



# Triple S **Investment Guide**

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## Let's talk about your super investments

Welcome to the Super SA Triple S Investment Guide where you'll find all the information you need to develop a better understanding about where your money goes and how to grow your super.

Super is a long term investment and it's important that you know how it works so that you can make the right investment choices.

Triple S has several investment options available for you to choose from invested across a range of assets. These assets include cash, fixed interest, property and shares and can be affected by factors including interest rates, inflation and global financial markets.

At Super SA, together with our investment manager Funds SA, we regularly review the investment strategies and options available to you. Providing you the freedom to choose the investment options that are right for you.

# 1. What happens to my funds?

When you receive contributions or roll in funds from another super fund (i.e. deposits), the money is used to purchase units in your investment option(s).

The number of units purchased in each option will depend on the value of the units on the business day they're purchased. This value, or unit price, represents a share of the underlying investments in the investment option(s). A change in the unit price reflects changes in the value of the underlying investments, the total of which determines the value of your account.

Your account balance is the sum of the number of units you hold in each investment option multiplied by the unit price for a given day.

While unit prices are determined each business day, investment options have been framed for investment time horizons of up to ten years and beyond. It is important to keep this in mind when looking at returns over shorter periods.

When you join Triple S, your funds are automatically invested in the Balanced option. You can choose to switch your investment option at any time subject to Super SA's switching rules.

**Unit prices are generally calculated for applicable transactions as follows:**

The day that your transaction is processed and effective	The unit price for the 'transaction date' is being calculated	Unit price for the 'transaction date' is received and your transaction is completed
This is the 'transaction date'	This happens on the business day after the 'transaction date'	This generally happens on the second business day and is the date your transaction is completed

## Responsible Investing

At Super SA, we understand our members may be interested in how their superannuation is invested and how those investments impact our broader community. Funds SA, as the investment manager, determines the approach to responsible investing to support long-term investment outcomes.

Funds SA defines responsible investment as a financial outcomes-focused approach that complements traditional investment analysis through consideration of Environmental, Social (including labour standards), and Governance (ESG) factors in investment analysis and investment Stewardship. Funds SA is a signatory to the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI). PRI signatories undertake to consider ESG factors in their investment decision-making and ownership practices.

Funds SA takes ESG factors into account using the following approaches:

- ESG Integration – the process of considering ESG issues and opportunities in investment analysis and decision making. The materiality of an ESG issue is determined by the potential impact of the issue on investment returns. Funds SA implements this by considering ESG factors before investments are made and during ongoing monitoring activities. This includes an assessment of the ESG processes of external investment managers as well as analysis of the ESG issues within investment opportunities across broad themes, like climate change.
- Investment Stewardship - the responsible oversight and management of investments, including through proxy voting, engagements, and class actions. Funds SA directly exercises the voting rights of certain Australian securities, engages with external investment managers and companies, and has a class actions program.
- Labour standards, ESG and ethical considerations form part of Funds SA's investment activities and day-to-day operations in accordance with Funds SA's Responsible Investment Policy and Conflicts Management Framework as well as the Code of Ethics for the South Australian public sector. Funds SA's external investment managers have differing ESG approaches. Funds SA assesses the ESG processes for each external investment manager on an ongoing basis. Remedial action or divestment may be taken where an external investment manager's approach is inconsistent with Funds SA's responsible investment approach, on a case-by-case basis. There is no single methodology adopted for taking ethical considerations into account in investment activities.

The above approach applies to all investment options. Additional factors are taken into account in the Socially Responsible investment option.

For more information about Funds SA's Responsible Investment process, please refer to the Responsible Investing section on the Super SA website.

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## 1. What happens to my funds? (continued)

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### Socially Responsible Option

Super SA offers a Socially Responsible (SR) investment option that provides our members with access to a portfolio that targets investments that contribute to the betterment of society and at the same time, where possible, avoiding investments that have the potential to cause or contribute to social harm. This means targeting investments such as education, healthcare, and climate change solutions while avoiding such as tobacco, alcohol, gambling, fossil fuels, weapons, nuclear power, and adult entertainment.

The SR investment option invests in line with socially responsible investment criteria established by Funds SA. This includes a combination of:

- implementing investment exclusions
- targeting socially responsible investments
- inclusion of a 'best-in-class' ESG approach.

The particular SR Criteria that Funds SA sets varies between asset classes and investment managers. There will also be times where the SR investment option invests in pooled funds alongside other investors where Funds SA cannot prescribe the SR Criteria. In these cases, the aim is to select funds that remain consistent with the purpose of the SR option.

### Investment exclusions

The SR investment option seeks to avoid companies that have the potential to cause or contribute to social harm. The option excludes certain industries or companies that engage in certain business activities from its universe of possible investments.

Revenue and product involvement (i.e. manufacturing, supply, and distribution) thresholds apply in some cases so that companies with multiple business activities are not excluded for very low involvement. However, Funds SA maintains low revenue thresholds so these activities can generally be avoided. The investment exclusions do not apply to derivatives and exchange-traded funds that may have an indirect exposure to these types of companies.

The investment exclusions applied to the Australian and International Listed Equities portfolios in the SR investment option only include:

#### Tobacco

All companies classified as a producer of tobacco products.

