

The strategy aims to provide returns that track the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index with net dividends reinvested. Investments into the Australian shares 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	Australian Shares
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	7 years
Relative risk rating	High
Investment style	Index
Manager style	Single

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Australian Shares	100
Cash	0

Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	2.26
Australian Shares	88.51
Listed Property and Infrastructure	7.48
Cash	1.74

Sector Allocation	%
Financials	31.30
Materials	17.11
Health Care	8.97
Industrials	7.95
Real Estate	7.70
Consumer Discretionary	6.47
Consumer Staples	5.84
Energy	4.98
Communication Services	3.54
Information Technology	2.57
Utilities	1.81
Cash	1.75

Top Holdings	%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	7.61
BHP Group Ltd	5.79
CSL Ltd	5.65
Westpac Banking Corp	5.45
National Australia Bank Ltd	4.58
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	4.42
Woolworths Group Ltd	2.62
Wesfarmers Ltd	2.41
Telstra Corp Ltd	2.23
Macquarie Group Ltd	2.22

Market Review

Australian shares rose over the September quarter, the S&P/ASX200 total return index closing up by 2.37%, with more record-highs being hit during the period. A Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) rate cut buoyed Australian markets in July, as did solid rises from the US and other international exchanges. Australian shares subsequently pulled back in August amid a mostly lacklustre corporate reporting season. Unsurprisingly, retail earnings were generally weak, although this was not across the board with some major retailers surprising on the upside. Pockets of relative strength were also evident in some of the more niche medium and smaller cap stocks. The market then rose in September, as did broader international markets, as traders became slightly less pessimistic on the now-familiar concerns of US economic growth and China/US trade tensions. Some positive indications from the Melbourne and Sydney property markets, which have undergone a significant correction over the past two years, also helped domestic sentiment, given the Australian economy's very large exposure to the sector. The share market also appeared to largely price-in an early October official interest rate rise, which materialised one day after quarter-end.

Outlook

Australian shares remain exposed to global economic uncertainty and constrained growth in Australia. As a result, further short-term weakness is a high risk. Against this background, the Reserve Bank of Australia has issued accommodating communications.

However, valuations are reasonable, particularly when compared against low bond yields. Global growth indicators are expected to improve by next year and Australian monetary and fiscal policy are supportive, all of which should support decent gains for share markets on a 6-12 month horizon.

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

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Product Name	APIR
AMP Flexible Lifetime Super	AMP0057AU
CustomSuper	AMP0057AU
Flexible Lifetime - Allocated Pension	AMP0592AU
Flexible Lifetime - Term Pension	AMP0892AU
SignatureSuper	AMP0782AU
SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1136AU

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