



# AMP Lifecycle Active 1980s

## Quarterly Investment Option Update

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### Aim and Strategy

Aims to achieve a rate of return of 4.0% above the Consumer Price Index, after fees and superannuation tax, over the suggested investment timeframe. 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 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 age-based investment, meaning that the strategy of this investment option will change progressively over an investor's lifetime to meet the objective of the average investor born during the 1970s. This means that younger investors will have higher-growth investment strategies because they have a long period to retirement and can afford to take more risk. However, 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>	10 years
<b>Relative risk rating</b>	High
<b>Investment style</b>	Active
<b>Manager style</b>	Multi-manager

<b>Asset Allocation</b>	<b>Benchmark (%)</b>
International shares	35
Australian Shares	32
Growth Alternatives	15
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	9
Australian Fixed Interest	4
Listed Property and Infrastructure	4
Cash	1
Defensive Alternatives	0
International Fixed Interest	0

<b>Actual Allocation</b>	<b>%</b>
International Shares	41.73
Australian Shares	28.99
Listed Property and Infrastructure	3.19
Unlisted Property and Infrastructure	7.72
Growth Alternatives	9.68
International Fixed Interest	3.49
Australian Fixed Interest	3.37
Defensive Alternatives	0.01
Cash	1.82

## Fund Performance

AMP MySuper 1980s delivered a strong 6.6% 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 3.9%, 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. Emerging market shares ended the period flat, as gains in energy prices were offset by concerns surrounding China's growth in May. 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 performance of alternative strategies was mixed, with hedge funds performing well, but style-based strategies lagging. Property and infrastructure assets also rose, supported by falling global interest rates, however these gains were less than those in listed markets.

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 and relatively attractive dividend yields should be supportive.

## 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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