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## SUPER ON TRACK FOR DOUBLE DIGIT RETURNS IN 2009-2010

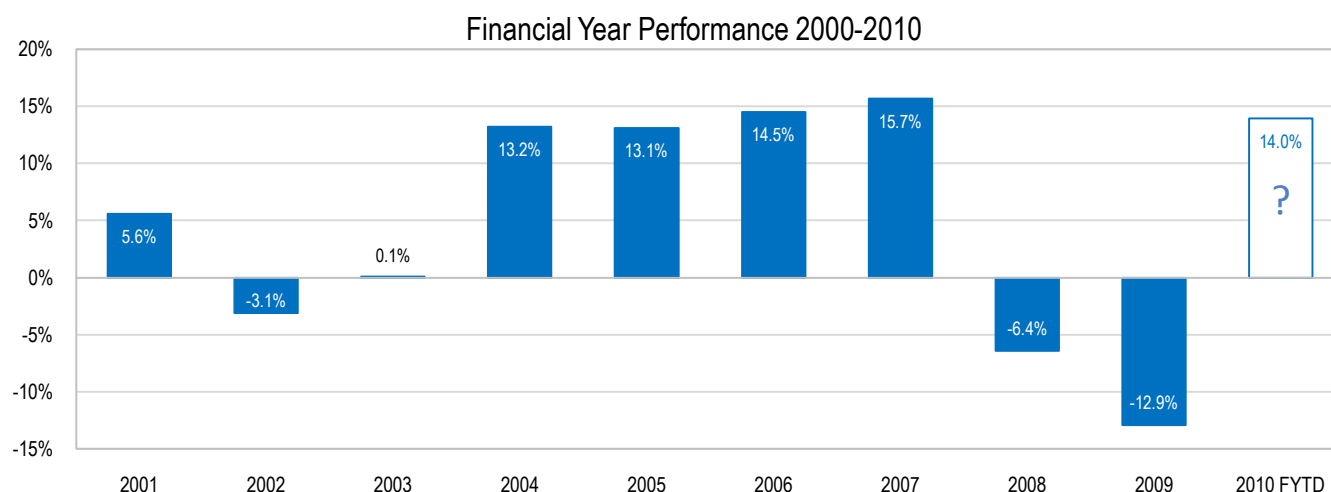


### Highlights (Median Balanced Option)\*

The month of March 2010	▲ 2.90%
3 Months ending 31 March 2010	▲ 1.62%
Financial year to 31 March 2010	▲ 13.95%
12 months ended 31 March 2010	▲ 18.40%
Rolling 3 year return to 31 March 2010	▼ 1.47% pa
Rolling 5 year return to 31 March 2010	▲ 4.87% pa
Rolling 7 year return to 31 March 2010	▲ 7.42% pa
Rolling 10 year return to 31 March 2010	▲ 5.46% pa

\*Median Option refers to "balanced" option with exposure to growth style assets of between 60% and 76%. Approximately 80% of Australians in our major super funds are invested in their fund's default investment option which in most cases is the balanced investment option. Returns are net of fees and tax.

With only three months remaining in the 2010 financial year, Australia's Superannuation Funds are poised to provide members with double digit returns. Assuming the trend continues, this would lead to an unprecedented 5 double digit returns within the last 7 years and be a substantial turnaround from the losses members faced just 12 months ago.



Source: SuperRatings

The Australian share market continues to be the driving force, with the SR50 Australian Shares Index returning 5.22% in March and 38.92% for the past year. In addition to the strong share markets, many super funds have clearly enjoyed additional benefits as the median balanced option increased its exposure to the Australian share market from 29.3% at the beginning of the recovery in March 2009, to a current exposure of 30.5%, thus creating a dual benefit for many Australians.

The table below shows just how varied the levels of performance have been by funds over the past 12 months, with some Balanced and Capital Stable options failing to capitalise on the upturn in the markets over this period.

## BEST AND WORST FUND OPTION PERFORMANCE OVER LAST 12 MONTHS

Option Type	Highest	Top Quartile	Median	Bottom Quartile	Lowest
Balanced (60%-76% Growth)	29.6%	21.9%	18.4%	16.3%	-1.3%
Growth (77%-90% Growth)	32.2%	28.5%	24.0%	20.7%	16.2%
Australian Shares	47.9%	41.0%	38.9%	36.4%	27.0%
International Shares	38.7%	27.0%	19.1%	14.0%	7.6%
Capital Stable	18.4%	13.9%	12.3%	9.9%	-0.4%
Property	52.0%	39.9%	19.5%	-0.3%	-14.2%
Cash	5.9%	3.5%	3.0%	2.8%	1.1%

The top performing balanced investment options over the past five years have been:

## TOP 10 BALANCED INVESTMENT OPTIONS\* OVER LAST 5 YEARS

Fund and Option Description	5 years to 31 March 2010 per annum compound returns
1 OSF Super – Mix 70	+ 7.0 %
2 Buss(Q) - Balanced Growth	+ 6.6 %
3 NGS Super – Diversified	+ 6.4 %
4 Catholic Super – Balanced	+ 6.3 %
5 Telstra Super Corp Plus - Balanced	+ 6.3 %
6 Club Plus Super - Balanced Option	+ 6.2 %
7 Cbus - Core Strategy	+ 6.0 %
8 AustralianSuper – Balanced Option	+ 6.0 %
9 UniSuper Accumulation (1) - Balance	+ 5.9 %
10 Local Super – Growth Option	+ 5.9 %
Top Quartile	+ 5.6%
SuperRatings' Median Index	+ 4.9%
Bottom Quartile	+ 3.7%

\*Balanced Fund Options with between 60% and 76% of assets in growth style investments.  
All results are net of fees and tax. ^Interim Rate Returns.

## ADDITIONAL RETURN AND DATABASE INFORMATION

We believe our database to be the largest in Australia dealing with multi-employer superannuation funds, where the great majority of Australians have their retirement benefits invested. We now update our website monthly to show the top 5 performing funds together with the medians over all time periods for the following investment options:

Balanced	Conservative Balanced
Growth	High Growth
Australian Shares	Secure
International Shares	Diversified Fixed Interest
Capital Stable	Cash
Property	

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