

MAR 2022 | Commentary

MARTIN CURRIE TACTICAL ALLOCATION FUND

Investment objective

The Fund aims to earn an after-fee return in excess of the Benchmark over rolling five-year periods.

Performance (%)					
	1 mth	3 mths	1 yr	3 yrs pa	5 yrs pa
Fund (net)	-1.02	-1.53	0.03	5.35	5.18
Benchmark	1.43	-1.91	4.48	5.32	5.81

Calendar year performance (%)					
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Fund (net)	1.29	10.47	13.20	-1.62	8.19
Benchmark	6.67	3.85	15.47	1.19	7.63

Fund details

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Inception date	September 1998
Benchmark	50% S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index 50% Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index
ISIN	AU60SSB01304
APIR	SSB0130AU

Monthly review

What happened in the Fund?

The Fund was down 1.02% during March, while the benchmark gained 1.43%. The Fund's relative underperformance was driven by the overweight to Australian Fixed Income as the sector underperformed the broader Australian Equity market (as measured by the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index). At the end of March, Australian Fixed Income is the largest allocation within the Fund (75%), with the balance split across Australian Equities (24%) and Cash (1%).

What happened in the market?

The Australian equity market rose 6.89% in March (as measured by the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index), continuing its material outperformance over global markets. Reflation, war in Ukraine and the commodities boom were the dominant themes over the month. Australian Value style stocks outperformance over Growth was sustained given Value's positive exposure to rising bond yields and inflationary pressures.

All sectors rose during the month. Information technology was the best performer as investors bought companies that had been sold off early in the year, although its small weighting in the index had a modest impact on the overall market. Strong gains from banks and metals & mining were large contributors to the overall market, while other materials lagged.

The Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Index was down 3.75% in March as yields rose again through the month.

Highlights

- A diversified portfolio of Australian equities, fixed income and cash designed to take advantage of relative asset class mispricing
- Tilted toward the relatively undervalued asset class in anticipation that it will outperform as it returns to assessed fair value
- Asset allocation switching provides another level of diversification in addition to the underlying equity and fixed income strategies

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Martin Currie's investment process draws on a wide range of proprietary fundamental and quantitative research metrics. The Fund benefits from the close collaboration of the well-resourced and experienced team that includes Matthew Lambert and Reece Birtles.



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