

AMP Capital Multi Asset

Quarterly Investment Option Update

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Aim and Strategy

To provide a total return (income and capital growth) before costs and tax of 5.5% pa above the trimmed mean Consumer Price Index (CPI) on a rolling fiveyear basis by investing in a diversified portfolio with broad asset allocation ranges. The portfolio invests across a range of traditional asset classes such as shares, credit, cash, fixed income and property, and is further diversified by investment in alternative assets, such as infrastructure and absolute return strategies, which are generally more illiquid. Exposure to a broad range of asset classes is achieved either through investment in underlying investments or direct investment into an asset. Set within a dynamic asset allocation framework, the portfolio's asset classes and asset allocation ranges are determined with reference to the portfolio's risk and liquidity guidelines. Asset class allocation and ranges may vary at any stage of the investment cycle. There is no guarantee that the asset allocation strategy will provide positive returns at all stages of the investment cycle. Throughout the investment cycle, when necessary, the portfolio will be rebalanced with the aim of ensuring that exposure to illiquid assets is no greater than 20% of the portfolio. The portfolio may also have exposure to currencies through both actively-managed investment strategies and risk management processes. International investments may be partially or fully hedged back to Australian dollars. The portfolio and its underlying managers or direct investments may use derivatives such as options, futures, forwards and swaps. The investment manager imposes restrictions on the use of derivatives within the portfolio and monitors the implementation of these restrictions in accordance with their risk management processes on the use of derivatives. Underlying managers or strategies in which the portfolio invests may use short selling.

Investment Option Performance

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Investment Option Overview

Investment category	Multi-Sector
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	5 years
Relative risk rating	Medium to High
Investment style	Active
Manager style	Multi-manager

Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Australian Shares	N/A
Cash	N/A
Defensive Alternatives	N/A
Growth Alternatives	N/A
International Fixed Interest	N/A
International shares	N/A
Listed Property and Infrastructure	N/A
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	N/A
Actual Allocation	%
International Equities	25.42
Fixed Income and Credit	18.29
Defensive Alternatives	15.09
Cash	10.96
Growth Alternatives	9.81
Australian Equities	8.38
Listed Real Assets	7.78
Direct Assets	4.45
Non A\$ currency exposure	0.46

Fund Performance

The Fund produced a solid return for the June quarter and also performed well year-to-date. Markets have continued to enjoy strong performance this year, with expectations of lower interest rates supporting growth. Australia has been a beneficiary of more support recently, with the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) cutting rates twice after being on hold for almost three years. Bond and equity markets in Australia have responded and are currently among the best-performing markets globally.

Market Review

Global equities remained resilient during the quarter, despite the International Monetary Fund downgrading global growth forecasts. However, the risks around growth and the strong gains in shares this year have increased the probability of a correction. Central banks are retaining their bias towards accommodative measures as visibility on growth fades.

Despite the rise in equity values, there has been some flight-to-safety as trade war and geo-political risks increase, and this has seen bond yields fall, resulting in a positive correlation between bond and equity prices.

Despite the ongoing global trade tensions, hopes remain that a practical and sustainable resolution to the US-China dispute will be reached. However, market optimism is fragile and there remain significant risks. The US's approach appears to be widening in scope if anything, with its removal of India's preferential trade status and associated implementation of tariffs. In addition, the potential for armed conflict between the US and Iran has heightened the geo-political risk environment. There were thus great expectations for positive communications and outcomes for world trade at the G20 meeting in Japan at the tail-end of the quarter, particularly from sideline talks between country heads.

Outlook

While global interest rates have fallen quickly in response to slower growth and more supportive policy, there isn't yet any sign that actual economic activity is responding. Trade tensions haven't meaningfully changed, and data for earnings, manufacturing and consumer and business confidence continues to weaken. The potential for an attractive environment of higher government spending and supportive central banks coinciding with a turn in the data is still there. However, it doesn't appear to be a certainty by any means, despite some of this already being priced in. The current outlook suggests that rates may have to fall further, or fiscal stimulus rise, to improve the odds of a recovery happening. Our process leads us to remain slightly cautious, while still favouring equities, alternatives and cash. The biggest change has been a lean towards more defensive infrastructure, which is now 10% of the Fund.

Availability

Product Name	APIR
AMP Flexible Lifetime Super	AMP1709AU
AMP Flexible Super - Retirement account	AMP1768AU
AMP Flexible Super - Super account	AMP1756AU
CustomSuper	AMP1709AU
Flexible Lifetime - Allocated Pension	AMP1717AU
SignatureSuper	AMP1734AU
SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1743AU
SignatureSuper Select	AMP1734AU

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