

## Mercer Super Trust 2023

Mercer Easy

Supplementary Annual Report

Part three

Prepared 18 December 2023



Your Annual Report from the Mercer Super Trust consists of three parts.

Part one – Your Mercer Super Trust 2023 Annual Report - contains a general update on the Mercer Super Trust and tells you about some other changes that have been made to the Mercer Super Trust during the year to 30 June 2023.

Part two – The Investment Options Details booklet - contains information relating to the investment options available in the Corporate Superannuation Division and Allocated Pension Division. This information is not relevant to Mercer Easy members.

Part three – This 2023 Supplementary Annual Report – contains information relating to the investment options available in Mercer Easy. This includes investment performance, asset allocation, investment costs and transaction costs for these investment options for the year ended 30 June 2023.

All Parts should be read in conjunction and kept together for future reference. A reference to this Annual Report means parts one, two and three collectively unless the context requires otherwise.

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Mercer Easy Super

# Welcome to the 2023 Mercer Easy Supplementary Annual Report

Your 2023 Annual Report and 2023 Mercer Easy Supplementary Annual Report are issued by the trustee, Mercer Superannuation (Australia) Limited (MSAL).

#### **Mercer Easy key metrics**

Mercer Easy Key Metrics	
Membership numbers as at 30 June 2023	904
Assets as at 30 June 2023 <sup>^</sup>	\$52,756,411

<sup>^</sup>This figure is prepared on a cash basis. This means that it does not allow for any accruals such as outstanding contributions or benefits due as at 30 June 2023.



## **Investment information**

#### Your investment options in detail

You can choose from a range of investment options in Mercer Easy, which have different investment styles and asset classes.

Whether you prefer to leave the hard work to us or if you prefer to have some control over your investments, we have you covered.

You can create your own investment mix by choosing a combination from our range of investment options, giving you the ability to get more involved with how your funds are invested.

### See the following pages for information on each investment option:

- Super Ready-made investment options (page 3)
- Super Select-your-own investment options (pages 4 to 5)
- Pension Ready-made options (page 6)
- Pension Select-your-own investment options (pages 7 to 8).

#### **Investment Managers**

Please refer to Part 1 of the Mercer Super Trust 2023 Annual Report for a list of the investment managers that apply to the Mercer Easy investment options.

#### Notes to the investment option tables on pages 3 to 8

#### **Investment Performance**

N/A indicates that the investment option was not operating for the full period.

The investment returns shown in this Supplementary Annual Report do not take into account the unique characteristics that apply to each member (such as timing of cashflows). As a result, the actual returns applying to a particular member may vary from the investment returns shown.

Past performance should not be relied upon as an indicator of future performance. The value of an investment in the Mercer Super Trust may rise and fall from time to time. The investment performance, earnings or return of capital invested are not guaranteed.

The performance information contained in this report is as at 30 June 2023. You can obtain updated investment performance information by calling our Helpline.

#### **Expense Allowance**

The expense allowance, which forms part of your plans' administration fees and costs, for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 was 0.068%. This amount was calculated and deducted daily when unit prices were determined for each of the investment options listed in the following section.

#### **Investment Costs and Transaction Costs**

The investment and transaction costs are for the year ending 30 June 2023 and are based on the actual information available and/or reasonable estimates for that period as at the date of this report. Investment and transaction costs may vary from year to year.

Each investment option has associated investment costs that are incurred by the underlying investment vehicles into which the Mercer Super Trust invests. They may include, but are not limited to:

- · Performance Fees
- investment fees for certain asset classes, namely investments in direct/unlisted real assets, such as property, infrastructure and private debt
- any expenses charged by the underlying investment vehicles or manager of those vehicles
- over-the-counter derivative costs.

Transaction costs are the costs associated with trading to manage the investment strategy for each investment option.

Transaction costs include:

- Brokerage
- Settlement costs (including custody costs)
- Clearing costs
- Stamp duty on an investment transaction
- Buy-sell spreads less any costs recouped by the underlying investment vehicles.

No part of any transaction cost is paid to the trustee or any investment manager as a fee and such costs are not subject to GST.

#### **Asset Allocation**

N/A means that either the investment option was not open for investment or there were no monies invested in it as at 30 June of the relevant year.

## **Mercer Easy Super**

#### **Ready-made**

#### **Mercer High Growth**

#### **Objective**

To achieve a return (after tax and investment fees) that exceeds CPI increases by at least 3.5% per annum over rolling ten year periods.

