

Pendal Multi-Asset Target Return Fund

Multi-Asset Strategies

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About the Fund

The Pendal Multi-Asset Target Return Fund (**Fund**) is an actively managed multi-asset class portfolio that invests in Australian and international shares, Australian and international listed property securities, Australian and international fixed interest, cash and alternative investments.

Investment Return Objective

The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) of Australian CPI[^] plus 5% per annum over rolling five year periods. The suggested investment timeframe is 5 years or more.

The Fund benchmark is the Australian Consumer Price Index.

Description of Fund

The Fund is designed for investors who are seeking a return that exceeds inflation, diversification across a broad range of asset classes and are prepared to accept some variability of returns.

The Fund aims to generate its returns by investing in shares, listed property securities, fixed interest and alternative investments, both in Australia and globally. To gain its exposure to these asset classes the Fund may invest in shares, bonds, derivatives, unit trusts, exchange traded funds, and listed investment companies/trusts. The Fund will not invest in illiquid assets such as direct property or direct infrastructure.

The Fund's asset allocation is dynamically managed by Pendal, based on an assessment of market valuations, the market/economic cycle and technical indicators. Pendal also seeks to add value and/or reduce risk by employing other strategies such as tactical trades that seek to take advantage of shorter term market dislocations and relative value strategies that focus on mispricing between similar types of financial assets.

Investment Team

The Fund is managed by Michael Blayney who has more than 21 year's industry experience and leads the multi asset investments team at Pendal. The team has a diverse skill set; combining a range of global and domestic market experience and drawing on the resources of Pendal's other specialist teams.

Risks

An investment in the Fund involves risk, including:

- **Market risk** - The risk associated with factors that can influence the direction and volatility of an overall market, as opposed to security-specific risks. These factors can affect one country or a number of countries.
- **International investments risk** – The risk arising from political and economic uncertainties, interest rate movements and differences in regulatory supervision associated with international investments.
- **Currency risk** - Currency exchange rate fluctuation risk arising from investing across multiple countries.
- **Credit risk** - The risk of an issuing entity defaulting on its obligation to pay interest/principal when due.
- **Liquidity risk** - The risk that an asset may not be converted to cash in a timely manner.
- **Derivative risk** - The risk that the Fund makes substantial losses or has volatile returns through the use of derivatives.
- **Counterparty risk** - The risk of another party to a transaction failing to meet its obligations.

Please read the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement (**PDS**) for a detailed explanation of each of these risks.

Performance

(%)	Total Returns		Benchmark Return
	(post-fee)	(pre-fee)	
1 month	0.63	0.70	0.13
3 months	1.38	1.58	0.40
6 months	2.21	2.62	1.01
1 year	3.12	3.93	1.88
Since Inception (pa)	3.02	3.83	1.80

Asset Allocation (as at 30 September 2019)

Australian shares	2.0%
International shares	22.6%
Australian fixed interest	3.3%
International fixed interest	23.8%
Australian property securities	0.0%
International property securities	1.8%
Alternative investments	5.1%
Cash	41.4%

Investment Guidelines

Asset allocation ranges (%)	Ranges	
	Min	Max
Australian shares	0	30
International shares	0	50
Australian and International property securities	0	20
Fixed interest	0	100
Alternative investments	0	30
Cash	0	100

Other Information

Fund size (as at 30 Sept 2019)	\$126 million
Date of inception	April 2018
Minimum investment	\$25,000
Buy-sell spread ¹	0.24% (0.12%/0.12%)
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
APIR code	PDL3383AU

¹ The buy-sell spread represents transaction costs incurred whenever you invest or withdraw funds, and may vary from time to time without notice.

