

# AMP MySuper 1980s

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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## Aim and Strategy

The strategy aims to achieve a rate of return of 3.5% pa above the inflation rate (measured by the Consumer Price Index), after fees and superannuation tax, over the suggested investment timeframe. Returns from both capital growth and income are provided through a diversified portfolio. 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 lifestages 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 1980s. This means that younger investors will have higher exposure to growth investment strategies because they have a longer period to retirement and can afford to take more risk. However, for investors approaching retirement, investments will have greater focus on seeking to preserve the capital built up and reducing risk whilst maintaining an exposure to growth assets. 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>	6 / High
<b>Investment style</b>	Active
<b>Manager style</b>	Multi-manager

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Global shares	38
Australian shares	33
Growth alternatives	12
Unlisted infrastructure	4
Unlisted property	4
Defensive alternatives	2
Global listed infrastructure	2
Global listed property	2
Australian fixed interest	2
Cash	1
Global fixed interest	0

Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	33.50
Australian Shares	33.75
Listed Property and Infrastructure	5.29
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	6.95
Growth Alternatives	11.81
International Fixed Interest	5.12
Australian Fixed Interest	1.11
Cash	2.47

## Fund Performance

Early quarter saw a continuation of the themes challenging markets over prior months. This led to a negative return in the September quarter. Continued inflationary and economic growth concerns, rising interest rates and geopolitical pressures have moved markets lower; however, despite these near-term developments, longer-term absolute performance remain positive. In the 1980s option we maintain a focus on capital growth through investing primarily in equities; complimented by allocations to alternatives, direct property and direct infrastructure. Over the quarter and year, this diversification of assets and underlying managers has consistently lessened the downside impact volatile markets have had on overall option performance. However, they were not immune. The option's equity allocations were challenged over the quarter with Australian equities underperforming market index largely due to poor stock selection by managers Macquarie and DNR in banking and mining sectors. International equities allocations slightly underperformed as emerging markets remained under stress as economic growth and geopolitical concerns weighed on the sector. Smaller allocations to credit were also similarly constrained as interest rate pressures limited returns in the asset class.

The option underperformed its CPI objective over the quarter and the past 12 months following the sharp rise in CPI in combination with broad based corrections across equity and bond markets. As we move towards year-end, markets are likely to remain volatile, though despite the potential for short-term fluctuations, there appear to be some green shoots of easing inflationary pressures, which are likely to be well received by investors, while central banks and equity valuations are beginning to move to attractive levels. Given this, we remain cautiously optimistic for markets

## Market Review

Broader economic sentiment initially improved, then deteriorated during the September quarter. July saw a bout of optimism permeate markets, with early hopes inflation was close to peaking. This however faded mid-quarter, as hopes of an early central bank pivot fizzled out on the back of commentaries from central banks, most notably Fed Chair Powell's remarks at the Jackson Hole symposium, all of which conveyed a clear resolve to fight inflation with further rate hikes. Bearishness then increased in markets through the rest of August and September, not helped by a 40-year high monthly US inflation print, more nuclear threats from Vladimir Putin as Ukrainian forces drove Russian troops back, strife in the British bond market as soaring yields forced UK pension funds to cover losses, raising solvency concerns in the process, and even rumours of financial strife at global banking giant Credit Suisse surfaced.

Economic data releases through the quarter were generally soft. In the US, GDP was shown to have fallen in two consecutive quarters, marking a technical recession, though not being declared as one by US government departments due to a lack of 'significant decline in economic activity' evidenced by job markets' statistics. Payroll figures were shown to be stronger than expected and unemployment remained very low.

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