

Super Easy International Fixed Interest

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

The strategy aims to provide returns that track the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index hedged to Australian dollars. Investments into the International Fixed Interest 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	Global fixed interest
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	3 years
Relative risk rating	Medium
Investment style	Index
Manager style	Single

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
International Fixed Interest	100
Cash	0

Market Review

Global government bond yields moved higher in April despite the US Federal Reserve only slightly slowing its pace of government bond purchases, which had capped upward pressure on yields over prior weeks. Yields subsequently traded sideways through most of May despite shifts in sentiment variously associated with the tentative easing of lockdown restrictions, economic stimulus measures and speculation regarding progress in the development of a COVID-19 treatment. Favourable US economic data provided renewed upward momentum in early June, however yields subsequently reversed course as economic sentiment deteriorated 'second wave' fears. The US 10-year bond yield ended the quarter one basis point lower at 0.66%. In contrast, the German and Japanese 10-year bond yields rose by one basis point to -0.46% and 0.02% respectively. Total returns for global bonds, as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index Hedged, returned around 2.3% for the period in Australian dollar terms.

In credit markets meanwhile, global spreads tightened over the June quarter. This was initially prompted by the US Federal Reserve extending its bond buying program and subsequently reinforced by the market's ongoing expectation of further policy support measures on the part of central bankers, which outweighed the impact of renewed trade tensions between the US and China and a surge in COVID-19 infections in the US (which prompted several states to partially reintroduce lockdown measures.)

Outlook

The outbreak of COVID-19 has likely triggered a global recession and policy makers around the world are having to respond with dramatic levels of monetary and fiscal stimulus. The emergence of COVID-19 within an ongoing weak state of fundamentals and consistently weak inflation, as well as the adoption of yield curve targeting and quantitative easing monetary programs, continues to argue for a bias towards long duration positions, although as global cases peak and the first wave is brought under control we expect there may be some risk asset retracement.

Availability

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