



# AMP Lifecycle Active 1950s

## Quarterly Investment Option Update

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### Aim and Strategy

Aims to achieve a rate of return of 1.5% above the Consumer Price Index, after fees and superannuation tax, over the suggested investment timeframe. This investment option gives you an investment solution that takes you all the way through your superannuation savings journey. This approach, known as lifecycle 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 aged-based investment, meaning that its strategy has been designed to meet the investment needs of the average investor born in the 1950s. For investors approaching retirement, investments will focus more on preserving the capital built up and reducing risk. 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

<b>Investment category</b>	Multi-Sector
<b>Suggested minimum investment timeframe</b>	5 years
<b>Relative risk rating</b>	Medium
<b>Investment style</b>	Active
<b>Manager style</b>	Multi-manager

<b>Asset Allocation</b>	<b>Benchmark (%)</b>
International Fixed Interest	18
International shares	18
Australian Fixed Interest	17
Australian Shares	16
Cash	10
Defensive Alternatives	6
Growth Alternatives	6
Listed Property and Infrastructure	5
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	4

<b>Actual Allocation</b>	<b>%</b>
International Shares	18.85
Australian Shares	15.28
Listed Property and Infrastructure	5.36
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	3.61
Growth Alternatives	4.31
International Fixed Interest	15.10
Australian Fixed Interest	16.36
Defensive Alternatives	4.60
Cash	16.53

## Fund Performance

AMP MySuper 1950s delivered a strong 5.7% return over the 2018-19 financial year, in what was a volatile but positive period, as most asset classes rebounded from their December lows. Pleasingly, this is the fifth consecutive financial year gain for the option.

Over the June quarter, the option returned 2.9%, adding to the positive performance of the previous quarter. Developed market shares rose 3.5% over the period (in local currency terms), boosted by the increasing likelihood of monetary policy easing by central banks to combat slowing global growth. Australian shares outperformed most major share markets, returning 7.8% over the quarter, helped by the re-election of the Coalition Government and a reduction in the official interest rate by the Reserve Bank of Australia.

The more dovish tone of central banks, generally soft global data releases and bouts of geopolitical uncertainty over the period helped drive global interest rates to fresh lows. This supported safe-haven assets such as government bonds and other fixed income assets. The performance of alternative strategies was mixed, with hedge funds performing well, but style-based strategies lagging.

While the returns experienced over the first half of 2019 have been impressive, they are likely to moderate in the next half of the year. Most of the strength year-to-date has been driven by an expectation that easing monetary policy and fiscal stimulus will prolong the already historic length of this market cycle and support economic growth. To see meaningful upside from here, there needs to be signs that global growth is reaccelerating and geopolitical risks, like the US-China trade dispute, are resolving. A more likely scenario is that markets will trade sideways until the outlook for global growth becomes clear. We hold a broadly neutral exposure to shares, having increased our allocation to Australian shares as easing monetary policy should be supportive. We have also trimmed our bond exposure after a run of strong performance. With interest rates at these levels we expect low returns from bonds, however they remain an important source of diversification.

## 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.

## Availability

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