**Performance** 25% 20% 12.33% 15% 10% 5% NA NA 0% 1 Year 5 Years 10 Years **Investment costs** 0.28%

**Transaction costs** 0.07%

#### **Asset Allocation**



- **32.64%** Australian Equities
- 38.84% **Global Equities**
- 17.70% Property and Infrastructure
- 35.83% Australian Equities
- **35.58%** Global Equities
- 15.83% Property and Infrastructure

- 1.06% Alternatives
- **4.01%** High Yielding Fixed Interest
- 5.75% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash
- 1.34% Alternatives
- **5.69%** High Yielding Fixed Interest
- 5.74% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

#### **Mercer Conservative Growth**

#### **Objective**

To achieve a return (after tax and investment fees) that exceeds CPI increases by at least 1.0% per annum over rolling five year periods.

**Performance** 25% 20% 15% 5.27% 5% NA NA 0% 10 Years 1 Year 5 Years

**Investment costs** 

2022

0.28%

**Transaction costs** 

0.08%

#### **Asset Allocation**



- **10.03%** Australian Equities
- 10.13% Global Equities
- 15.98% Property and Infrastructure
- 1.14% Alternatives
- 9.70% High Yielding Fixed Interest
- 53.02% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash
- 12.14% Australian **Equities** 2022
  - **7.88% Global Equities**

Infrastructure

- 12.16% Property and
- 1.33% Alternatives
- 7.36% High Yielding Fixed Interest
- 59.13% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

## **Mercer Easy Super**

#### Select-your-own

#### **Indexed Diversified Shares**

#### **Objective**

**Performance** 

16.79%

1 Year

25%

15%

10%

5%

0%

To meet the benchmark return over the medium to long term. Currently the benchmark for this option is a composite of the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index, MSCI World ex Australia (with net dividends reinvested) in Australian dollars Index and the MSCI World ex Australia (with net dividends reinvested).

**Investment costs** 

0.04%

**Transaction costs** 

0.01%

#### **Asset Allocation**



2022

49.14% Australian

Equities 50.63% **Global Equities** 

0.0% Property and Infrastructure • 0.0% Alternatives

0.0% High Yielding Fixed Interest

0.24% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

48.85% Australian Equities

50.87% Global Equities

0.0% Property and Infrastructure **0.0%** Alternatives

0.0% High Yielding Fixed Interest

0.28% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

#### **Enhanced Indexed Conservative Growth**

NA

5 Years

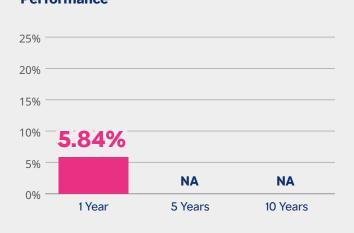
#### **Objective**

To achieve a return (after tax and investment fees) that exceeds CPI increases by at least 0.5% per annum over rolling five year periods.

**Performance** 

NA

10 Years



**Investment costs** 

0.10%

**Transaction costs** 

0.04%

#### **Asset Allocation**



**13.97%** Australian

**Equities** 16.16%

**Global Equities** 

2.00% Property and Infrastructure **0.0%** Alternatives

7.24% High Yielding Fixed Interest

60.63% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash



15.82% **Global Equities** 

Property and Infrastructure 0.0% Alternatives

6.18% High Yielding Fixed Interest

62.20% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

## **Mercer Easy Super**

#### Select-your-own

#### **Enhanced Indexed Growth**

#### **Objective**

To achieve a return (after tax and investment fees) that exceeds CPI increases by at least 2% per annum over rolling seven year periods.

**Performance** 25% 20% 15% 10.59% 10% 5% NA NA 0%

5 Years

10 Years

**Investment costs** 0.06%

**Transaction costs** 

0.03%

#### **Asset Allocation**



2022

- **29.75%** Australian Equities
- 38.20% **Global Equities**
- 4.61% Property and Infrastructure
- Alternatives **6.46%** High Yielding

• 0.0%

- Fixed Interest **20.99%** Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash
- 29.75% Australian Equities
- 36.90% **Global Equities**
- 4.91% Property and Infrastructure
- **0.0%** Alternatives
- **6.05%** High Yielding Fixed Interest
- 22.38% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

#### **Mercer Cash**

1 Year

#### **Objective**

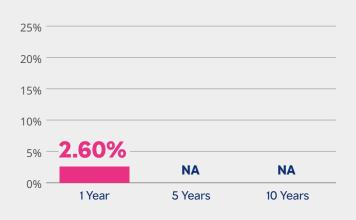
To maintain the invested capital and to achieve a return above that available on bank bills as measured by the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index on an annual basis. **Investment costs** 

