



# AMP Lifecycle Active 1980s

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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## Aim and Strategy

Aims to achieve a rate of return of 4.0% above the Consumer Price Index, after fees and superannuation tax, over the suggested investment timeframe. AMP's MySuper investment option gives you an investment solution that takes you all the way through your superannuation savings journey. This approach, known as lifecycle investing, delivers an investment strategy that continuously evolves to align with the changing stages of an investor's life. It takes the hard work out of deciding how to invest your savings by providing the simplicity of a single investment choice. This investment option is an age-based investment, meaning that the strategy of this investment option will change progressively over an investor's lifetime to meet the objective of the average investor born during the 1970s. This means that younger investors will have higher-growth investment strategies because they have a long period to retirement and can afford to take more risk. However, for investors approaching retirement, investments will focus more on preserving the capital built up and reducing risk. International investments may be partially or fully hedged back to Australian dollars. Subject to certain conditions, the underlying investments may use derivatives (such as options, futures, forwards and swaps) and engage in short selling.

## Investment Option Performance

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## Investment Option Overview

<b>Investment category</b>	Multi-Sector
<b>Suggested minimum investment timeframe</b>	10 years
<b>Relative risk rating</b>	High
<b>Investment style</b>	Active
<b>Manager style</b>	Multi-manager

<b>Asset Allocation</b>	<b>Benchmark (%)</b>
International shares	35
Australian Shares	32
Growth Alternatives	15
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	9
Australian Fixed Interest	4
Listed Property and Infrastructure	4
Cash	1
Defensive Alternatives	0
International Fixed Interest	0

<b>Actual Allocation</b>	<b>%</b>
International Shares	38.87
Australian Shares	30.52
Listed Property and Infrastructure	3.22
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	7.69
Growth Alternatives	9.84
International Fixed Interest	6.09
Australian Fixed Interest	3.09
Cash	0.68

## Fund Performance

After a challenging March quarter, the final quarter of the 2019-20 financial year saw AMP MySuper 1980s partially recoup earlier losses. Its allocations to shares provided the largest contribution to returns as markets recovered from their lows experienced at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in late March.

Investor sentiment improved throughout the June quarter as global central banks and governments adopted stimulus programmes and started reopening economies. Growth assets experienced a sizeable rebound in this environment despite the ongoing risk surrounding COVID-19. By quarter end, developed and emerging market shares had risen 18.5% and 16.7% respectively (in local currency terms) boosted by positive employment and business confidence data releases. Australian shares also rallied, gaining 16.5%. Credit markets also generated gains on the back of liquidity support from central banks. Private equity, direct property and infrastructure returns were constrained as asset revaluations captured the impact of COVID-19 and weighed on prices.

While the returns experienced over the June quarter, on the back of supportive fiscal and monetary policy, were strong, we remain cognisant of the prevailing risks associated with COVID-19 in the near term. With certain economies continuing to experience rising infection rates, the possibility of a 'second wave' could lead to further social distancing measures being imposed, or economies reverting to lockdowns. Ultimately this leaves markets susceptible to a correction in the short term, which is likely to cause bouts of volatility. It is important for members to remain focused on long term objectives as there is time to recover from any sharp drawdowns. With a continued focus on capital growth, the option has a significant allocation to shares. We currently prefer global shares to domestic shares and maintain smaller positions in other growth-orientated assets including direct property, infrastructure and hedge funds to diversify risk.

## Market Review

As expected, global markets were heavily impacted by COVID-19 government restrictions and the flow-on effects of lockdown. Equities were volatile as shifting sentiment created swings between a risk-on and risk-off bias. Despite this, there was a net sharp rally over the quarter in equity markets as some COVID-19 lockdown measures started to be unwound. This leaves equity markets open to the risk of a correction. COVID-19 impacts were aggravated by increasingly acrimonious relations between the US and China. In addition, there is the risk of further waves of COVID-19, especially in the more densely populated countries, and the potential for economies to fall back once working capital supplied by government policies peters out and companies review their strategies and demand. The World Bank, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the International Monetary Fund all indicate they expect the worst global recession since the Great Depression.

In the US, the Federal Reserve (Fed) significantly increased its COVID-19-related lending programmes. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell suggested the central bank will use its "full range of tools" and act "forcefully, proactively and aggressively until it is confident the economy is on the road to recovery". He also said the central bank still had plenty of options available, with the expectation that monthly bond purchases will increase.

## Availability

Product Name	APIR
AMP Flexible Super	AMP2060AU#

#Option was terminated during the reporting period.

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