

### **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

 AllianceBernstein Australian Ethical

Charter Hall

- First Sentier
- Investors Mutual Limited
- JANA Investment Advisors
- Lazard Asset Management
- MFS
- MLC

- Perpetual
- PIMCO
- Realindex
- Resolution Capital
- State Street Global Advisors
- Vanguard

Fund Code	FM1	Inception date	11 June 2020	
Futurity APIR Code	FIG3094AU	Total Management Fee <sup>1</sup>	1.23%	
<b>Category</b> 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	ow to Medium to high 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 2025, Futurity had total Funds Under Management of A\$1.02 billion. Futurity currently has over 46,000 members and for more than 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 576,600 children and returned over A\$3.97 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 30 September 2025<sup>3</sup>

1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs	5 Yrs
0.27%	1.77%	4.17%	4.56%	6.24%	5.56%	2.69%	3.67%

<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**

Risk assets performed well in the September 2025 quarter, buoyed by the US Federal Reserve's first interest rate cut of the year and resilient global economic data despite policy uncertainty and geopolitical risks. US growth remained robust, despite the impact of tariffs. However, inflation proved sticky, rising in the UK and Australia, perhaps signalling the end of global rate-cutting cycles.

Developed market equities rallied, led by Hong Kong's Hang Seng (+7.1%) and Japan's Nikkei (+5.2%). US markets hit record highs, driven by AI optimism and the US Federal Reserve's 25bps cut to 4.25%, lifting the S&P 500 by 3.6%. Conversely, Australia's ASX 200 fell 1.4% as inflation surprised on the upside, forcing the Reserve Bank of Australia held interest rates at 3.60%, erasing expectations of cuts.

Credit markets stayed strong, with spreads near record lows. Australian credit remains supported with households remaining resilient, supported by rising real wages, falling mortgage rates, and tax relief.

Australian bonds weakened as CPI jumped to 3.0% year on year in August 2025, ending hopes of a Reserve Bank of Australia interest rate easing in the quarter. Two-year yields rose 15bps to 3.48%, while 10-year yields edged up to 4.29%. In contrast, US bonds rallied, with yields falling modestly after the US Federal Reserve's interest rate cut.

## **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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