



## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### QSUPER AN INDUSTRY LEADER IN TIMES OF VOLATILITY

QSuper’s Balanced investment option has led the industry in investment performance over the past three months of extreme volatility and is an industry leader over 1, 3, 5 and 10 years, according to research agency, SuperRatings. (Source: SuperRatings Fund Crediting Rate Survey SR50 Balanced Index)

#### Key statistics:

- QSuper’s Balanced investment option led the industry for investment performance in the March quarter.
- QSuper’s Balanced investment option was also an industry leader over the past year and decade, delivering a 12-month return of 0.44% and an average return of 7.43% over the past 10 years to March 31. The median return for balanced options was -3.5% over 12 months and 6.36% over the 10 years to March 31.

#### SuperRatings Fund Crediting Rate Survey: March 2020 – SR50 Balanced Index Table:

##### QSuper - Balanced

	Mthly Return	Quarterly Return	FYTD	Rolling 1 Year	Rolling 3 Year	Rolling 5 Year	Rolling 7 Year	Rolling 10 Year	Rolling 15 Year	Rolling 20 Year
SR50 rank	3	1	2	3	2	5	8	4	7	12
%	-7.03	-6.32	-3.05	0.44	5.25	5.43	7.60	7.43	6.80	6.49

#### Comment from QSuper CIO, Charles Woodhouse

Despite the ongoing market volatility, QSuper’s Balanced investment option finished the quarter as an industry leader in investment performance over both the short and long-term.

Superannuation is a long-term investment and it’s the long-term returns that investors should be focused on. Strong consistent returns year on year over many years are important to achieve a comfortable retirement.

QSuper’s investment strategy focuses on broad diversification with the objective that no single allocation – or single event like we are experiencing now – can terminally impact return outcomes. An investment strategy that can smooth out the impact of market volatility for members over the long-term is more important now than it has ever been post the GFC.

The reality is that short-term low or even negative returns are an expected part of a long-term investment portfolio. While super funds have posted negative returns this quarter due to the impact of the coronavirus, well diversified funds have been able to better protect their members’ retirement savings. Despite this quarter’s market volatility, QSuper is one of only three funds to post a positive investment return for the year. This is evidence of our unique investment strategy in action.



### **About QSuper**

QSuper is one of Australia's largest superannuation funds, with more than \$110 billion in funds under administration. From humble beginnings over a century ago, today we manage the retirement savings of more than 585,000 members.

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