

ADVANCE BALANCED MULTI-BLEND FUND

As at 31 July 2021

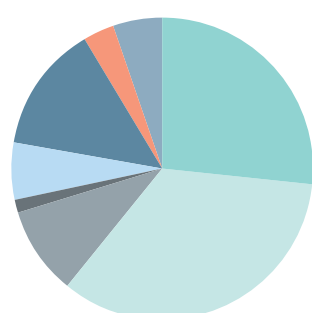
FUND OVERVIEW

	Wholesale	Retail
Inception date	May 1998	April 1992
APIR code	ADV0050AU	ADV0023AU
Fund size (AUD millions)	\$1,974.03	
Investment objective	To provide moderate to high total returns (before fees and taxes) over the medium term from a combination of capital growth and income through a diversified mix of growth and defensive assets.	
Recommended investment timeframe	5 years	
Minimum initial investment	\$5,000	Closed to new investors
Distribution frequency	Quarterly	
Management costs (%) pa ¹	0.73	1.39
Buy/sell spread (%)	0.17 / 0.19	0.00 / 0.00

PERFORMANCE REVIEW²

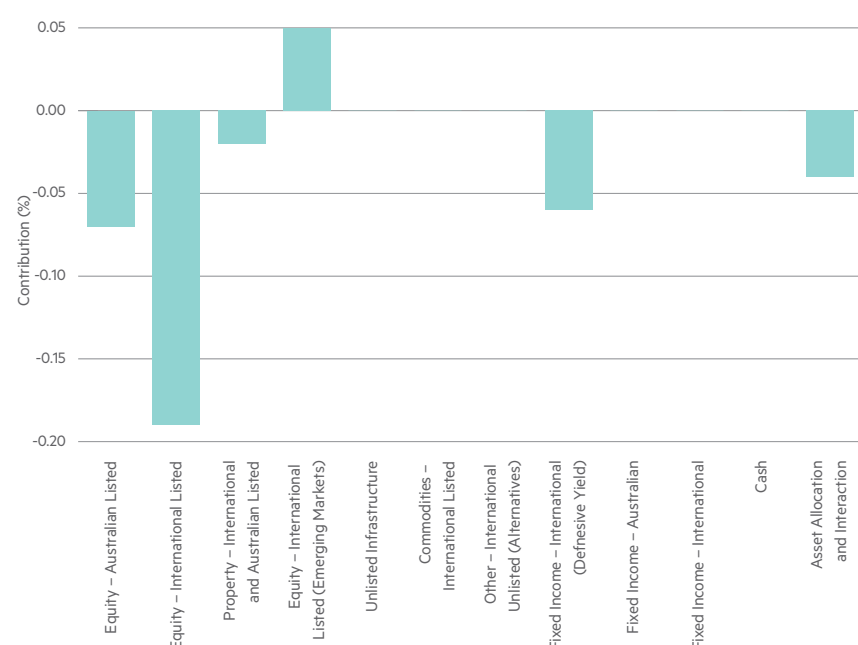
	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % pa	5 years % pa	Since Inception % pa
Total Net return	1.09	4.29	22.04	8.47	8.70	6.56
Growth return	1.09	(3.35)	9.86	1.01	(0.92)	(0.99)
Distribution return	0.00	7.63	12.18	7.47	9.62	7.55

ACTUAL ASSET ALLOCATION³



Equity – Australian Listed	26.81%
Equity – International Listed (incl. Emerging Markets)	34.29%
Property – International and Australian Listed	9.43%
Unlisted Infrastructure	1.36%
Fixed Income – Australian	6.03%
Fixed Income – International	13.66%
Other – Defensive and Growth Alternatives	3.31%
Cash	5.11%

CONTRIBUTION TO EXCESS RETURN⁴



FUND UPDATE

The Advance Balanced Multi-Blend Fund produced a positive return over the month of July.

Equities markets traded more cautiously during the month with concern around enduring inflation, slowing global recovery due to the Delta variant and earlier than expected policy tightening. Most developed market equity indices ended the turbulent month in positive territory, supported by central banks' dovish stance on monetary policy and data from the UK showing the effectiveness of vaccination against hospitalisation.

The domestic equity market, as represented by the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index, gained 1.1% over the month. International Equities, as measured by the MSCI World ex Australia Net Return AUD Hedged Index, gained 1.8%. The Australian Dollar depreciated against most major currency peers, affected by a retreat in commodity prices, extended COVID lockdowns across Australia and risk sentiment. Unhedged international equity exposure outperformed hedged exposure and returned 4.0%. Emerging market equities returned -4.7%, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index, the cause: a contagious sell-off in Hong Kong and US-listed Chinese stocks triggered by China's new regulatory crackdown on education companies, in addition to its ongoing scrutiny on IT companies.

Global listed property performed strongly with the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed AUD Hedged Net Total Return Index returning 3.9% over the month. Domestic listed property, as measured by the S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT Index, returned 0.5%.

Bond yields pulled back over the month, signalling heightened concern about the growth outlook vis-a-vis long-term inflation. The Australian 10-year government bond yield moved 35bps lower to 1.18% over the month and the US 10-year Treasury yield moved 25bps lower to 1.22%. Credit spreads remained flat. As a result, the domestic fixed interest market, as represented by the Bloomberg Ausbond Composite 0+ Yr Index, returned 1.8%; and the International Fixed Interest as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays Global-Aggregate Total Return AUD Hedged Index, returned 1.3%.

Similar returns across asset classes resulted in funds with higher allocations to growth assets performing in line with those with a higher allocation to defensive assets.

ASSET ALLOCATION RANGES

Asset class	Investment managers	SAA Ranges %
Equity – Australian Listed	BlackRock; FIL Limited; First Sentier Investors Realindex; Yarra Capital; Pental; Platypus; Solaris; Vinva	6 – 46
Equity – International Listed	Ardevora; BlackRock; First Sentier Investors Realindex; Pental; River & Mercantile; T.Rowe Price; Wellington	14 – 54
Property – Australian and International Listed	BlackRock; Heitman; Principal	0 – 22
Unlisted Infrastructure	First Sentier Investors; Roc Capital; JPM	0 – 18
Fixed Income – Australian	AMP Capital; Janus Henderson; Pental	0 – 26
Fixed Income – International	Angelo, Gordon & Co.; ICG; Kapstream; Mellon; PIMCO; Sound Point; TCW; TwentyFour; Wellington; Western Asset	0 – 34
Other – Defensive and Growth Alternatives	Acadian; Magnetar; SouthPeak	0 – 20
Cash	BlackRock; Pental	0 – 25

- 1 The Management Costs included in this fact sheet are inclusive of the Management Fee and any Performance Fees and includes the effect of GST (net of RITC). They do not include other indirect costs. Refer to the Product Disclosure Statement and online disclosures for further information.
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- 3 Allocations may not equal 100% due to rounding.
- 4 The Contribution to Excess Return is calculated using Gross performance.

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