All companies deriving 5% or more aggregate revenue from production, distribution, retail, supply (and licensing in International equities) of tobacco-related products.

#### Alcohol

In Australian equities, all companies classified as a "Producer". All companies deriving 5% or more aggregate revenue from the production, distribution, retail and supply of alcohol-related products.

In International equities, all companies deriving 5% or more revenue from the production of alcohol-related products. All companies deriving 15% or more aggregate revenue from the production, distribution, retail and supply of alcohol-related products.

### Controversial Weapons

All companies with any tie to Controversial Weapons (cluster munitions, landmines, depleted uranium weapons, biological/chemical weapons, blinding lasers, nondetectable fragments and incendiary weapons), as defined by the methodology of the MSCI Global Ex-Controversial Weapons Indexes available at [www.msci.com/index-methodology](http://www.msci.com/index-methodology).

### Conventional Weapons

All companies deriving 5% or more revenue from the production of conventional weapons (and components in International equities). All companies deriving 15% or more aggregate revenue from weapons systems, components, and support systems and services.

### Civilian Firearms

All companies classified as a "Producer" of firearms and small arms ammunitions for civilian markets. The exclusion does not include companies that cater to the military, government, and law enforcement markets.

In Australian equities, all companies deriving 5% or more revenue from the distribution (wholesale or retail) of firearms or small arms ammunition intended for civilian use. In International equities, all companies deriving 5% or more aggregate revenue from the production and distribution (wholesale or retail) of firearms or small arms ammunition intended for civilian use.

### Nuclear Weapons

All companies that manufacture nuclear warheads and/or whole nuclear missiles. All companies that manufacture components that were developed or are significantly modified for exclusive use in nuclear weapons (warheads and missiles).

All companies that manufacture or assemble delivery platforms that were developed or significantly modified for the exclusive delivery of nuclear weapons. All companies that provide auxiliary services related to nuclear weapons. All companies that manufacture components that were not developed or not significantly modified for exclusive use in nuclear weapons (warheads and missiles) but can be used in nuclear weapons. All companies that manufacture or assemble delivery platforms that were not developed or not significantly modified for the exclusive delivery of nuclear weapons but have the capability to deliver nuclear weapons. All companies that manufacture components for nuclear-exclusive delivery platforms.

### Adult Entertainment

All companies deriving 5% or more revenue from the production of adult entertainment materials. All companies deriving 15% or more aggregate revenue from the production, distribution and retail of adult entertainment materials.

### Gambling

All companies deriving 5% or more revenue from ownership or operation of gambling-related business activities.

All companies deriving 15% or more aggregate revenue from gambling-related business activities.

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## 1. What happens to my funds? (continued)

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### Nuclear Power

All companies generating 5% or more of their total electricity from nuclear power in a given year. All companies that have 5% or more of installed capacity attributed to nuclear sources in a given fiscal year. All companies deriving 15% or more aggregate revenue from nuclear power activities.

Additionally, for Australian equities, all companies that have any tie to the nuclear power industry.

### Fossil Fuels

Australian equities: All companies excluded by the application of the MSCI Global ex Fossil Fuels Indexes methodology. All companies with evidence of owning fossil fuel reserves regardless of their industry, including companies that own less than 50% of a reserves field. All companies that derive a part of their revenue (either reported or estimated), from oil and gas related activities, including distribution / retail, equipment and services, extraction and production, petrochemicals, pipelines and transportation and refining but excluding biofuel production and sales and trading activities. All companies that derive a part of their revenue (either reported or estimated) from the mining of thermal coal (including lignite, bituminous, anthracite and steam coal) and its sale to external parties.

International equities: All companies with evidence of owning proven & probable coal reserves and/or proven oil and natural gas reserves used for energy purposes, as defined by the methodology of the MSCI Global Ex Fossil Fuels Indexes available at [msci.com/index-methodology](https://www.msci.com/index-methodology). All companies deriving any revenue (either reported or estimated) from thermal coal mining or unconventional oil and gas extraction.

**Thermal Coal Mining:** Revenue from the mining of thermal coal (including lignite, bituminous, anthracite and steam coal) and its sale to external parties. It does not cover revenue from metallurgical coal; coal mined for internal power generation (e.g. in the case of vertically integrated power producers); intra-company sales of mined thermal coal; and revenue from coal trading. **Unconventional Oil & Gas Extraction:** Revenue from oil sands, oil shale (kerogen-rich deposits), shale gas, shale oil, coal seam gas, and coal bed methane. It does not cover all types of conventional oil and gas production including Arctic onshore/offshore, deep water, shallow water and other onshore/offshore. All companies deriving 5% or more revenue (either reported or estimated) from thermal coal-based power generation.

### Animal Welfare

Australian equities only: All companies that are involved in commercial animal husbandry for the purpose of food production, including breeding, raising, and slaughtering pork, veal, poultry, and beef, as well as dairy and egg farm operators. All companies that conduct animal testing for non-pharmaceutical products such as cosmetic, personal care, and household cleaning products.

Controversies Scores are used to identify those companies that are involved in serious and very serious controversies involving the environmental, social, or governance impact of their operations and/or products and services.

