

# BT Wholesale Balanced Returns Fund

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## About the Fund

The BT Wholesale Balanced Returns Fund provides investors with a diversified portfolio of Australian and international shares, Australian and international property securities, Australian and international fixed interest, cash and alternative investments. The Fund has a higher weighting towards growth assets than defensive assets.

### Fund objective

The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) that exceeds the Fund's benchmark over the medium to long term. The suggested investment timeframe is five years or more.

### Benchmark

The benchmark for the Fund is created from a blend of indices based on the Fund's exposure to different asset classes. The benchmark is calculated by using the weighted average asset allocation neutral position and the index returns for each asset class. Details of the particular market indices used for the Fund's benchmark can be found on our website at <http://www.btim.com.au/AllFunds> and clicking on your fund page.

### Investment process

The underlying investments in the BT Wholesale Balanced Returns Fund are managed by BTIM together with a number of external partners. BTIM manages investments in the asset classes of Australian shares, Australian fixed interest and cash, global fixed interest, Australian property securities and alternative investments. These investments are augmented by our arrangements with leading global investment managers who have a competitive advantage in the management of global asset classes. These include: AQR Capital Management LLC for international shares and AEW Capital Management LP for global property securities.

### Investment team

The Fund is managed by BTIM's Macro Strategies team headed by Joe Bracken who has more than 15 years industry experience. The team has a diverse skill set, combining a range of global and domestic market experience and drawing on the resources of BTIM's other specialist teams: Income Strategies and Equity Strategies.

### Investment guidelines

Asset allocation ranges (%)	Neutral Position	Ranges	
		Min	Max
Australian shares	33	23	43
International shares	18	10	30
Australian fixed interest	17	5	32
International fixed interest	7	0	20
Australian property	4	0	10
Global property	3	0	10
Alternative investments	8	0	20
Cash	10	0	20

## Performance<sup>1</sup>

(%)	Total Returns		Benchmark Return
	(post-fee)	(pre-fee)	
3 months	-4.30	-4.10	-3.66
FYDT	9.66	10.62	10.69
6 months	-3.04	-2.63	-2.29
1 year (pa)	9.66	10.62	10.69
2 years (pa)	-1.40	-0.54	0.90
3 years (pa)	-4.32	-3.48	-2.07
5 years (pa)	3.04	3.93	4.28

## Asset allocations (as at 30 June 2010)

Australian Listed Shares:	31.1%
Overseas Listed Shares:	18.6%
Australian Fixed Interest:	17.7%
Overseas Fixed Int (inc Mortgages):	7.8%
Property Trusts	4.8%
Global Listed Property	3.3%
Alternative Assets	8.3%
Australian Liquidity (< 180 days):	8.3%

## Other information

Fund size (as at 30 Jun 2010)	\$175 million
Date of inception	December 1989
Minimum investment	\$50,000
Buy-sell spread	0.31% <sup>#</sup>
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
APIR code	BTA0806AU

<sup>#</sup> The buy-sell spread represents transaction costs incurred whenever you invest or withdraw funds, and may vary from time to time without notice.

## Fees

Management fee	0.92% pa*
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\* You should refer to the latest Product Disclosure Statement for full details of fees and other costs you may be charged.

<sup>1</sup> The asset allocation neutral position, asset allocation ranges and the benchmark have changed over time. As it is historical information, the fund performance reflects the asset allocation neutral positions and ranges that have applied over time. The benchmark performance shown is that of the combined benchmarks that the fund has aimed to exceed over time.

## Market review

Increasing sovereign risk around EU countries and a weaker-than-expected economic recovery in the US and China saw investors move to defensive assets during the June quarter. Global equities fell -4.8% over the period though were down -11.2% in local dollar terms owing to the sharp depreciation of the Australian dollar against the US dollar.

The Australian sharemarket began the second quarter with positive momentum but a weak May and June saw the index lose -11.2% over the period. At a sector level, the market had varied results. Defensive sectors were strong, while cyclical sectors such as Industrials, Banks and Consumer Discretionary sectors underperformed the index. Telecom and Consumer Staples had the best relative performance in the market.

Despite falling commodity prices, anxiety about global growth and the miners' vehement opposition to the government's proposal for a Resources Super Profits Tax weighing on the sector, Resources roughly matched the market over the period (-11.0%). Meanwhile Banks (-17.1%) were affected by a lacklustre results season and concerns about funding costs.

Most bond markets were strong in the June quarter as the European fiscal crisis undermined both risk appetite and the prospects for growth in the region. The Australian 10 year bond shed 69 basis points and its US equivalent 90 bps. Meanwhile the RBA hiked rates in April and May but left rates on hold in June leaving the base rate at 4.5%.

## Fund performance

Further falls in the local and global sharemarkets outweighed positive performance in fixed interest assets and saw the portfolio register a negative return for the June quarter. The portfolio also slightly underperformed the benchmark over the period.

The largest positive contributors to active performance were international equities, global property and asset allocation, offset by negative active returns in Australian equities, the credit component of Australian fixed interest and commodities within alternative investments.

## Outlook

The risks to equity market performance appear skewed to the downside in the near term with the forward-looking economic data pointing to slowing growth in the second half of 2010. Hence, the volatility of the past quarter is expected to persist as the global economic cycle becomes increasingly unsynchronised across regions. Fiscal austerity measures in Europe are likely to be a significant drag on growth, while the US recovery appears to be slowing and China continues to engineer a slowdown in its overheating property market. Australia has enjoyed strong employment growth recently, but the domestic economic outlook is less positive in light of a slowing property market and the lowest year-on-year retail sales growth since 2001.

It is therefore hard to call a bottom in equities at this stage, especially as the technical indicators have turned rather negative. With this is likely to come further weakness in the Australian dollar.



## For more information

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