Fund Summary

OptiMix Property Securities

OneAnswer Frontier Personal Super

30 November 2023

Fund details

Investment managerOptiMixFund codeMMF1792AUAsset typeReal Estate / Listed

Region Australia

Fund size \$7.96 million as at 30 Nov 2023

Commencement date 15 Nov 2010

Distributions Retained

Investment objective

This fund aims to achieve returns (before fees, charges and taxes) that exceed the S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT Total Return Index, over periods of five years or more.

Investment strategy

The fund invests predominantly in a diversified portfolio of Australian property securities through a mix of managers. The fund is actively managed in accordance with the OptiMix Multimanager investment process.

Minimum time horizon

5 years

Standard Risk Measure*

The Standard Risk Measure (SRM) is based on industry guidance to allow investors to compare funds that are expected to deliver a similar number of negative annual returns over any 20 year period. The SRM for this fund is shown below:



Country allocation



Fund performance As at 30 Nov 2023

	1 mth %	3 mth %	1 yr %	3 yr % pa	5 yr % pa	7 yr % pa	10 yr % pa
Total Return †	9.92	-3.21	1.65	2.46	2.69	3.06	7.15
Benchmark ‡	10.93	-4.48	0.70	2.35	4.48	5.30	8.10
Excess Return	-1.01	1.27	0.95	0.12	-1.79	-2.25	-0.95
Risk (1 Std Dev)	-	-	18.46	17.57	23.61	20.49	18.24
Tracking Error	-	-	2.92	4.28	3.86	3.39	3.72
Info. Ratio	-	-	0.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.7	-0.3

Calendar year returns	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	
Total Return †	4.85	-14.94	19.99	-9.44	16.30	
Benchmark ‡	4.94	-20.06	27.03	-3.96	19.57	
Excess Return	-0.09	5.11	-7.04	-5.48	-3.26	

Growth of \$50,000 invested since fund inception



Top 10 holdings

Security	% of fund
GOODMAN GROUP	17.10%
SCENTRE GROUP	8.30%
STOCKLAND	4.99%
VICINITY CENTRES	4.19%
MIRVAC GROUP	3.75%
DEXUS	3.38%
GPT GROUP	3.30%
CHARTER HALL GROUP	2.90%
UNIBAIL-RODAMCO-WESTFIELD	2.60%
CARINDALE PROPERTY TRUST	1.93%
Total Top 10	52.46%

^{*} For further information on Standard Risk Measures and the calculation methodology used, go to onepath.com.au/personal/performance/product-updates.aspx

[‡] Benchmark returns should be used for indicative purposes only. These returns may not be a true indication of this Fund's performance against its investment objective.



[†] Returns quoted use the unit price which is calculated using the net asset values for the relevant month end. The prices shown may differ from the actual unit price if an investor is applying for or redeeming an investment. Actual unit prices will be confirmed following any transaction on an investor's investment. Please note that all returns are after the deduction of management fees and expenses and assumes all distributions are re-invested. Where applicable, management fees have been deducted at the highest entry fee option rate. No allowance has been made for entry or exit fees.

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Market and portfolio review

Following the stellar performance in November AREITs continued a strong rally into year end. This was assisted by Federal Reserve Commentary indicating that they envisage three 25 bps rate cuts over the course of 2024. Thisfollowed the most recent CPI figures in bthe US being below expectations. There has been increasing expectations of rate cuts into 2024. As a consequence, bonds have rallied with the Australian 10-year nominal bond declining, this provides a positive backdrop for REIT sector performance. REITs have been an asset class that has been most adversely impacted from rising real bond yields as well as short term rates and consequently is transpiring to be a beneficiary of this shift.

Future investment strategy

While the US equity market in October was concerned that the economy was running too strongly and that another rate rise might be needed to tame inflation, a softer-than-expected inflation figure in November reversed that view and the market is now seemingly reassured that the economy is cooling meaningfully. The most recent quarter's reported earnings did surprise positively across most sectors, but full year earnings were largely unchanged. Has the Fed managed to engineer a slower economy without triggering a recession? Time will tell, although history suggests that soft landings have been rare once the slowdown has begun, especially when accompanied by a period of material and rapid rate tightening such as we have seen over the last year and a half. We would expect the earnings resilience the US has seen to date to be more significantly tested in 2024. At home, a more cautious tone about getting inflation under control was set by Michele Bullock, Australia's new Reserve Bank Governor, underscored by a further rate hike on Melbourne Cup Day. Although inflation here too has slowed, the Governor subsequently expressed concerns that Australia inflation is becoming more homegrown rather than being due to global supply chains as had largely been the case previously: demand is simply still higher than supply, especially for Services. Given the lack of spare capacity in the economy, a more meaningful demand slowdown will be required. Lower bond yields triggered another sharp rotation during November, with interest rate sensitive names outperforming. The equity market has more recently chosen to look across the valley of lower earnings, taking the view that we are at or close to peak rates, and that the odds of a recession here is discounted. Given the Governor's comments and the steep tightening to date, this appears somewhat optimistic to us. Earnings trends don't support this sector rotation. Property and Health Care companies for example, which were the two best performing sectors in November, are still experiencing negative earnings revisions in aggregate. From a Retail perspective, Black Friday sales appear to have been strong. However, this seems to have been largely driven by consumers seeking savings in this high cost of living environment likely pulling forward Christmas sales. For the whole of 2023, retail sales look to be flat to slightly positive, which is the weakest for some years. While there is no consumer recession so far, clearly some consumer segments are adjusting their spending patterns, leading to an uneven outlook.

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