



# BT Multi-manager Conservative Fund

December 2011



## Fund objective

The Fund aims to maximise returns above inflation with a low risk of fluctuations in capital values in the short term and provide an overall return which exceeds its benchmark over three years or more.

## Investment approach

The Multi-manager funds allow you to select a single investment option that diversifies across asset classes, investment managers and investment management styles. This diversification helps reduce overall risk and aims to improve consistency of returns by minimising the impact on overall performance resulting from any one style, asset class or manager.

## Manager selection

The BT Multi-manager funds are built, monitored and rebalanced by Advance Investment Solutions – who research, select and blend investment managers from around the world and actively manage the strategy, manager selection and performance of the funds. Advance Investment Solutions regularly meets with the investment managers and conducts an intense investigation of everything, from their investment philosophy and current market views, to how well the investment manager's team is working together or how they would react in periods of high volatility.

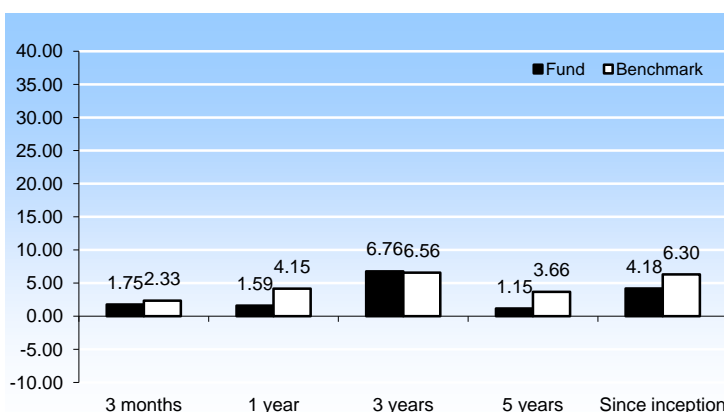
## Latest portfolio update

The Fund continued to retain a slight overweight bias towards growth assets during the quarter, with holdings in equities being modestly above neutral benchmark allocations. The performance of the Fund was below that of the benchmark return with manager selection having a negative impact on the overall performance. Over the quarter, the Australian shares slightly underperformed the benchmark. The small companies' managers outperformed, but were unable to offset the underperformance of the small cap sector relative to their large cap peers. Performance across the larger company managers was mixed as some company shares continued to decline irrespective of quality. The international shares allocation performed positively but underperformed its benchmark over the quarter. From a manager perspective, outperformance from Trilogy, AQR and MFS was unfortunately more than offset by underperformance by Tradewinds, Lazard and Schroders.

## Fund facts

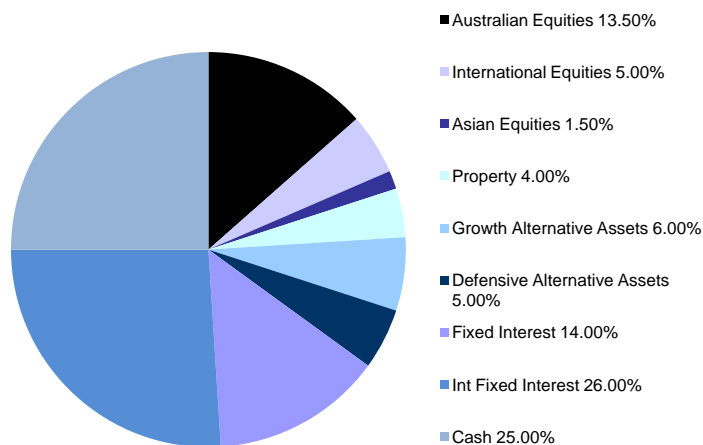
Minimum suggested investment period	3 years
Date of inception	March 2003
Risk profile	Conservative
Product size (\$m)	\$79.0
Management fee	1.54% pa
APIR code	BTA0078AU

## Performance vs benchmark (% pa)



- Investment returns are retail – net of fees.
- The benchmark for the Fund is created from a blend of indices based on the Fund's exposure to different asset classes. Details of the particular market indices used for the Fund's benchmark can be found on BT Online.

## Strategic asset allocation



Growth assets posted gains during the December quarter, despite heightened risk aversion and market nervousness. Better than expected economic data releases in the US and in leading European nations supported risk taking by return hungry investors. International and Australian bonds recorded modest gains while most yields remained low. International shares in local currency terms powered ahead whilst the strength of the Australian dollar eroded gains made on an unhedged basis.

International share markets posted strong gains in the December quarter partly offsetting losses made in the September quarter with international equities now having declined 5.0% for the last 12 months in both local currency terms and on a unhedged Australian dollar terms basis. However over the December quarter, international shares in local currency terms recorded gains of 7.9% which on an unhedged Australian dollar term basis, this index gained 2.1%. The 5.8% movement in the Australian dollar contributed to the underperformance of the unhedged Australian dollar international equities index.

The Australian equity market managed to post modest gains despite continued political, economic and sovereign debt issue concerns gripping markets. The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index gained 2.1% over the quarter, slightly underperforming the local currency global equities index whilst performing in line with the unhedged global index.

The Australian bond market posted a modest gain over the quarter as bond yields across the yield curve moved lower as investors remained risk averse and sought the safety of government bonds. The RBA cut the official cash rate twice during the quarter from 4.75% to the current 4.25%. The UBS Australian All Maturities Index posted a gain of 1.9%.

Global sovereign bond yields generally moved lower over the quarter as investors remained risk averse and preferred the relative safety of sovereign bonds. This was despite the release of positive economic data out of the US and leading European nations. The Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (Hedged) returned 2.0% over the quarter.

Australian listed property posted modest gains over the quarter, whilst hedged global listed property posted strong gains. Australian listed property was one of the better favoured sectors on the Australian bourse although investor preference was for defensive sectors within the equity market. Attractive income yield and distribution yield supported global property securities during the quarter The S&P/ASX 200 A-REIT Property Accumulation index returned 3.7%, whilst the hedged global REIT index returned 7.2% over the quarter.

Managers		
<b>Australian Equities</b>	BT Schroders Northcape Bennelong Alleron	Celeste Contango Tribeca
<b>International Equities</b>	AQR MFS Trilogy Tradewinds TT International	Wellington Schroders Lazard Mellon State Street
<b>Property</b>	Principal Global Investors European Investors Phoenix AMP Brookfield	
<b>Alternative Assets</b>	Advance Alternative Strategies/Ramius	Credit Suisse Grosvenor Kapstream
<b>Australian Fixed Interest</b>	CFS	Perennial
<b>International Fixed Interest</b>	Standish Franklin Templeton	Wellington
<b>Cash</b>	IMS BTIM	



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