

Experts' Choice & Specialist Funds

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Underlying manager line-up change – international shares

We've recently made some changes to our underlying manager lineup for international shares, applicable to the following funds ('the Funds'):

Experts' Choice	ARSN	APIR Code	PDS location
Experts' Choice International Shares Fund	089 056 913	HLR0006AU	amp.com.au/investments-pds-ibav-a
Experts' Choice Conservative Fund	089 056 593	HLR0004AU	
Experts' Choice Balanced Fund	089 057 625	HLR0003AU	
Experts' Choice Growth Fund	089 058 097	HLR0005AU	

Specialist	ARSN	APIR Code	PDS location
Specialist International Share Fund	103 660 813	AMP0824AU	amp.com.au/investments-pds-wms-a
Specialist International Share (Hedged) Fund	107 655 854	AMP0825AU	

Details of the changes are provided below. While no action is required from you, as always, we recommend you read the PDS document to understand the main benefits and risks of investing, along with other features of the Funds. Indirect investors should also consider the Funds' Target Market Determination (TMD) before making any investment decisions to consider whether a Fund is appropriate for them. These are available at amp.com.au/investments-tmd.

Underlying manager changes

After reviewing the structure of our international share managers used by the Funds, we have appointed Vinva as a new manager and terminated Schroders, whilst also slightly reducing our allocation to Arrowstreet.

Accordingly, the new investment manager blend for the Funds is shown in the table below:

Investment manager	Previous target weight	New target weight
GQG Partners	20%	20%
Orbis	15%	15%
American Century	15%	15%
Arrowstreet	30%	25%
Schroders	20%	-
Vinva	-	25%

Rationale and potential benefits for investors

The international shares components of the Funds have generally performed well over the past decade. In recent years however, valuation differences between countries, specifically higher relative valuations in the surging US technology sector, led to increased market concentration causing some underperformance in the Funds.

Our underlying managers' desire to reduce country-specific risk, i.e., reduce overexposure to the US benchmark and to diversify to other countries, detracted from relative performance. While we believe this desire is sensible in isolation, several of the Funds' underlying managers took a similar approach. Thus, from an overall Fund perspective, we've made these changes to further diversify the blend of investment styles and improve performance consistency.

We believe these changes will improve the Funds' overall risk/return profile, particularly through market cycles, as different investment styles tend to move in and out of favour; and ultimately enhance the Funds' long-term performance.

What is Vinva's investment style?

Vinva adopt an active, quantitative investment approach, that seeks to consistently outperform their benchmark through varying market conditions. They target a diverse range of sources for potential outperformance, combining signals targeting value, momentum, quality and sentiment. Vinva offers a core quantitative allocation to generate consistent outperformance for the portfolio, with a focus on stock selection whilst managing country and sector risk. We believe this manager should cope well with most market conditions, however, may underperform around market turning-points due to exposure to momentum.

Will there be any tax consequences?

Any net capital gains realised from the termination of investment managers may be distributed to you and may form part of the taxable income attributed to you at the end of the financial year. Details will be contained in your annual tax statement, known as an AMIT Member Annual Statement.

We recommend you consult with your professional tax adviser should you require additional information about how attributed taxable income will impact your personal tax position.

Is any action required by investors?

No action is required.

We're here to help

If you have any questions about this update, please contact your Client Account Manager or our Client Services Team on 133 267, between 8.30am and 5.30pm (Sydney time) Monday to Friday or via email at ampinvestments@amp.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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