

Future Directions Extended Markets International Share

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

To provide a total return (income and capital growth) after costs and before tax, above the Fund's performance benchmark on a rolling 3 year basis. The Fund is designed to blend specialist investment managers from around the world, with the aim of maximising returns and managing levels of risk. In structuring the Fund, we take a four-stage investment approach - setting objectives and asset allocation, targeted manager selection, portfolio construction and implementation, and ongoing portfolio and manager review. The Fund is normally invested in international shares, with a focus on small companies and emerging markets.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

Investment category	Global shares
Suggested investment timeframe	5 – 7 years
Relative risk rating	Very High
Investment style	Multi Manager

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Global shares	100
Cash	0

Market commentary

Global shares, particularly those in developed markets, were up strongly in the September quarter, the MSCI World ex Australia Net Index finishing the period higher by 5.39% for the period. In the US, decidedly positive sentiment lingered from good corporate earnings growth, combined with continued strong economic growth and low unemployment. The S&P 500 total return index ended the period up a scorching 7.71%, touching record highs in the process. Trade-related developments, while providing a source of volatility (both on the positive and negative side) were again a feature. While there was much negative media surrounding the war of words leading up to the threshing out of new deals, most developed markets seemed not overly concerned. There was also a marked change in top-performing sectors; technology stocks came under some pressure, while some of the more traditionally defensive segments of the market, such as REITs did well, which was perhaps a little surprising given rising bond yields. Some emerging markets struggled during the quarter, as the strong US dollar fanned currency outflows from markets such as Turkey, where inflation was recently estimated to be running at over 100% on an annual basis. Commodity prices however provided some support to many emerging markets and the MSCI Emerging Markets total return index finished down by just 0.04%. (All figures quoted in local currency terms.)

Outlook

Although economic fundamentals remain broadly positive for stocks, the potential for a US initiated trade war has increased, resulting in increased volatility and uncertainty. However, at this juncture, unless trade war risks escalate significantly, we still expect shares to trend higher over the next 12 months, helped by the expected continued pickup in global economic activity data outside the US and the flow-through to growth and corporate earnings. Although some election outcomes in the Eurozone have recently been decided, reducing uncertainty, there remain some unresolved tensions between member states which have impacted some European markets. Emerging market equities are likely to remain under pressure while the threat of a trade war remains and the US dollar remains strong. Japanese and individual European equities continue to be our pick to see the better performance on a valuation basis in the current global macro-environment.

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Flexible Lifetime - Term Pension	AMP0934AU*
AMP Flexible Super - Retirement account	AMP1351AU*
AMP Flexible Super - Super account	AMP1480AU*
SignatureSuper	AMP0952AU*
SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1148AU*
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