

# Future Directions Extended Markets International Share

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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# **Aim and Strategy**

To provide a total return (income and capital growth) after costs and before tax, above the Fund's performance benchmark on a rolling 3 year basis. The Fund is designed to blend specialist investment managers from around the world, with the aim of maximising returns and managing levels of risk. In structuring the Fund, we take a four-stage investment approach: setting objectives and asset allocation; targeted manager selection; portfolio construction and implementation; and ongoing portfolio and manager review. The Fund is normally invested in international shares, with a focus on small companies and emerging markets.

## **Investment Option Performance**

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## **Investment Option Overview**

Investment category	Global Shares
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	7 years
Relative risk rating	Very High
Investment style	Active
Manager style	Multi-manager
Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
International Shares	100
Cash	0
Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	99.89
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# **Market Review**

Global share markets were up significantly over the December quarter, with the MSCI World ex Australia index finishing the period up by 7.66%. Drivers included strong US corporate earnings, the announcement of a "phase one" trade deal between China and the US in December, prevailing stimulatory central bank policies around the globe and an emphatic election result in the UK (leading to an apparent resolution to ongoing Brexit delays). Against a backdrop of a solid US economy with generationally low unemployment, these factors combined to spur optimistic investor sentiment around the globe. Indices that were notably strong included the US S&P 500 (up by 9.07%), the Chinese S&P/CITIC300 (up by 7.13%) the European DJ Euro STOXX 50 (up by 5.35%) and the German DAX (up by 6.61%). Emerging markets, meanwhile, produced some of the strongest returns of all; the MSCI Emerging Markets index finishing the quarter up by 9.54% on improving trade relations between China and the US, strong commodity prices and broader positive market-sentiment. (All indices quoted in local currency terms and on a total-return basis, unless otherwise stated.)

# Outlook

Heading into 2020, global share valuations continue to look broadly reasonable, particularly when compared against low bond yields. Global growth indicators are expected to improve over the medium term and monetary and fiscal policy have become more supportive, all of which should support share markets on a 6-12 month horizon.

For investors, quality companies which generate strong cashflows may present the best opportunities for riskadjusted returns.

#### **Availability**

Product Name	APIR
AMP Flexible Super - Retirement account	AMP1351AU*
Flexible Lifetime - Allocated Pension	AMP0880AU*
Flexible Lifetime - Term Pension	AMP0934AU*
SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1148AU*
*Closed to new investors	
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