In Australian equities, companies are required to have an MSCI ESG Controversies Score of 2 or above to be eligible for inclusion (see our Best in Class approach on this page for more information). Companies that are assessed as being involved in human rights controversies (those with a score less than 5) by the MSCI ESG Controversies score concerning the following key performance issues are excluded:

- Human Rights Abuses
- Support for Controversial Regimes
- Freedom of Expression & Censorship
- Impact on Local Communities

In International equities, companies are required to have an MSCI ESG Controversies Score of 4 or above to be eligible for inclusion.

Funds SA may divest from other sectors, industries or particular investments, without prior notice. For a summary of up-to-date exclusions, please refer to the Socially Responsible investment option section on the Super SA website [supersa.sa.gov.au/investments/socially-responsible](https://supersa.sa.gov.au/investments/socially-responsible).

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## 1. What happens to my funds? (continued)

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### Targeting socially responsible investments

In addition to avoiding companies operating in areas of negative social impact, the SR investment option is focused on investments that contribute to solving large issues such as climate change, healthcare, education, and the provision of community and social infrastructure. Whilst Funds SA has not adopted a formal scale for measuring the social contribution of these assets, it aligns investments with generally recognised socially responsible investing and ESG principles determined through its membership of industry bodies including the United Nations-supported PRI and other sources.

Some examples of the types of investments that Funds SA targets in the SR option are:

- Infrastructure investments that support key community and social needs as well as renewable energy. This includes schools, TAFE, hospitals, correctional facilities, water treatment plants, and other social infrastructure sectors as well as wind and solar farms.
- Private Equity investments that are focused on businesses that generate a clear and measurable positive social and/or environmental impact across one or more of the following key impact themes: climate action, inclusive growth, and healthcare. This includes businesses providing healthcare for elderly and low-income populations, digital learning solutions, environmental regeneration, and mobile banking solutions in developing countries.

### Inclusion of a best-in-class Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) approach

The SR investment option takes a best-in-class ESG approach in the selection of its investment managers and its investments. Funds SA identifies investment managers that have deep expertise in understanding ESG criteria and can demonstrate its application into investment decisions. Funds SA surveys the ESG practices of its Investment Managers when completing initial due diligence and on an ongoing periodic basis to ensure that ESG processes are being maintained, as well as incorporating ESG considerations into routine monitoring activities.

Within the SR investment option's listed equities portfolio, the best in-class ESG approach means prioritising investment in companies that are at the top of their sector according to external ESG ratings provided by MSCI ESG Ratings LLC [msci.com/our-solutions/esg-investing/esg-ratings](https://www.msci.com/our-solutions/esg-investing/esg-ratings). The ESG ratings are on a 7-point scale from 'AAA' (leader) to 'CCC' (laggard). Companies are required to have an MSCI ESG Rating of 'A' or above to be added to the listed equities portfolio. For International listed equities, companies are required to have a score of at least 'BB' to remain in the portfolio.

For more information about how the socially responsible investment criteria is applied to each asset class, please refer to the Socially Responsible investment option section on the Super SA website [supersa.sa.gov.au/investments/socially-responsible](https://supersa.sa.gov.au/investments/socially-responsible).

## 2. Risk and returns

One of the most important concepts to consider when making an investment decision is that of risk and return. All investments, including super, have some level of risk.

As a Triple S member you should be aware that capital losses are possible, depending on the investment options you choose and their performance over time. This is due to the volatility of investment markets.

This volatility is a normal part of investing and can occur with monies you may have in other super funds, the share market and other types of investments.

Strategies have been developed for each option targeting the best balance of risk versus return.

Each option has its own:

- Objective: what does the option aim to achieve?
- Investment Time Horizon: what is the length of time needed to reach the earning potential of your investment?
- Risk: what is the relative risk involved in the option?
- Asset Class Mix: what mix of investments makes up the option?

Each Triple S investment option has a different level of risk and return, as shown in the following table.

Risk and return of the Triple S investment options				
Investment option	Target rate of return	Investment time horizon	Risk of negative return	Growth asset allocation ranges <sup>1</sup>
Cash	RBA cash rate	0+ years	On average less than 0.5 years in 20	0%
Capital Defensive	CPI + 0.5%	2+ years	On average between 0.5 and one year in 20	10 – 40%
Stable	CPI + 1.5%	4+ years	On average two to three years in 20	25 – 55%
Moderate	CPI + 2.5%	6+ years	On average three to four years in 20	40 – 70%
Balanced	CPI + 3.5%	10+ years	On average four to six years in 20	57 – 87%
Socially Responsible	CPI + 3.0%	10+ years	On average four to six years in 20	55 – 85%
High Growth	CPI + 4.5%	10+ years	On average four to six years in 20	70 – 100%

The investment objectives state what each option aims to achieve and are designed to help members with their investment decisions. The objectives have been developed having regard for the long-term performance and characteristics of financial markets and taking into account expert advice provided by specialist investment advisor JANA. There is no guarantee, however, that the objectives will be met. This is because financial markets are volatile and future returns may vary from returns earned in the past. Indeed, for funds with a high exposure to growth assets there is a material likelihood that returns may be negative in any particular year.