0.03%

**Transaction costs** 

0.00%

#### **Performance**



#### **Asset Allocation**



2022

- 0.0% Australian Equities
- 0.0% Global Equities
- **0.0%** Property and Infrastructure
- 0.0% Australian Equities
- **0.0%** Global Equities
- Property and Infrastructure

- **0.0%** Alternatives
- **0.0%** High Yielding Fixed Interest
- 100% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash
- Alternatives 0.0%

0.0%

- High Yielding Fixed Interest
  - Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

## **Mercer Easy Pension**

#### **Ready-made**

#### **Mercer High Growth - Pension**

#### **Objective**

To achieve a return (after tax and investment fees) that exceeds CPI increases by at least 4.0% per annum over rolling ten year periods.

**Performance** 25% 20% 13.53% 15% 10% 5% NA NA 0% 1 Year 5 Years 10 Years **Investment costs** 0.27%

**Transaction costs** 0.04%

#### **Asset Allocation**



- **32.90%** Australian Equities
- 38.12% **Global Equities**
- 17.23% Property and Infrastructure
- 35.62% Australian Equities
- **35.77%** Global Equities
- 15.48% Property and Infrastructure

- 1.03%
- Alternatives
- 4.45% High Yielding Fixed Interest
- 6.27% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash
- **1.17%** Alternatives
- **5.62%** High Yielding Fixed Interest
- 6.34% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

#### **Mercer Conservative Growth - Pension**

#### **Objective**

To achieve a return (after tax and investment fees) that exceeds CPI increases by at least 1.25% per annum over rolling five year periods.

**Investment costs** 

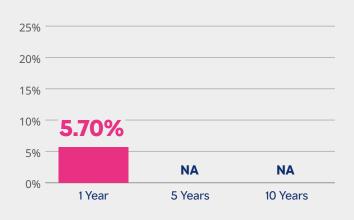
2022

0.28%

**Transaction costs** 

0.08%

#### **Performance**



#### **Asset Allocation**



- 8.18% Australian Equities
- 10.66% **Global Equities**
- 19.03% Property and Infrastructure
- 1.07% Alternatives
- 8.86% High Yielding Fixed Interest
- 52.20% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash
- 12.34% Australian **Equities** 2022
  - **7.63% Global Equities**
  - 11.69% Property and Infrastructure
- 1.44% Alternatives
- **7.51%** High Yielding Fixed Interest
- 59.39% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

## **Mercer Easy Pension**

#### Select-your-own

#### **Indexed Diversified Shares - Pension**

#### **Objective**

To meet the benchmark return over the medium to long term. Currently the benchmark for this option is a composite of the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index, MSCI World ex Australia (with net dividends reinvested) in Australian dollars Index and the MSCI World ex Australia (with net dividends reinvested).

#### **Performance**

The investment option did not have a continuous investment for the past 12 months.

#### **Investment costs**

The investment option did not hold any assets at 30 June 2023.

#### **Transaction costs**

The investment option did not hold any assets at 30 June 2023.

#### **Asset Allocation**

#### 2023

The investment option did not hold any assets at 30 June 2023.

#### 2022

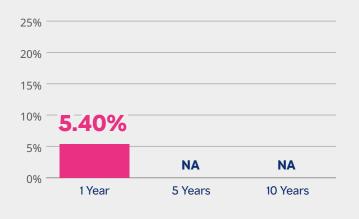
The investment option did not hold any assets at 30 June 2022.

#### **Enhanced Indexed Conservative Growth - Pension**

#### **Objective**

To achieve a return (after tax and investment fees) that exceeds CPI increases by at least 0.5% per annum over rolling five year periods.

#### **Performance**



#### **Investment costs**

0.10%

#### **Transaction costs**

0.04%

#### **Asset Allocation**

2022



13.69% Australian **Equities** 

**12.01%** 

Equities

Australian

16.19% **Global Equities** 

2.03% Property and Infrastructure

#### **0.0%** Alternatives

13.24% High Yielding Fixed Interest

58.06% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

0.0% Alternatives 6.63%

High Yielding Fixed Interest

61.46% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

## **Mercer Easy Pension**

#### Select-your-own

#### **Enhanced Indexed Growth - Pension**

#### **Objective**

To achieve a return (after tax and investment fees) that exceeds CPI increases by at least 2.5% per annum over rolling seven year periods.

