

# BT Active Balanced PST

## Fact Sheet December 2010

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### About the Fund

The BT Active Balanced PST 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 an overall return (ie a return before the deduction of fees, tax and expenses) that exceeds the return from its benchmark over the recommended investment timeframe. The recommended investment timeframe is 5 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 Active Balanced PST 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, 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	38	28	48
International shares	20	12	32
Australian fixed interest	17	5	32
International fixed interest	7	0	20
Australian property	5	0	10
Global property	3	0	10
Alternative investments	8	0	20
Cash	2	0	10

### Performance<sup>1</sup>

(%)	Total Returns		Benchmark Return
	(post-fee)	(pre-fee)	
3 months	2.62	2.90	2.57
FYDT	6.19	6.79	6.87
6 months	6.19	6.79	6.87
1 year (pa)	2.46	3.52	3.60
2 years (pa)	9.42	10.65	9.93
3 years (pa)	-2.71	-2.08	-1.44
5 years (pa)	2.10	3.26	3.43

Total Returns (post-fee) are post tax.  
Total Returns (pre-fee) are pre tax.

### Asset allocations (as at 31 December 2010)

Australian Listed Shares:	35.9%
Overseas Listed Shares:	19.7%
Australian Fixed Interest:	17.0%
Overseas Fixed Int (inc Mortgages):	7.3%
Property Trusts	5.7%
Global Listed Property	3.3%
Alternative Assets	8.5%
Australian Liquidity (< 180 days):	2.6%

### Other information

Fund size (as at 31 Dec 2010)	\$70 million
Date of inception	July 1978
Minimum investment	\$50,000
Buy-sell spread	0.35% <sup>#</sup>
APIR code	RFA0823AU

<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	0.95% pa*
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\* You should refer to the latest PDS 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

Global equity markets had a strong final quarter in 2012 with the MSCI World ex Australia delivering an 8.5% return. For Australian investors with unhedged currency exposure, this return was 2.9% as the Australian dollar rallied against the MSCI basket of currencies over the quarter.

The Australian Share market had a strong final quarter for 2010, returning 4.6%. The resources sectors lead the way returning 13%, which was the largest quarterly outperformance of the broader market since the second quarter of 2008. While resources rallied off the back of higher commodity prices, the banks underperformed with the majors coming under fire after raising interest rates by more than the Reserve bank's hike. Some investors were also cautious about regulatory initiatives affecting the sector, which turned out to be less cumbersome than first feared.

In economic news the RBA raised interest rates once to 4.75%, which continued to put pressure on consumer based stocks. US data was generally positive, consolidating the view that the US recovery was gaining traction. However, continuing weak employment numbers and weak core inflation prompted the Fed to initiate their program of large-scale asset purchases

## Fund performance

The portfolio posted a positive return during December quarter. Within the asset classes Australian Listed Property and Australian Fixed Interest posted negative returns.

In relative terms, the portfolio outperformed its benchmark, with strong outperformance from alternative assets being the strongest contributor to excess return. Australian and International Fixed Interest as well as International Equities were also strong contributors to return while Australian Equities and Global Property underperformed.

## Strategy & outlook

As we move in to the new year, three main factors affecting global markets are as follows; US economic recovery, the continuing sovereign debt issues in Europe and the threat of inflation in Asian countries, particularly China.

From a Global equity market point of view, encouraging signs remain despite the risks. After a couple of years of effective rationalisation, corporate America now looks in good shape, with strong corporate balance sheets and very high levels of cash flow generation. Thus far however, corporates have been relatively cautious in terms of putting their cash to use. With highly supportive monetary conditions and a US government whose main priority leading up to the 2012 election will be job creation, conditions are well-suited for increased corporate activity and more aggressive growth strategies, particularly as valuation levels are not onerous.

The clear risk to domestic equities is that higher inflation in China persists, which may lead authorities to curtail credit growth more aggressively. The resulting softening in the property market would see softer demand for commodities with clear implications for the resource sector. Australia continues to be characterised by the 'two speed economy' with increased higher interest rates proving a strong headwind for the consumer based domestic economy and continuing strong activity in the resource related sectors. However, we believe that there will continue to be investment opportunities in companies across the breadth of the market, particularly as valuations are quite supportive to the broader financial sector. Globally, sovereign debt levels are high and yields are low. The spread between the Equity earnings yield and bond yields are also stretched. Therefore a continued economic recovery may well push government yields higher.

## For more information

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