

Professional Alternative Balanced

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

To provide moderate long term investment returns, with less exposure to the volatility of the conventional methods. The portfolio will primarily invest in a diversified mix of defensive and growth assets managed by professional asset managers.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

Investment category	Multi-Sector
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	4 years
Relative risk rating	6 / High
Investment style	Active
Manager style	Multi-manager

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Australian shares	23
Defensive alternatives	23
Global shares	23
Australian and global fixed interest	17
Listed property and infrastructure	7
Cash	5
Growth alternatives	2

Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	22.93
Australian Shares	21.77
Listed Property and Infrastructure	7.07
Growth Alternatives	2.76
International Fixed Interest	15.49
Defensive Alternatives	29.98

Market Review

The beginning of the March quarter saw growth asset markets globally experience significant falls and volatility, as concerns increased around prevailing high inflation rates and the path towards the normalisation of interest rates. Despite a raft of concerns, sentiment generally improved in many growth markets towards the end of the quarter. Inflation increased further to 7.9% in February in the US and remains significantly elevated in most major economies like the UK and Canada. With no sign of a reprise in rising costs of living, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) finally raised rates in March by 0.25%, whilst also signalling it would likely raise them six more times this year. The US yield curve also became inverted (as measured by a narrowing gap between 10-year bond yields and 2-year bond yields), raising further recessionary fears.

By mid-February, investor sentiment shifted its focus towards Eastern Europe following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which continued through the period. Economic sanctions were placed on Russia by nations around the globe. In a surprise counter to the sanctions, President Putin subsequently announced that Russia would seek payment from "unfriendly countries" for its oil and gas in Russian rubles, a significant move given a partial dependence on Russian energy supply from many European nations, including Germany, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Hungary, and Poland.

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