



INVESTMENT UPDATE

DECEMBER 2012 QUARTER

Dear Member,

Welcome to the latest Investment Update for the Nissan Superannuation Plan, keeping you up to date with what's been happening in the financial markets and how the Plan's investments and your super have performed during the December quarter.

If you have any questions about your super, please contact me on (03) 9797 4290.

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Quarter results

The Plan's **December 2012 quarter investment returns** (net of fees and taxes) for the:

- Growth option was 4.0%
- Balanced 50/50 option was 2.9%
- Cash option was 0.7%

Investment returns for the key asset classes for the quarter for:

- Australian shares was 6.7%
- International shares (hedged) was 3.6%
- International shares (unhedged) was 2.5%
- Global property (hedged) was 5.3%
- Australian fixed interest was 0.2%
- Australian cash was 0.8%

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) announced another rate cut at the start of December to 3.0%. The RBA stated the Australian economy is beginning to show signs that earlier interest rate cuts have helped ease tough economic conditions.

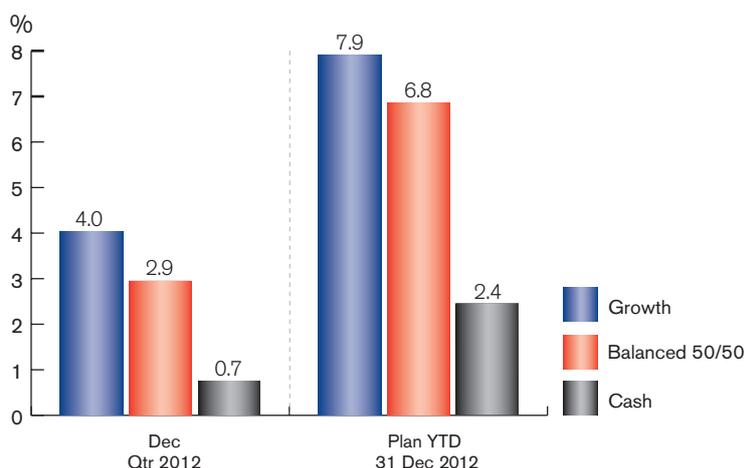
The global listed property market has produced exceptional returns over the past 12 months with the index for the sector rising by around 26%. The high return is reflective of continued interest rate cuts and the increase in investor demand for the reliable, higher returns being received from holding listed property.

The Australian share market, measured by the S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index returned 6.7% for the December quarter. This takes its 12-month return to around 19%, and has been the most promising result seen from the Australian share market for some time.

The improving returns from growth assets (i.e. shares and property) are reflected in the Plan's improved December quarter returns, particularly for the Growth option.

The graph below shows the Plan's investment returns (net of investment fees and tax) for the three investment options for the quarter ended 31 December 2012 and for the year-to-date (1 April 2012 to 31 December 2012).

Please note that past investment performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance.



Plan investment performance

Global economic growth during the December quarter showed mixed signs but ended on a positive note.

The US housing market continued to show improvement, with the National Association of Home Builders Confidence survey rising to the highest level since May 2006, suggesting signs of a solid recovery. US unemployment figures decreased over the quarter by 0.2% to 7.7% in November.

The European Central Bank kept interest rates on hold at 0.75% during the quarter following a third Greece government debt deal and concerns over the stability of the Spanish economy. Manufacturing in the Eurozone continues to be affected by weak domestic and export markets.

The focus in China during the quarter was a leadership transition, which saw a new President. Economic growth in China indicates continuing stabilisation of the economy.

Overall, international share markets delivered modest gains during the December quarter with the international share market index (hedged) rising by 2.5%.

Planning for your retirement

Retirement is a time of freedom to explore different opportunities and seek fresh challenges. It may be a time where you'd like to learn new skills, take up studies, help others or travel the world. Whatever your direction in retirement may be, it's important to plan for your whole future lifestyle, not just your finances. Planning gives you the best chance of achieving the type of lifestyle and financial security you'd like in the years ahead.

When?

Deciding when to retire

Deciding when to retire isn't as simple as just picking a date. In addition to being financially prepared, you'll also need to consider super law, such as the Government's preservation rules.

Your super must generally be retained in the superannuation system until you reach your preservation age. Your preservation age depends on when you were born, as shown in the following table:

Date of birth	Preservation age
Before 1 July 1960	55
1 July 1960 to 30 June 1961	56
1 July 1961 to 30 June 1962	57
1 July 1962 to 30 June 1963	58
1 July 1963 to 30 June 1964	59
1 July 1964 or later	60

For more information about preservation rules, or when you can access your super, contact the Plan Administrator on **1800 127 953**.

Snapshot of your retirement options

When you retire, you can choose between taking your super benefit as a pension or as a lump sum or a combination of both. You may not know your preference at this stage, so the Trustee suggests you seek advice from a licensed financial adviser – see below to find out how to find one.

If you are retiring permanently from the workforce age 60, you can choose to take your benefit as a tax-free lump sum or roll it over into an income stream product (e.g. a financial product that pays you a regular monthly income within Government limits such as an Account-Based Pension) with another complying super fund or financial institution. The Plan does not offer pension products.

If you have reached your preservation age (see above), but plan to continue working, you can also roll over your super into an Account-Based Pension under the Government's "transition to

retirement" laws. These laws allow you to access your super by drawing a monthly pension while you are still working. In this way you can supplement your employment income as you "transition" through to retirement.

If you are considering transferring all or part of your benefit out of the Plan (known as a "portability transfer") so that you can take advantage of the "transition to retirement" rules, the Trustee recommends that you speak with a licensed financial adviser. It is also helpful to contact the Plan Administrator on 1800 127 953 to understand the process for transferring money from the Plan.

If you are a Defined Benefit member, you should note that the "transition to retirement" rules only apply to your accumulation accounts that are eligible for Member Investment Choice.

How?

For more information, you should read the booklet, *Guide to your benefits*, for your membership category. You can request a copy from the Plan Administrator on **1800 127 953**.

Where?

Where to find help

If you need advice about your super, Account-Based Pensions or transition to retirement laws, you should speak to a licensed financial adviser. By taking into account your individual circumstances, they can provide options that are right for you.

The Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) is available to help you find a financial planner by referring you to one in your area. You can contact the FPA on 1300 626 393 or via their website at **www.fpa.asn.au**.

Towers Watson also has arrangements in place to help you with your financial planning. If you would like to speak with one of Towers Watson's financial advisers, contact Susan Rio on (03) 9655 5222.

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