

# **International Share Index**

Quarterly Investment Option Update

# 30 June 2024

#### Aim and Strategy

The strategy aims to provide returns that closely match the MSCI World (ex-Australia, ex-Tobacco) Accumulation Index with net dividends reinvested before fees and taxes. This option is unhedged to Australian dollars. Exposure to the international shares asset class will be attained through the use of low cost index-focused investment managers.Note: An unhedged strategy results in net performance being impacted (positively or negatively) by movements in the Australian dollar, relative to other currencies where the portfolio holds exposure.

### **Investment Option Performance**

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#### **Investment Option Overview**

Investment category	Global Shares
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	7 years
Standard Risk Measure	7/Very High
Investment style	Index
Manager style	Single
Asset Allocation	Benchmark (%)
Global shares	100
Cash	0

Actual Allocation	%
Global Shares	97.92
Australian Shares	0.14
Property	2.06
Cash	-0.12
Sector Allocation	%
Information Technology	26.64
Financials	14.46
Health Care	11.84
Industrials	10.40
Consumer Discretionary	10.30
Communication Services	7.93
Consumer Staples	5.83
Energy	4.29
Materials	3.34
Utilities	2.46
Real Estate	2.05
Futures	0.58
Cash	-0.12
Top Holdings	%
Microsoft Corp	4.87
APPLE INC	4.77
NVIDIA Corp	4.77
Alphabet Inc	3.11
Amazon.com Inc	2.79
Meta Platforms Inc	1.71
Eli Lilly & Co	1.13
Broadcom Inc	1.10
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	0.90
Tesla Inc	0.87

Region Allocation	%
North America	76.44
Europe ex UK	13.24
Japan	5.80
United Kingdom	3.76
Asia ex Japan	0.83
Australasia	0.05
Cash	-0.12

## **Fund Performance**

During the June quarter, the Investment Option continued to benefit from the ongoing strength in global share markets. Positive momentum in AI-related stocks combined with sentiment being buoyed by softer US macroeconomic data which led to optimism in markets that the US Fed may cut interest rates earlier than previously expected. Returns were led by US stocks which reached all-time highs. Boosted by the positive performance in the last few quarters, the Investment Option posted a double-digit return over the financial year to 30 June and has continued to deliver healthy positive returns over the medium to longer term, including over 2, 3 and 5 years, and since inception.

#### **Market Review**

The June quarter was yet another solid period for global shares, with major developed markets rising by over 3% in local currency terms. (The return however was more modest in Australian dollar terms, as the Australian dollar strengthened). US shares were again strong, helped again by mega-cap IT companies, returning around 4.3% as markets focussed on potential upcoming rate-cuts. UK shares were also solid, returning around 3.7% amid improving economic sentiment and the Bank of England indicating a rate cut will be possible in months ahead. Developed Asian markets also did well, aided by gushing sentiment towards artificial intelligence-related companies, including chip manufacturers. Finally, emerging market shares were very strong, returning around 6.2%, aided by strong Asian markets and improving sentiment in China off the back of further regulatory support towards its real estate sector. (All returns quoted in local currency terms and on a total-return basis, unless otherwise stated.)

### Outlook

Interest rates have begun falling in a number of regions on the back of significantly decreased levels of inflation and low economic growth. The corporate environment remains tough, though strong businesses, as always, will likely move forward with increased market dominance. We believe a diverse basket of businesses bought at reasonable prices, particularly those with strong competitive advantage that generate high amounts of cash from their shareholders' capital, will serve investors well over the long-term.

#### **Availability**

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SignatureSuper - Allocated Pension	AMP1165AU
SignatureSuper - Term Pension	AMP1165AU*
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