

# **Moderately Conservative Index**

Quarterly Investment Option Update

## 30 September 2021

#### **Aim and Strategy**

To provide moderate returns from a balance of income and capital growth over the medium to long term by investing in a diversified mix of growth and defensive assets. Exposure to individual asset classes will be attained through the use of index focused investment managers. This investment option seeks to provide an index focussed solution to diversified investing. Through a process of diversified market analysis combined with selection of the most appropriate investment managers for each underlying asset class, this investment option is designed to provide market tracking returns over the suggested investment timeframe. Global Shares may be partially or fully hedged back to Australian Dollars.

#### **Investment Option Performance**

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#### **Investment Option Overview**

Investment category	Multi-Sector
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	3 to 5 years
Relative risk rating	Medium
Investment style	Index
Manager style	Multi-manager

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Australian Fixed Interest	N/A
Australian Shares	N/A
Cash	N/A
Growth Alternatives	N/A
International Fixed Interest	N/A
International shares	N/A
Listed Property and Infrastructure	N/A
Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	20.39
Australian Shares	16.15
Listed Property and Infrastructure	12.14
Growth Alternatives	7.29
International Fixed Interest	16.03
Australian Fixed Interest	13.11
Cash	14.89

### **Market Review**

A complex macroeconomic and political backdrop characterised the September quarter, pulling markets in varying directions. Major themes included ongoing fears on the persistency of inflation, a focus shifting towards living with COVID-19 rather than persisting with lockdowns - particularly given much of the population has now had the opportunity to be vaccinated - and the mixed interpretation of central bank communications leading to continued speculation on the path towards 'normalisation' of monetary and fiscal policy. Geopolitics was also heavily in focus, as the US withdrew from Afghanistan, leading to a swift and unopposed takeover by the Taliban regime. China was also in the spotlight during the period, coming under criticism for adopting an apparent conciliatory tone towards the Taliban, in addition to its continued regulatory crackdown on technology and the property sector amid its continuing broader shift towards 'big government' policy. Later in the quarter, volatility rose in markets on heavily fluctuating commodity prices, as well as the news that major Chinese property developer, China Evergrande Group, had run into financial stress, with concerns that a failure to pay its debts could spread to global markets, given its significant size. This volatility was further exacerbated by concerns on the Biden administration's upcoming tax rises and an impending debt-ceiling in the US, with the risk of a government shutdown possible.

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Flexible Lifetime - Allocated Pension	AMP1533AU
Flexible Lifetime - Super	AMP1521AU
SignatureSuper	AMP1545AU
SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1557AU
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