### ⚠ Let's simplify the jargon

Yes, it may sound like a foreign language at times, but you can't talk about investments without using at least some investment jargon. Please refer to the Glossary of terms section for more information.

<sup>1</sup> Growth assets include shares, certain types of property, private equity and other growth opportunities. The remainder of the funds are invested in defensive assets such as cash and fixed interest.

## 2. Risk and returns (continued)

### Expected range of return outcomes for Triple S investment options

For each investment option there is an expected range of annual returns. This varies between the options.

The expected range of annual returns<sup>2</sup> for the investment options are shown in the below graph.

Generally, the options that offer the highest potential long-term returns also come with the widest range of returns including the possibility of negative returns. Options that offer the lowest potential long-term returns come with the narrowest range of returns and greatest likelihood of positive returns.



### When choosing the investment options right for you, consider:

- your current financial position
- your age
- your estimated time of retirement
- how long your super will need to last
- your attitude to accepting additional risk in seeking higher returns.

### Risk of investment

Some important risks are:

**Inflation:** inflation may exceed the return you receive on your investment.

**Market:** economic, technological, political or legal conditions may affect the value of investments. Market sentiment may also alter the value.

**Manager performance:** the risk that individual investment managers underperform.

**Interest rates:** changes in interest rates may also affect investment returns positively or negatively.

**Foreign currency:** for overseas investments there is a risk that the value of other currencies may change in relation to the Australian dollar and reduce the value of the investment.

**Derivatives:** derivatives are financial contracts used in the management of investments whose value depends on the value of specific underlying investments. Their value can fluctuate, sometimes away from the expected value, and they are also subject to counterparty risk.

**Counterparty risk:** counterparty risk is the risk that an organisation contracted to provide an investment service is not able to do so. This may result in loss of value.

**Underlying investments:** the value of each option's underlying investments can rise as well as fall.

Some of the most common influences on underlying investments include:

- Australian shares: individual shares are affected by factors affecting the share market generally but also by the profits and expected profits of individual companies.
- International shares: there are similar risks as for Australian shares. Additionally, they are affected by political factors and the currency exchange rate of the country where the shares are held.
- Property: economic factors such as inflation and unemployment will affect the return on property, as well as the location and quality of the property itself.
- Fixed interest investments: changes in interest rates, as well as the risk of loan repayment default, will result in a change in value of this investment.

Other risks specific to super investments include changes to super laws or taxation laws, which may affect the accessibility or value of your investment.

Performance and risk are closely linked when talking about investments. Generally, the investment options that offer the highest long term performance may also carry the highest level of short term risk, and vice versa.

<sup>2</sup> There is approximately a 5% chance that the return in any given year could lie outside of this range.

<sup>3</sup> For the 2024-25 financial year.

### 3. Investment performance

#### How your investment option performs

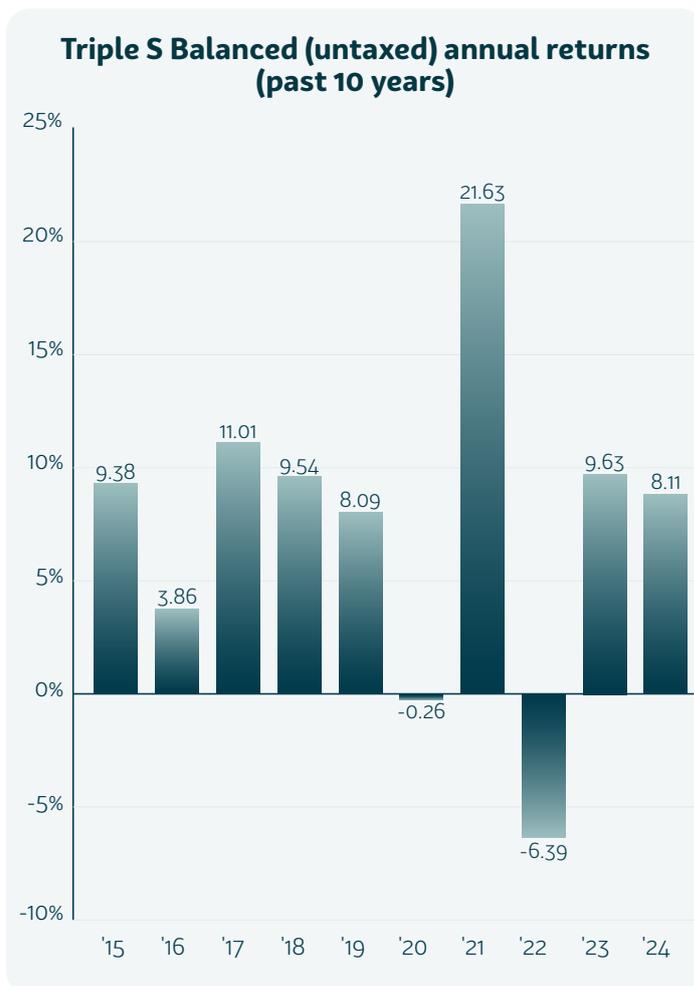
A rate of return is the amount of money your super earns over a specified period. Remember, returns may not always be positive. Depending on a number of factors, your investment can sometimes go down in value, just as it can go up. Volatility is a normal part of investing.