Management Costs²

Issuer fee ³	0.78% pa
Estimated indirect costs ⁴	0.04% pa

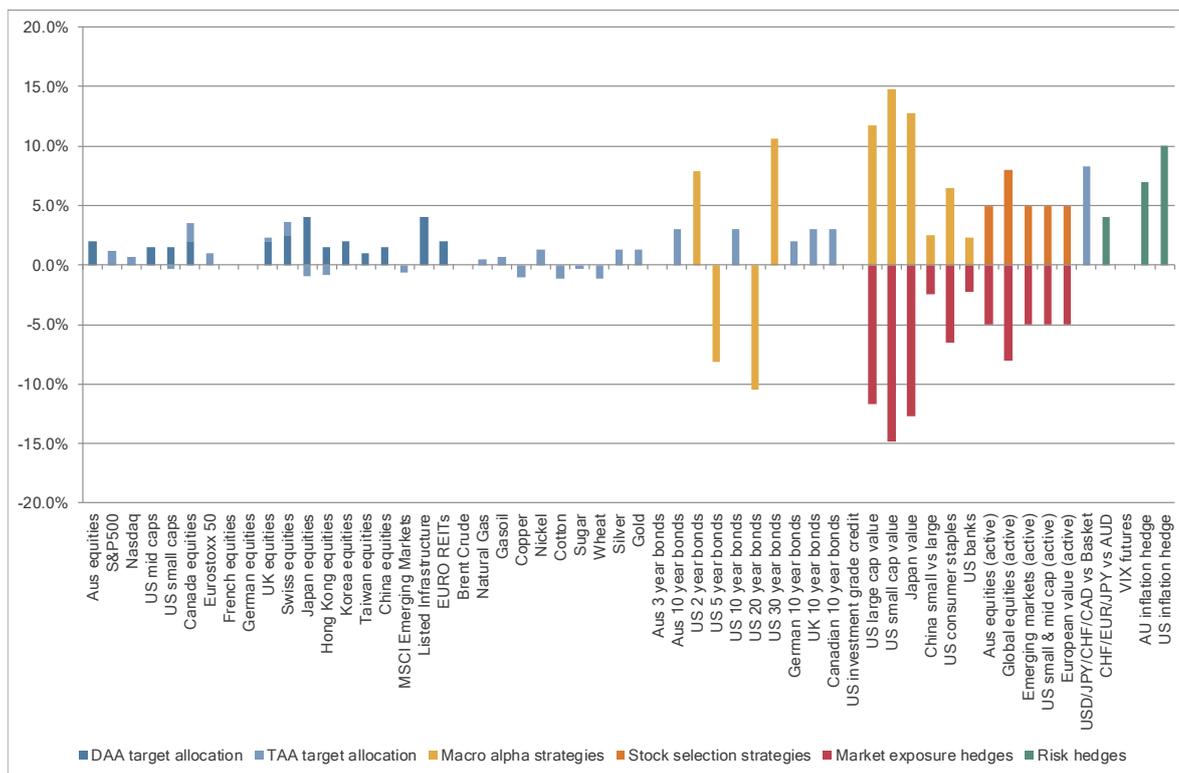
² You should refer to the latest Product Disclosure Statement for full details of fees and other costs you may be charged.

³ This is the fee we charge for overseeing the operations of the Fund and managing the assets of the Fund. The Issuer fee is paid from the assets of the Fund and is reflected in the unit price of your investment.

⁴ This is an estimate of the last financial year's indirect costs. These are reflected in the unit price of the Fund and are not charged to you as a fee or retained by us.

[^]Australian CPI or Australian Consumer Price Index means the All groups Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

