

# **AMP Retirement Choice**

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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# **Aim and Strategy**

The option invests in a portfolio of assets diversified across asset classes, sources of returns (from different asset types) and investment managers. Exposure to these assets can be through investment in underlying funds, or through direct investment into an asset. The option may be suitable for investors seeking exposure to a portfolio of diversified assets with the potential to deliver stable, risk-adjusted returns above inflation. The option is managed with a focus on income and franking credits for investors in retirement, who are drawing pension payments that are exempt from taxation. The option has been designed specifically for investors in or close to retirement.

### **Investment Option Performance**

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# **Investment Option Overview**

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

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Australian Fixed Interest	N/A
Australian Shares	N/A
Cash	N/A
Defensive Alternatives	N/A
Growth Alternatives	N/A
International Fixed Interest	N/A
International shares	N/A
Listed Property and Infrastructure	N/A
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	N/A
Actual Allocation	%
International Equities	23.52
Fixed Income and Credit	23.17
Australian Equities	12.43
Direct Assets	12.36
Cash	10.37
Growth Alternatives	6.92
Listed Real Assets	6.49
Defensive Alternatives	4.23
Non A\$ Currency Exposure	0.62

#### **Market Review**

The start of the quarter saw initial concerns of the risk of a recession. However, as the quarter progressed, US economic data was generally positive overall. Market sentiment further improved following the conclusion of the US -China trade disputes. US gross domestic product grew at an annualised rate of 1.9% in the third quarter. In October, the Federal Funds Rate was reduced by 25 basis points to 1.50-1.75%. Meanwhile President Trump's impeachment had little impact on financial markets.

In Europe, business conditions were flat in December but remain up from their low adding to confidence that Eurozone growth may be improving. During the quarter, the European Central Bank made no changes to interest rates. Meanwhile, in December the Swedish central bank raised rates from -0.25% to zero, ending roughly five years of negative rates.

In the UK, the Conservative party won the general election and will seek to prevent an extension of the Brexit transition period beyond the end of 2020. During the quarter, the Bank of England left rates on hold.

In Asia, Japan's gross domestic product growth for the September quarter was revised upward. The government announced fiscal stimulus plans in December whilst the Bank of Japan left monetary policy on hold. In China, industrial production and retail sales were stronger-than-expected in November suggesting positive signs for growth. China's central bank lowered its one-year loan prime rate in November by five basis points to 4.15%.

# **Availability**

Product Name	APIR
AMP Flexible Super - Retirement account	AMP9185AU
SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP5859AU

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