As an example, let's look at the rates of return achieved for the Triple S Balanced option<sup>4</sup> in the chart to the right.

You can see from the chart that since 2015, annual returns for the Balanced option have ranged from a high of 21.63% to a low of -6.39%. These fluctuations can be expected from an investment option with a high allocation to growth assets, like the Balanced option.

The investment objectives provide a guide to what each option aims to achieve. The Triple S Balanced option is expected to return 3.5% above CPI over an investment time horizon of at least 10 years.

It is important to remember that past performance should not be taken as an indication of future performance.



<sup>4</sup> Keep in mind that Triple S is an untaxed scheme, which means returns are reported without taking tax into account. Most other funds are taxed funds and report their investment earnings after tax.

## 4. What kind of investor are you?

Now you're familiar with 'risk and return' and 'investment performance' the next step is to understand how much risk you're prepared to take in order to get the return you want. This is called your risk tolerance. You can find out what yours is by working out your individual investor profile.

Get started by answering these questions:

### What are your goals for retirement?

This will help you work out how much money you'll need when you retire. For example, if you plan to spend your time travelling overseas, you'll need to factor in that extra expense.

### What's your current financial position?

Look at how much super you have, your sources of income and your ongoing expenses, such as mortgage payments. This will give you a good idea of where you are now and how much you'll need to achieve your goals for retirement.

### How long do you have before you plan to retire?

This will help you determine your investment time horizon so you can select an investment option that suits it best.

### How much risk are you prepared to take to get a potentially higher return?

This is an important question. Even if you have years before you retire, investing in a high risk investment option might not be worth the potential returns if it's going to keep you awake at night with worry.

For example, if you're 55 and plan to retire at age 60, your investment time horizon is five years – although your investment time horizon may then be more than 20 years in retirement.

If you're 30 and you plan to retire at age 65, your investment time horizon is 35 years.

In Triple S you have a choice of the following investment options:

Investment options	Your investor profile
<b>Cash</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not comfortable taking risks</li> <li>Prepared to accept lower returns for less risk</li> </ul>
<b>Capital Defensive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investing for the short-term: 0 to 2+ years</li> </ul>
<b>Stable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared to accept moderate to low returns</li> <li>Comfortable with a low possibility of negative returns</li> <li>Investing for the short to medium term: 4+ years</li> </ul>
<b>Moderate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared to accept a moderate risk to potentially achieve moderate long-term returns</li> <li>Comfortable with a possibility of negative returns</li> <li>Investing for the medium to long term: 6+ years</li> </ul>
<b>Balanced (default)</b> <b>Socially Responsible</b> <b>High Growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared to accept a higher risk to potentially achieve higher long-term returns</li> <li>Comfortable with a significant possibility of negative returns</li> <li>Investing for the long term: 10+ years</li> </ul>

Use the 'Risk profiler' calculator at [supersa.sa.gov.au](https://supersa.sa.gov.au) to find out what level of risk you may be comfortable with.

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## 5. What are asset classes?

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Each investment option is made up of asset classes. An asset class can be something tangible like property or it can be something intangible like shares or fixed interest.

Funds SA manages the asset classes comprising the following investment options: High Growth, Socially Responsible, Balanced, Moderate, Stable, Capital Defensive and Cash.

### **Growth asset classes**

These include assets that aim to achieve higher returns over the long term but also carry higher risk.

Returns may fluctuate widely and can sometimes be negative. Examples of growth assets include shares and certain types of property.

### **Defensive asset classes**

These tend to deliver lower returns over the long term and carry less risk. While a negative return is possible, defensive asset classes typically provide a more stable series of lower positive returns. Examples of defensive assets include cash and fixed interest.

### **Mixed asset classes**

Some asset classes such as property, diversified strategies income and diversified strategies growth can have both growth and defensive characteristics.

### **Why is it important to have a mix of assets?**

Having all your eggs in one basket is not ideal, right? Well, the same applies to asset classes.

By diversifying, or having your super invested in a number of asset classes, you reduce the risk of your investment losing value because poor performance in one asset class can potentially be offset by better performance in another.

The table overleaf lists the types of asset classes and the different levels of risk and return of each.

