

# **AMP Secure Growth**

Quarterly Investment Option Update

# 31 December 2019

## **Aim and Strategy**

To provide returns (after fees and before-tax) which exceed inflation over the longer term, but with lower returns and less variability of returns than would be expected from an investment option with the same exposure to bonds, cash, shares and property. The investment strategy is to invest in a diversified portfolio with a core of cash and bonds and limited exposure to shares and property. Changes to investments can be made according to the outlook for the various investment sectors and the nature of the plan. This is a crediting rate investment option.Assurance: Investors are protected from capital losses at specified times.

#### **Investment Option Performance**

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# **Investment Option Overview**

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

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
International and Australian Fixed Interest	42
Cash	28
Australian Shares	13
International shares	7.1
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	5.1
Listed Property and Infrastructure	4.8

Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	7.05
Australian Shares	12.81
Listed Property and Infrastructure	4.96
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	3.95
Australian Fixed Interest	68.62
Others	2.13
Cash	0.49

# **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

AMP Flexible Lifetime Super \*Closed to new investors **APIR** AMP0157AU\*

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