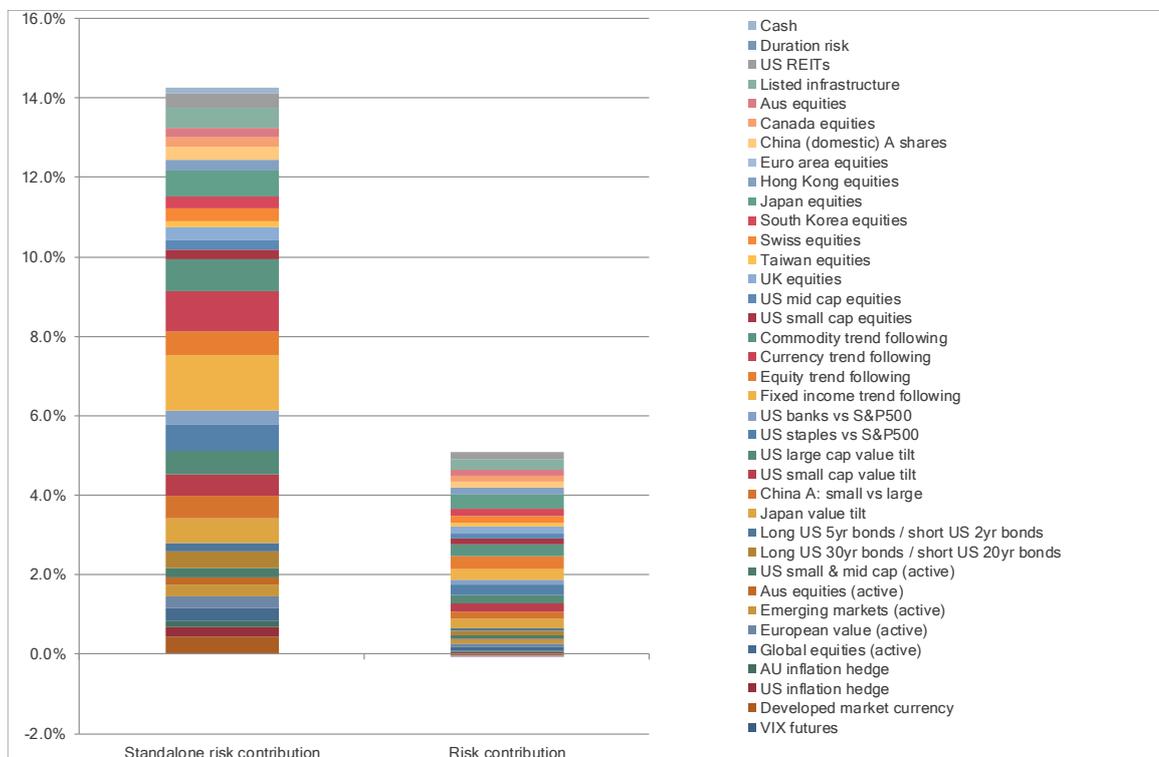
Asset Allocation (as at 30 September 2019)



This chart above illustrates the target portfolio weights as at the date shown. Actual weightings may differ from these due to market movements, cash flows and other factors.

Bond futures effective exposure is shown on the basis of 10 year equivalents. i.e. In the above chart, the allocations from 'Aus 3 year bonds' through to 'US 20 year bonds' have been adjusted based on the ratio of the modified duration of the bond future in question to the modified duration of the 10 year bond future in that market. This is to ensure greater consistency in how the exposures from bond futures are shown in the chart across instruments with different maturities.

Risk Allocation (as at 30 September 2019)



The risk allocations in the chart above are intended to provide an indication of both the total risk taken in respect of the portfolio at a point in time, and how this is divided up among the different positions held within the portfolio. The total of the "risk contribution" bar represents the expected (forward looking) standard deviation of annual returns for the portfolio, based on the target portfolio weights shown. The "standalone risk contribution" for each position shows the level of volatility when the position is considered in isolation; whereas the "risk contribution" for each position puts this into the context of a total portfolio, allowing for the benefits of diversification.

The risk allocations shown in the chart above are based on the target portfolio weights for the date shown, and use proprietary, forward looking, standard deviation and correlation assumptions for each position in the portfolio, which are based on a combination of historical market returns, finance theory and professional judgement.

The standalone risk contribution for each position is calculated by taking the expected standard deviation of returns for the exposure in question multiplied by its target weighting in the portfolio. It does not allow for diversification benefits from investing in multiple asset classes / positions – this is however allowed for in the risk contribution column.

