### **EDUCATION BOND FUND FACTS**

# FUTURITY MANAGED & BLENDED - BALANCED (Futurity Investment Group)

Underlying managed fund: Invests into select underlying managed funds from the following approved manager list

• MFS

• MLC

AllianceBernsteinAustralian Ethical

Charter Hall

- First Sentier
- Investors Mutual Limited
- JANA Investment Advisors
- Lazard Asset Management
- Perpetual
- PIMCO
- Realindex
- Resolution Capital
- State Street Global Advisors
- Vanguard

Fund Code	FM1	Inception date	11 June 2020 1.23%	
Futurity APIR Code	FIG3094AU	Total Management Fee <sup>1</sup>		
Category	Diversified	Buy/Sell Spread	0.15% / 0.15%	
Investment Style Active		Suggested Minimum	Five to seven years	
Asset Allocation		Investment Time <sup>2</sup>		
<ul> <li>Aust. Equities</li> <li>International Equities</li> <li>Emerging Markets Equities</li> <li>Unlisted Property</li> <li>Unlisted Infrastructure</li> <li>Cash</li> <li>Aust. Fixed Income</li> <li>Aust. Inflation Linked Bonds</li> <li>International Fixed Income</li> </ul>	12.8% 16.3% 2.9% 6.5% 6.5% 15.0% 20.0% 10.0%	Investment Risk Rating* Medium – 4	LOW TO Medium to high	

# Investment Objective, Strategy and Benchmark

To outperform (before fees and tax) the Investment Option's Performance Benchmark - an absolute return benchmark based on expected returns of a mix of market indices relevant to the Option's long-term strategic asset allocation. It invests into multiple UMFs and/or directly in Authorised Investments to have a balanced portfolio.

## **ABOUT THE INVESTMENT MANAGER**

## **Futurity Investment Group**

Futurity is an independent and mutually structured financial institution and Australia's leading issuer of tax-effective, life-event Education Bonds.



As at 30 June 2023, Futurity had total assets of A\$1.01 billion. Futurity currently has over 50,000 members and for over almost 50 years we have been managing and investing their education savings and investments. Since inception in 1974, we have supported the education journeys of over 570,000 children and returned over A\$3.8 billion in education benefits.

Our experience and expertise in managing our members' funds has focussed on multi-asset investment portfolios. Our constant aim is to ensure they are prudently managed to meet the investment outcomes, in a risk adjusted manner, of our members and to protect capital in down markets.

Futurity is an APRA supervised financial institution. We have considerable financial strength and capital reserves that underpin our resilience to meet product, administration and service commitments to our members over the long-term and across changing investment and economic cycles.

<sup>1.</sup> Total Management Fees is provided on an after-taxation basis and comprised of the Futurity Management Fees and UMF Investment Fees (includes the estimated UMF indirect costs) – see 'Fees and Other Costs' – Part A of PDS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Longer investment timeframes maximise the benefits of investment compounding, especially for medium and higher taxed investors doing this under an Education Bond's Tax-Paid investment structure. Education Bonds also have an 'Investment Bond 10-Year Advantage' meaning the benefits of Tax-Free access to your Bond after 10 years from its Commencement Date, subject to certain conditions as explained in Part A of our PDS.

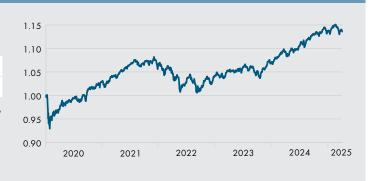
<sup>\*</sup> Performance is measured by Investment Option price movements (after Tax and Management fees). It is quoted using the sell (exit) price and is net of all portfolio taxes, management fees, and fund expenses, however does not take into account any stamp duty, transaction costs and management fee rebates. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

# **PERFORMANCE HISTORY**

# Futurity Managed & Blended – Balanced at 31 March 2025<sup>3</sup>

1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs
-0.85%	0.06%	0.37%	3.39%	4.11%	2.32%	2.47%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Other costs relating to the operation of the Investment Option can be charged directly to the Investment Option or reimbursed to Futurity if paid by the Management Fund e.g. acquisition, disposal, valuation and transaction costs, such as brokerage, state duty, insurance, custody, as well as auditor, actuary and legal fees. They are reflected in the Unit Price and capped to a maximum of 0.1% pa, with any excess absorbed by the Management Fund.



### **GENERAL MARKET UPDATE**

Over the March 2025 quarter Global Developed Equities experienced notable declines due to uncertainty over US trade policies and recession risks. The MSCI ex Australia index dropped 2.6% hedged to AUD and 2.4% unhedged to AUD for the March 2025 quarter, with US markets particularly affected by new tariffs. The impact of tariffs is expected to weigh heavily on equity markets. Australian Equities also saw a decline, with the ASX 200 down 2.8% over the quarter. Despite positive inflation news and a consumer-friendly budget, the market struggled due to global trade uncertainties. Emerging Markets performed relatively well, with India, Brazil, and China leading gains. The MSCI Emerging Markets index rose 2.3% for the quarter, supported by a weaker USD and stabilising Chinese growth.

Global Fixed Interest markets saw a shift in sentiment over the quarter due to aggressive US tariff threats. US bond yields fluctuated, ending the quarter at 4.23%. German bond yields rose sharply, reflecting increased fiscal spending. Australian Fixed Interest benefited from declining inflation and concerns over tariffs, with markets projecting multiple rate cuts. The Bloomberg AusBond Composite index rose 1.3% over the quarter.

Commodities saw significant price movements, with gold reaching a high of \$3,133 an ounce in March 2025 before easing.

Currencies experienced volatility, with the USD weakening due to recession risks. The euro and yen strengthened, while the AUD rose against the USD but fell below 60 cents in early April.

## **STAY IN TOUCH**

A copy of the PDS is available on the website. We also have a range of information on our website for you to access including:

- Cost of education calculator
- Financial Adviser calculator
- Market Insights

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