

## Australian Shares Option fact sheet

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### Investment objective

To closely track the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index with the aim of generating returns (before tax and fees and assuming income is reinvested) comparable to the Australian sharemarket as measured by that benchmark over rolling one-year periods.

### Investment strategy

The option invests in shares of Australian companies. All shares in this option are maintained within a very close margin to their weight in the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index.

### Minimum suggested timeframe

At least At least 7 years

### Risk rating

Band 6 - High. For more information about risk, refer to the Reference guide.

### Investment ranges

Cash	0-5%
Australian shares	95-100%

### Performance

	3 month (%)	6 month (%)	1 year (%)	3 years (%)	5 years (%)	10 years (%)	Since inception	Inception date	Fund size
Net return	7.44%	7.82%	10.78%	8.20%	-	-	8.86%	31/05/2013	\$49.93m
Benchmark <sup>^</sup>	7.64%	8.37%	11.80%	8.63%	-	-	9.36%		

<sup>^</sup>S&P / ASX 200 Accumulation Index

All returns are calculated on an annualised basis using exit price to exit price, net of administration and investment fees, costs and net of tax payable by the trustee. All return calculations exclude contribution surcharge, contribution tax or individual taxes payable by the investor and all other fees and rebates disclosed in the relevant product disclosure statements available on our website or by calling us. Please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) for full details of the applicable fees and costs.

Past performance is not an indicator of future performance for this option or any other option available from Essential Super.

The investment information in this option profile is historical, produced as at the date specified above. We may change asset allocation and securities within the option at any time.

## Australian Shares – Market review

Australian shares were significantly higher with the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index up 7.6% in the December quarter.

The Australian dollar was flat over the quarter and up over the year (from US\$0.72 to US\$0.78). The RBA maintained the official cash rate at 1.5% in the December quarter.

Gains in Energy and Materials was offset by weak performance primarily in Banks. There were strong rises in commodity markets, with iron ore and oil prices continuing to rise over the quarter.

The portfolio is passively managed and holdings closely replicate those of the benchmark. Returns of the portfolio are, therefore, expected to closely resemble those of the benchmark index before fees and taxes.

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