

# **Growth Index**

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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#### **Aim and Strategy**

The strategy aims to closely match the index returns of asset classes before fees and taxes, with a substantial bias towards growth assets (shares and property) and a small exposure to defensive assets (cash and bonds). Exposure to individual asset classes will be attained through the use of low cost index-focused investment managers. Global shares may be partially or fully hedged back to Australian dollars. The option's target asset allocation will be adjusted on a regular basis, within disclosed ranges, to reflect the average asset allocation of relevant peers. The option's benchmark is also adjusted on a regular basis in line with the target asset allocation.

#### **Investment Option Performance**

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### **Investment Option Overview**

Investment category	Multi-Sector
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	7 years
Relative risk rating	6 / High
Investment style	Index
Manager style	Multi-manager

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Australian fixed interest	N/A
Australian shares	N/A
Cash	N/A
Global fixed interest	N/A
Global shares	N/A
Growth alternatives	N/A
Listed property and infrastructure	N/A
Actual Allocation	%
International Shares	41.09
Australian Shares	33.10
Listed Property and Infrastructure	9.91
Growth Alternatives	5.25
International Fixed Interest	2.98
Australian Fixed Interest	3.23
Cash	4.44

#### **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.

## **Availability**

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