The risk contribution from each position is calculated as the total expected portfolio standard deviation of returns multiplied by the proportionate contribution to this from the position in question, taking into account its weighting in the portfolio, its own expected standard deviation of returns and its correlation to every other position in the portfolio. This is presented by way of illustration only, and is not intended to provide any guarantee as to the future performance of any asset class or strategy.

Fund manager's commentary

Over September, the Fund returned 0.6%, bringing the return over one year to 3.1% net of fees.

The portfolio's approach to investing combines active asset allocation, uncorrelated "alpha" and tactical risk hedging in pursuit of its dual return and risk objectives. The active asset allocation approach combines a value-oriented approach to its asset allocation, seeking exposure to well-valued assets (dynamic asset allocation) with quantitative trend following strategies across equities, fixed income, commodities and currencies.

"Uncorrelated alpha" refers to strategies that seek to enhance returns without materially increasing the portfolio's overall exposure to equity or fixed income market risk. Alpha generation focuses on macro alpha (relative value) strategies that seek to exploit relative mis-pricings between similar classes of assets; and also incorporates stock selection alpha (currently predominantly fundamental stock picking strategies with the corresponding market exposure hedged out via futures).

Dynamic asset allocation

Equity markets were generally up over the month, with Japan and Korea performing particularly strongly, which helped returns. While bond yields rose over the month, the portfolio's exposure to US investment grade credit added moderate value, but has now been exited as the risk/reward trade off in credit is no longer favourable, with spreads on offer providing only limited compensation for default and liquidity risk and mark to market volatility.

During the month we also liquidated our position in US REITs and initiated a position in Eurozone REITs. US REITs have risen strongly since we purchased them in January, while many REITs in the Eurozone now trade at a meaningful discount to net asset value with dividend yields of circa 6% offering compelling value relative to their underlying risk.

Trend following strategies

Unlike last month where trend outperformed, this month trend following strategies struggled. This was particularly the case in commodities where volatility associated with the drone attack on Saudi oil facilities caused a sudden spike in prices, followed by a reversal over the following couple of weeks. Trend following strategies generally perform best in an environment of steadily rising or falling prices, but can suffer during short-lived bouts of market volatility.

Trend following in fixed income also struggled, as yields rose over the month – however since inception trend following in fixed income has been one of our most profitable strategies.

Macro alpha (relative value)

Over the month value style stocks (stocks that trade on lower than market multiples on traditional valuation ratios such as price to earnings, price to book value, price to cash flow etc) outperformed. Value stocks have underperformed considerably over the last few years, and we have been steadily increasing exposure to value stocks (with the corresponding broad market exposure hedged out)

as relative valuations have progressively reached more extreme levels. This reversal was sudden and large, highlighting both the difficulty in predicting exact turning points in relative performance, but also the relative return potential from this unloved component of the market. Overall relative value strategies added over 100 basis points (1%) to portfolio returns over the month. In spite of this, value stocks still remain extremely cheap in a number of markets, and we are maintaining exposure to this theme.

Stock selection

Stock selection detracted value over the month, with the European Concentrated Value strategy the main detractor, and the other stock selection strategies across offshore and Australian equities also underperforming slightly.

Risk hedges

In our "risk hedges" sleeves we held a mixture of defensive foreign currency exposure (as the Australian dollar tends to fall in times of crisis, making this a good diversifier), tactical long volatility exposure via futures on the VIX Index, and strategic inflation hedges. Over the month all three of these strategies were fairly flat, detracting value slightly in aggregate.

Overall Portfolio Strategy

Looking forward, we continue to hold equity exposure focused on the markets offering the most compelling value (primarily in Asia and non-EMU Europe), no exposure to credit assets given relatively tight spreads, and a range of diversifying assets and "alpha" opportunities (relative value and active management within individual categories of equities). In particular, in response to both the low yield environment, and the compelling opportunity in value stocks mentioned in the previous paragraph, we maintain a significant exposure to these relative value positions. Overall we believe this positioning represents a sensible balance between return seeking and downside risk management, consistent with the portfolio's objectives.

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