## 5. What are asset classes? (continued)

Asset classes					
Asset class	Description	Example	Asset type	Risk	Return
<b>Cash</b>	These are investments in assets that can be cashed in quickly. An investment suitable for investors with a low risk tolerance.	Bank deposits, bank bills, term deposits and floating rate notes	Defensive	Low	Low
<b>Fixed Interest</b>	These investments are usually in the form of loans to governments or companies who pay a fixed rate of interest for the term of the loan. Returns tend to be better than cash over the long term, but lower than property and shares. Inflation linked securities have the additional feature of being linked to a measure of the general level of prices in Australia, such as CPI.	Government bonds, corporate bonds and inflation linked securities	Defensive	Low–Moderate	Low–Moderate
<b>Credit</b>	Investments in debt securities that are issued by companies, emerging market governments, asset-backed and mortgage-backed structures.	Corporate bonds	Mixed	Moderate	Moderate
<b>Alternatives</b>	Assets that don't fit into the other asset classes because they invest in a range of financial instruments.	Financial derivatives and hedge funds.	Mixed	Moderate	Moderate
<b>Property</b>	These are investments in unlisted property trusts and shares in listed property trusts on the share market. There's potential for these property assets to provide moderate returns over the long term, however the value of the assets can fluctuate and returns can be negative.	Retail, commercial and industrial property	Mixed	Moderate	Moderate
<b>Shares (equities)</b>	These are investments in companies listed or about to be listed on the Australian or international stock exchanges. Dividends provide income although they can't be guaranteed. Share prices can fluctuate dramatically and returns can frequently be negative, which makes them high risk but there's potential for high capital growth over the long term.	A stake or financial interest in an Australian or international company	Growth	High	High
<b>Infrastructure</b>	These are investments in assets or companies which provide common essential services that are important to the functioning of society at large.	Airports, electricity and telecommunication networks.	Mixed	High	High
<b>Private Markets</b>	These are investments in assets such as private companies which are typically smaller than those listed on stock exchanges but can have higher revenue/earnings growth. Funds SA's investment managers typically have controlling stakes in these companies and will look to implement strategic or operational improvements at these companies in order to maximise the value of these investments.	A stake or financial interest in an Australian or international company, which isn't listed on a stock exchange.	Growth	High	High

## 6. Investment options

### High Growth

This option is structured for investors with an investment time horizon of at least 10 years. Annual returns may be volatile.

**Investment return objective<sup>5</sup>** CPI + 4.5%

#### Asset allocation

This option is invested in the range of 70 - 100% in growth assets (shares, certain types of property, private equity and other growth opportunities) and the balance in defensive assets (such as cash and fixed interest).

Asset class	Strategic Asset Allocation % <sup>6</sup>	Range %
Australian Equities	28	10-40
International Equities	41	20-55
Private markets	6	0-20
Property	8	0-30
Infrastructure	8	0-20
Alternatives	0	0-10
Credit	7	0-20
Fixed Interest	0	0-20
Cash	2	0-20
<b>Min suggested time frame</b>	10 years	
<b>Summary risk level<sup>7</sup></b>	It is likely that a negative return might be expected to occur between four and six years in 20.	
<b>Risk classification</b>	High risk (Risk Band 6) <sup>7</sup>	

### Socially Responsible

In this option, underlying investment managers actively incorporate the consideration of environmental, social and governance factors in their investment decisions and also avoid companies operating in areas of high negative social impact. This option is structured for investors with an investment time horizon of at least 10 years. Annual returns may be volatile.

**Investment return objective<sup>8</sup>** CPI + 3.0%

#### Asset allocation

This option is invested in the range of 55 - 85% in growth assets (shares, certain types of property, private equity and other growth opportunities) and the balance in defensive assets (such as cash and fixed interest).

Asset class	Strategic Asset Allocation % <sup>6</sup>	Range %
Australian Equities	26	15-40
International Equities	30	20-45
Private Markets	5	0-15
Property	8	0-25
Infrastructure	9	0-20
Credit	5	0-15
Fixed Interest	14	0-40
Cash	3	0-20
<b>Min suggested time frame</b>	10 years	
<b>Summary risk level<sup>7</sup></b>	It is likely that a negative return might be expected to occur between four and six years in 20.	
<b>Risk classification</b>	High risk (Risk Band 6) <sup>7</sup>	

<sup>5</sup> The investment objectives state what each option aims to achieve and are designed to help investors with their investment decisions. The objectives have been developed having regard for the long term performance and characteristics of financial markets and taking into account expert advice provided by specialist investment advisor JANA. There is no guarantee, however that the objectives will be met. This is because financial markets are volatile and future returns may vary from returns earned in the past. Indeed, for funds with exposure to growth assets there is a material likelihood that returns may be negative in any particular year.

<sup>6</sup> Long-Term Strategic Asset Allocation (LTSAA).

<sup>7</sup> See Glossary of terms for more information about the Standard Risk Measure.

<sup>8</sup> The use of socially responsible investment criteria in the construction of an investment portfolio may not necessarily result in higher investment returns, as particular opportunities are excluded by the responsible investment process.

## 6. Investment options (continued)

### Balanced (default)

This option is structured for investors with an investment time horizon of at least 10 years. Annual returns may be volatile.

**Investment return objective<sup>5</sup>** CPI + 3.5%

#### Asset allocation

This option is invested in the range of 57 - 87% in growth assets (shares, certain types of property, private equity and other growth opportunities) and the balance in defensive assets (such as cash and fixed interest).

Asset class	Strategic Asset Allocation% <sup>6</sup>	Range %
Australian Equities	22	10-40
International Equities	33	20-45
Private Markets	5	0-15
Property	8	0-25
Infrastructure	9	0-20
Alternatives	2	0-15
Credit	5	0-20
Fixed Interest	13	0-35
Cash	3	0-20
<b>Min suggested time frame</b>	10 years	
<b>Summary risk level<sup>7</sup></b>	It is likely that a negative return might be expected to occur between four and six years in 20.	
<b>Risk classification</b>	High risk (Risk Band 6) <sup>7</sup>	

### Moderate

This option is structured for investors with an investment time horizon of at least six years. Annual returns may be volatile.