Performance

25%

20%

15% 11.46%

10%

NA NA

NA

NA

1 Year 5 Years 10 Years

Investment costs 0.06%

Transaction costs
0.03%

#### **Asset Allocation**



2022

29.51%
Australian
Equities

- **38.24%** Global Equities
- 5.01% Property and Infrastructure
- Alternatives **6.49%**High Yielding

• 0.0%

- s Fixed Interest

  20.75%
  Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash
- 29.90%
  Australian
  Equities
- 0.0% Alternatives6.26%
- 37.75% High Yielding Fixed Interest
- **5.17%**Property and Infrastructure
- 20.92% Defensive Fixed Interest & Cash

#### **Mercer Cash - Pension**

#### **Objective**

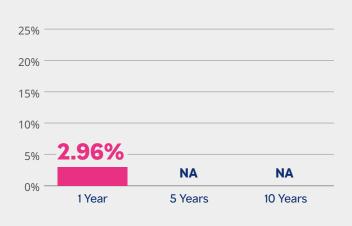
To maintain the invested capital and to achieve a return above that available on bank bills as measured by the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index on an annual basis. **Investment costs** 

0.03%

Transaction costs

0.00%

#### **Performance**



#### **Asset Allocation**



2022

- 0.0% Australian Equities
- **0.0%**Global Equities
- 0.0%

  Property and
  Infrastructure
- High Yielding
  Fixed Interest

  100%
  Defensive Fixed

**0.0%** 

**0.0%** 

Alternatives

Interest & Cash

- 0.0%
  Australian
  Equities
  - **0.0%**Global Equities
  - 0.0%

    Property and
    Infrastructure
- 0.0% Alternatives
- 0.0% High Yielding Fixed Interest
- 100%Defensive FixedInterest & Cash

## **Mercer Easy Super Financials**

#### Change in net assets to 30 June 2023

Net assets at 1 July 2022	\$37,906,215
PLUS Net investment revenue	\$1,908,130
Employer contributions*	\$921,191
Member contributions	\$183,695
Government co-contributions	\$20,037
Transfers from other fund	\$112,428
Insurance proceeds	-
Total revenue	\$3,145,481
LESS Benefits paid	\$3,710.070
Group insurance premiums	\$14,378
Contributions and surcharge tax	\$167,399
Total expenses	\$3,891,847

#### **EQUALS**

14et assets at 30 julie 2023 \$37, 139,049	Net assets at 30 June 2023	\$37,159,849
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<sup>\*</sup> Please note that the amounts shown in the table above as employer contributions include any pre-tax or salary sacrifice member contributions.

This information has been prepared on a cash basis.

The financial information contained in this Supplementary Annual Report for Mercer Easy has not been audited. This information forms part of the full financial accounts for the Mercer Super Trust in which Mercer Easy participates. You can request a copy of the Mercer Super Trust full audited accounts and the auditor's report by contacting the Helpline.

#### Statement of financial position

Investment options	at 30 June 2023	at 30 June 2022
Indexed Diversified Shares	\$339,984	\$333,843
Enhanced Indexed Growth	\$4,007,829	\$3,655,400
Enhanced Indexed Conservative Growth	\$1,198,031	\$1,361,744
Mercer Cash	\$26,058,649	\$27,050,703
Mercer High Growth	\$3,317,283	\$2,971,807
Mercer Conservative Growth	\$2,238,073	\$2,532,717
Total	\$37,159,849	\$37,906,214

## **Mercer Easy Pension Financials**

#### Change in net assets to 30 June 2023 Statement of financial position

Net assets at 1 July 2022	\$17,311,652
PLUS Net investment revenue	\$1,118,900
Transfers from previous fund	\$105
Total revenue	\$1,119,005
LESS Benefits paid	\$2,828,208
Administration fees	\$5,887
Total expenses	\$2,834,095
EQUALS	
Net assets at 30 June 2023	\$15,596,562

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Investment options	at 30 June 2023	at 30 June 2022
Mercer Cash - Pension	\$10,299,676	\$11,665,878
Mercer High Growth - Pension	\$399,248	\$373,133
Mercer Conservative Growth - Pension	\$2,323,621	\$2,503,799
Enhanced Indexed Growth - Pension	\$2,332,017	\$2,238,181
Enhanced Indexed Conservative Growth - Pension	\$242,001	\$530,661
Total	\$15,596,562	\$17,311,652

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