

# Global Bond Index

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

<b>Investment category</b>	Global fixed interest
<b>Suggested minimum investment timeframe</b>	3 years
<b>Relative risk rating</b>	Medium to high
<b>Investment style</b>	Index
<b>Manager style</b>	Single

<b>Asset Allocation</b>	<b>Benchmark (%)</b>
International Fixed Interest	100
Cash	0

## Market Review

Data evidence of resilience in the US housing sector underpinned strength in US bond yields early in the December quarter, notwithstanding market caution ahead of the US presidential election. Yields were further boosted by the successful clinical trial and regulatory approval of the COVID-19 vaccine developed by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech, and subsequent moves towards the commencement of mass inoculation. Central banks maintained their commitment to providing financial market support, with the US Federal Reserve undertaking to continue asset purchases "at least at the current pace" over "coming months", along with a similar undertaking from the European Central Bank. The US 10-year bond yield ended the quarter 23 basis points higher at 0.92%. The German 10-year bond yield declined by five basis points to -0.57% and its Japanese counterpart rose by one basis point to 0.02%. Global bonds, as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index (hedged), returned 0.79% for the period (in Australian dollar terms).

## Outlook

The outbreak of COVID-19 triggered a global recession and policy makers around the world continue to respond with significant levels of monetary and fiscal stimulus. The emergence of the pandemic within an ongoing weak state of fundamentals and subdued inflation, as well as the adoption of yield-curve targeting and quantitative easing monetary programmes, continues to argue for a bias towards long duration positions, although the level of unconventional monetary policy stimulus has already helped to drive a recovery in a number of risk asset markets as well as tradable inflation-sensitive markets.

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