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QSuper at top of rankings

Queensland's largest superannuation fund has emerged top of the rankings for its investment performance over the past year and near the top of the tables for the past decade.

Research agency Chant West has given the top billing to QSuper's Accumulation Account Balanced Option.

Its return over the past year has been 9.9% and it has returned an average 9.5% over the past 10 years.

This compares with median returns of 7% this year for like funds rated by Chant West and 8.8% a year for the past decade.

QSuper has been open to the public since 2017 after more than a century managing state public servants' superannuation.

Its 580,000 members include 102,000 in the education sector, another 97,000 in health and 17,000 in the police service.

Chant West said in a media statement that QSuper had executed its strategy well over this year and many years.

"QSuper, like most not-for-profit funds, has a meaningful allocation to unlisted assets such as property, infrastructure and private equity. However where its strategy for the balanced option is unique is that it further smooths out returns for members by investing significantly less in listed shares than other funds.

"Against that, it maintains a significant allocation to long duration bonds which carry sharemarket-like risk but are a better diversifier against sharemarket falls than traditional bonds."

The QSuper head of investment strategy, Mr Damian Lillicrap, said QSuper's great relative outcomes reflected contributions from a range of different asset classes.

"Most funds' balanced options are more concentrated into equities than QSuper's, and after the lows of the GFC it has been a great decade for equities, so most funds have done well.

"QSuper has done better due in part to a range of assets that it has invested into that a mum and dad investor simply can't access themselves. QSuper has had great returns from direct infrastructure, direct property and private equity, that people simply can't directly access if they are trying to manage their Super themselves via an SMSF.

“High returns are often associated with higher risk but via lowering equity weights and having a more diversified approach QSuper Balanced members have experienced considerably less risk than other high returning funds. As such members have experienced the best of both worlds, great returns and lower risk, the result of fabulous execution of a diversified investment approach that was put in place in 2011.”

Another ratings agency Super Ratings also placed QSuper Accumulation account Balanced option near the top of its charts yesterday, ranking it second over a year and sixth over 10 years.

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