**Investment return objective<sup>5</sup>** CPI + 2.5%

#### Asset allocation

This option is invested in the range of 40 - 70% in growth assets (shares, certain types of property, private equity and other growth opportunities) and the balance in defensive assets (such as cash and fixed interest).

Asset class	Strategic Asset Allocation% <sup>6</sup>	Range %
Australian Equities	16	5-30
International Equities	24	10-35
Private Markets	2	0-15
Property	7	0-20
Infrastructure	9	0-20
Alternatives	3	0-15
Credit	7	0-20
Fixed Interest	22	0-45
Cash	10	0-20
<b>Min suggested time frame</b>	6 years	
<b>Summary risk level<sup>7</sup></b>	It is likely that a negative return might be expected to occur between three and four years in 20.	
<b>Risk classification</b>	Medium to high risk (Risk Band 5) <sup>7</sup>	

<sup>5</sup> The investment objectives state what each option aims to achieve and are designed to help investors with their investment decisions. The objectives have been developed having regard for the long term performance and characteristics of financial markets and taking into account expert advice provided by specialist investment advisor JANA. There is no guarantee, however that the objectives will be met. This is because financial markets are volatile and future returns may vary from returns earned in the past. Indeed, for funds with exposure to growth assets there is a material likelihood that returns may be negative in any particular year.

<sup>6</sup> Long-Term Strategic Asset Allocation (LTSAA).

<sup>7</sup> See Glossary of terms for more information about the Standard Risk Measure.

## 6. Investment options (continued)

### Stable

This option is structured for investors with an investment time horizon of at least four years. Annual returns may be volatile.

**Investment return objective<sup>5</sup>** CPI + 1.5%

#### Asset allocation

This option is invested in the range of 25 - 55% in growth assets (shares and certain types of property) and the balance in defensive assets (such as cash and fixed interest).

Asset class	Strategic Asset Allocation <sup>6</sup>	Range %
Australian Equities	9	0-20
International Equities	15	5-25
Private Markets	2	0-15
Property	7	0-20
Infrastructure	10	0-20
Alternatives	4	0-15
Credit	7	0-20
Fixed Interest	32	10-55
Cash	14	0-25
<b>Min suggested time frame</b>	4 years	
<b>Summary risk level<sup>7</sup></b>	It is likely that a negative return might be expected to occur between two and three years in 20.	
<b>Risk classification</b>	Medium risk (Risk Band 4) <sup>7</sup>	

### Capital Defensive

This option is structured for investors with an investment time horizon of at least two years. Annual returns may be volatile.

**Investment return objective<sup>5</sup>** CPI + 0.5%

#### Asset allocation

This option is invested in the range of 10 - 40% in growth assets (shares and certain types of property) and the balance in defensive assets (such as cash and fixed interest).

Asset class	Strategic Asset Allocation <sup>6</sup>	Range %
Australian Equities	5	0-15
International Equities	7	0-20
Private Markets	1	0-15
Property	6	0-20
Infrastructure	11	0-25
Alternatives	4	0-15
Credit	3	0-15
Fixed Interest	45	25-65
Cash	18	0-30
<b>Min suggested time frame</b>	2 years	
<b>Summary risk level<sup>7</sup></b>	It is likely that a negative return might be expected to occur between 0.5 and one year in 20.	
<b>Risk classification</b>	Low risk (Risk Band 2) <sup>7</sup>	

### Cash

An investment for investors with a low risk tolerance.

**Investment return objective<sup>5</sup>** RBA cash rate

#### Asset allocation

This option is invested in 100% Cash.

Asset class	Strategic Asset Allocation <sup>6</sup>
Cash	100
<b>Min suggested time frame</b>	0 years
<b>Summary risk level<sup>7</sup></b>	It is likely that a negative return might be expected to occur less than 0.5 years in 20.
<b>Risk classification</b>	Very low risk (Risk Band 1) <sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Long-Term Strategic Asset Allocation (LTSAA).

<sup>7</sup> See Glossary of terms for more information about the Standard Risk Measure.

## 7. Investment switches

The Super SA Board may add, close, or make changes to investment options at any time following consultation with Funds SA. Super SA will notify you of any significant change.

### Switching options

It's important to do your homework before changing or switching investment options.

Your super is automatically invested in the default investment option – Balanced – where it remains unless you make a switch.

You can switch your super balance to a different investment option, or you can invest in any combination of the seven available investment options, providing the total is equal to 100%.

To switch your investment option, visit our online member portal at [supersa.sa.gov.au](https://supersa.sa.gov.au).

### 🕒 Switching timeframes

The unit price applied to a switch will represent the market value of an investment option calculated as at the end of the business day on which the switch is received.

A request to switch your current super balance received before 5pm on a business day will generally be processed on the second business day following the date of receipt. No additional investment switches can be requested until the previous investment switch has been completed. Check the Super SA website for any variation to this.

If you change your mind and wish to stop an investment switch going ahead you will need to let us know in writing by 5pm on the day that your switch is lodged otherwise it will proceed.

You can also choose to invest your future deposits across any combination of the available investment options, providing the total is equal to 100%. This is called redirecting future deposits.

