

# International Share Index (Hedged)

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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# **Aim and Strategy**

The strategy aims to provide returns that closely match the MSCI World (ex-Australia, ex-Tobacco) Accumulation Index with net dividends re-invested (100% hedged to Australian dollars) before fees and taxes. Exposure to the international shares asset class will be attained through the use of low cost index-focused investment managers. Note: A currency hedged strategy attempts to reduce the impact of movements in the Australian dollar, relative to other currencies where the portfolio holds exposure, to smooth net performance.

### **Investment Option Performance**

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# **Investment Option Overview**

International Shares
7 years
7/Very High
Index
Single

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Global shares	100
Cash	0

Actual Allocation	%
Global Shares	96.59
Australian Shares	0.16
	2.24
Listed Property and Infrastructure	
Cash	1.01
Sector Allocation	%
Information Technology	20.64
Health Care	14.65
Financials	13.91
Industrials	10.40
Consumer Discretionary	10.11
Consumer Staples	7.25
Communication Services	6.49
Energy	5.66
Materials	4.03
Utilities	3.27
Real Estate	2.60
Futures	0.88
Cash	0.11
Top Holdings	%
APPLE INC	4.29
MICROSOFT CORP	3.49
Alphabet Inc	2.10
Amazon.com Inc	1.58
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	1.02
Johnson & Johnson	0.96
EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION	0.95
Berkshire Hathaway Inc	0.83
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	0.81
NVIDIA Corp	0.75

Region Allocation	%
North America	72.98
Europe ex UK	14.80
Japan	6.46
United Kingdom	4.28
Asia ex Japan	1.32
Cash	0.11
Australasia	0.06

#### **Fund Performance**

The Fund produced a strong positive return for the December quarter amid rising broader markets.

#### **Market Review**

International sharemarkets rose over the December quarter, with volatility remaining elevated, as was the case through most of the calendar year. Shares made strong gains through October and November as markets began to factor in inflation showing signs of peaking and central banks accordingly toning back their hawkish commentary. December however saw shares pull back, amid a realisation that rates may still be higher for longer in order to keep inflation under control. Economic data, largely unsurprisingly, also became increasingly indicative of potential recessionary conditions ahead, though this is not guaranteed; and, for long-term investors, perhaps not materially important. Interestingly, shares continued to show a propensity to rise on negative economic data surprises and fall on positives, highlighting the dominant role of the potential interest rate path in influencing short-term trading. The MSCI World ex Australia index finished the period up by 7.4% in local currency terms, or 3.9% in Australian dollar terms, given strength in the domestic currency through the quarter. Emerging markets were also strong over the period, returning 6.6%, with particular strength notable in Chinese, Korean and Taiwanese markets. (All indices quoted in local currency terms and on a total-return basis, unless otherwise stated.)

#### Outlook

As central banks continue to raise interest rates, markets appear to have factored in a strong likelihood of recession. Corporate earnings are facing headwinds, with increased costs eating into margins often reflected by downwards revisions to earnings estimates. Meanwhile, the continued push in the west away from traditional energy sources, such as oil and coal, is likely to continue to drive uncertainty in energy markets. In this environment, businesses with a strong competitive advantage and power to raise prices are likely to gain market share. Share price volatility tends to create stronger investment opportunities and we believe investors with a diversified portfolio of quality businesses, bought at a reasonable price, are likely to do relatively well in the long-term.

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