



AMP MySuper 1990s Plus

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 your lifetime as appropriate for the average investor born during the 1990s or later. 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 closer to retirement, investments will have greater focus on seeking to preserve the capital built up and reducing risk whilst maintaining some 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

Investment category	Multi-Sector
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	10 years
Standard Risk Measure	6/High
Investment style	Active
Manager style	Multi-manager

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Australian Shares	36
Global Shares	43
Property	7
Infrastructure	6
Alternatives	3
Fixed Interest	4
Cash	1

Actual Allocation	%
Global Shares	39.42
Australian Shares	34.71
Listed Property and Infrastructure	6.65
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	5.51
Growth Alternatives	7.03
Global Fixed Interest	4.17
Cash	2.53

Fund Performance

Most major markets ended the quarter in positive territory, buoyed by signals that inflation, whilst still high, was showing signs of peaking.

The strong recovery in equity markets in the March quarter, rewarded members of the 1990s Option as it continues to retain a focus on the accumulation of wealth, investing in higher risk, high reward asset classes. Positions in Australian equities and international equities generated positive returns as inflationary pressures showed signs of easing. This was despite added volatility from recessionary and geopolitical concerns as well as shocks to banking sectors in the US and Europe following collapses of Silicon Valley Bank then Credit Suisse. Performance of smaller allocations to alternatives, direct property, direct infrastructure and private equity was mixed over the period, falling short of equity market gains.

The Option outperformed its CPI objective over the quarter, but remains behind over 12 months, following the sharp rise in CPI in combination with broad based corrections across equity and bond markets in 2022.

Looking ahead, we are beginning to see pockets of stress and a softening in economic data which we expect to translate to slower growth over the next 12-18 months. We have also seen indications of peak in inflation, and we expect to see a continuation of its recent downtrend throughout this year. We maintain a strong allocation to alternatives, such as hedge funds, which provide diversifying characteristics away from potential equity market volatility.

Market Review

The earlier half of the March quarter saw growth markets generally gain ground as inflation, while still high, continued to exhibit signs of falling, fanning expectations the US Federal Reserve (Fed), along with other central banks, would soon ease hawkish monetary policy. In mid-February however, US CPI inflation was shown to have reduced only slightly, disappointing traders betting on a larger fall. This was followed by continued hawkish comments from the Fed, which dampened market sentiment somewhat. Data released in March, however, subsequently showed a further fall in US inflation.

The more unexpected story of the quarter however came in mid-March, as relatively unknown regional US banks, Silicon Valley, Signature and Silvergate collapsed amid a run on deposits. These banks weren't able to meet withdrawal demand, as long-dated treasuries held as capital had lost significant value over the previous year amid rising yields. The Fed promptly stepped in, providing around US\$300 billion in extra credit to help ensure other banks could continue to meet funding requirements. Other major central banks also announced measures to add liquidity and guard against contagion.

Focus turned to Swiss banking stalwart Credit Suisse, which after large outflows via mass withdrawals, particularly in recent months, became financially unviable. This culminated with the bank being taken over by local peer UBS at a heavily discounted price.

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