A switch made to future deposits will take effect from the time it is processed.

### Other things you need to know when you switch:

- If you switch from one investment option to another, the unit price applied to the switch could be higher or lower than the current unit price of both the option you're currently invested in and your new investment option.
- No additional investment switches can be requested until the previous investment switch has been completed.
- There is no switch fee to change your investment options.

### Rebalancing

If you choose to invest percentages of your super across more than one investment option for your current account balance or future deposits, it's important to be aware that the percentage allocations will change over time, even if you do nothing.

This happens because investment returns in each investment option can increase or decrease depending on market fluctuations, so the allocation of your total account balance will change from the initial percentage breakdown you nominated.

If you want to maintain the percentage allocations that you've nominated, you can rebalance your account at any time.

Because rebalancing does not happen automatically, to rebalance your super to once again match the percentage allocations you originally requested, you can visit our online member portal.

### Variations to switching

Where it is not possible to arrive at appropriate unit prices for a given day, or where the Super SA Board (or its delegate) ("Super SA") determines that there is a significant change in investment markets and the unit prices do not reflect the underlying values of the investment markets, Super SA may suspend unit pricing.

Where unit prices are suspended, all pending transactions will be suspended, and they will not be completed until Super SA determines to lift the suspension.

The unit price applied to any suspended transactions will be the first unit price approved immediately after the suspension is lifted. During the suspension period, Super SA may determine that some urgent transactions will be processed using the last available approved unit price.

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## 8. Additional information

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### General information and financial advice

Getting good financial planning advice is an essential part of making the right investment choices. As a Triple S member, you have the option of calling Super SA's Member Services team for general information, or for personal financial planning advice, speaking with a professional financial planner.

### Member Services

Member Services is a good place to start when you're looking for ways to make the most of your investment in super.

Member Services can't give you personal financial advice but can help you make informed decisions about your super, like explaining the investment options available to you and resources to help you choose an investment option.

To speak to our Member Services team, call (08) 8214 7800.

### Member Education team

Super SA's Member Education team are a dedicated team whose sole purpose is to educate Super SA members and agencies. The Member Education team regularly release articles and videos to keep you up to date. Super SA members gain access to online and in-person seminars which explain the complex superannuation landscape in easy to understand sessions. Super SA understands that sometimes it's easier for us to come to you, so we facilitate worksite visits which can range from a one off seminar to a complete series. To book one of Super SA's highly experienced and qualified Member Education team members please contact [superbookings@sa.gov.au](mailto:superbookings@sa.gov.au).

### Personal financial planning advice

You are encouraged to seek professional advice in relation to your financial planning needs.

### Disclaimer

The information in this document is intended to help you understand your entitlements in Triple S. Super SA does its best to make sure the information is accurate and up to date. However, you need to be aware that it may not include all the technical details relevant to the topic. For the complete rules of Triple S, please refer to the *Southern State Superannuation Act 2009* and *Southern State Superannuation Regulations 2009*. The Act and accompanying Regulations set out the rules under which Triple S is administered and entitlements are paid. You can access a copy from the Super SA website.

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## 9. Glossary of terms

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Now let's look at some important investment terms and their meanings:

### **Asset classes**

These are the types of investments that make up the option(s) your super is invested in. Each asset class has its own particular risk and return characteristics.

### **Business day**

A South Australian business day, which excludes South Australian public holidays.

### **Consumer Price Index (CPI)**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of household inflation and includes statistics about price change for categories of household expenditure.

### **Investment return objective**

The investment objectives state what each option aims to achieve. Unfortunately, there are no guarantees with investing so the objective should only be used as a guide when making a decision about your investments. Each of Super SA's investment options has a different investment objective expressed over a particular investment time horizon.

The investment objective is expressed as a target return above the CPI rate, except in the case of Cash. For the Cash option the target return is the Reserve Bank of Australia cash rate.

### **Investment time horizon**

This is the expected length of time it may take for an investment option to achieve its investment objective with a reasonable likelihood.

### **Return**

This is the amount of money your super earns. Returns may not always be positive. Depending on a number of factors, your investment can sometimes go down in value, just as it can go up.

### **Risk and volatility**

This is the possibility that your super may fall in value or earn less than you expected. All investing involves trade-offs between risk and return. Typically the more risk, the higher the potential returns. The less risk, the lower the potential returns. There is also a risk that your super may fall in value, earn less than expected or experience a negative return.

Volatility relates to fluctuations in returns. For riskier investment options, returns may fluctuate greatly.

### **Standard risk measure<sup>9</sup>**

This is a measure of risk that allows members to compare investment options. The risk measure expresses risk as the number of negative annual returns likely over any 20 year period.

<sup>9</sup> The Standard Risk Measure is based on industry guidance to allow members to compare investment options that are expected to deliver a similar number of negative annual returns over any twenty year period. The Standard Risk Measure is not a complete assessment of all forms of investment risk, for instance, it does not detail the likely size of a negative return or the potential for a positive return less than a member may require to meet their financial goals. It also does not take into account the impact of administration fees and tax on a negative return. Members should ensure they are comfortable with the risks and potential losses associated with chosen investment options.



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