

Super Easy Active Balanced

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

To provide primarily capital growth with some income after costs and before tax, above the strategy's performance benchmark on a rolling 3 year basis, by investing across a range of asset types, with high exposure to growth assets. The strategy aims to provide investors with exposure to a diversified range of Australian and international growth sources across asset classes including shares, Australian listed property trusts, and global listed property securities.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

Investment category	Multi-Sector	
Suggested investment timeframe	5 years	
Relative risk rating	Medium - High	
Investment style	Index	

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Global shares	30
Australian shares	30
Listed property & infrastructure	11
Growth alternatives	0
Global fixed interest	9
Australian fixed interest	15
Defensive alternatives	0
Cash	5

Actual Allocation	%
Global shares	35.99
Australian shares	24.51
Listed property & infrastructure	9.24
Global fixed interest	5.18
Australian fixed interest	14.60
Cash	10.48

Investment Option Comemntary

The Fund posted a negative return over the December quarter, resulting in a negative return over the year. Shares were the main detractor from performance, with markets subject to significant selling pressure towards the end of 2018. This was due to uncertainty regarding the pace of future interest rate increases in the US, weakening economic data across developed markets, growing concern over the threat of a protracted US-China trade war, and a disorderly Brexit process in the UK. Developed share markets returned -13.3% over the guarter, in local currency terms, and Australian shares returned -8.2%. Emerging markets, which struggled through much of 2018, outperformed their developed peers over the quarter. However they were still unable to escape the broader negativity prevailing towards shares. Listed property and infrastructure markets also followed broader share markets down. In the meantime, concerns over the state of the global economy and suggestions that the US Federal Reserve might be less aggressive with rate hikes than previously anticipated, helped push bond yields down. Lower bond yields supported the Fund's allocations to fixed income. Both bonds and cash were diversifying, rising to partially offset the falls in share markets. The weak end to 2018 added an air of uncertainty for investors heading into 2019. Volatility is likely to remain high in 2019, as concerns surrounding global economic conditions and geopolitical risks continue. However, economic indicators continue to show that underlying economic growth remains healthy. Company earnings, business confidence and employment across developed economies remain positive and monetary policy, while tighter, remains at historically accommodative levels. Given this, we continue to have a favourable view of global shares over the medium term. Our overall bond position remains underweight in favour of cash, as we expect bonds to remain vulnerable to inflationary pressure or monetary tightening.

Availability

Product name	APIR
AMP Flexible Super - Retirement account	AMP1985AU
AMP Flexible Super - Super account	AMP1936AU
Flexible Lifetime - Allocated Pension	AMP1987AU*

*Closed to new investors

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