

# **AMP CAPITAL CONSERVATIVE FUND**

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# New Product Disclosure Statement changes

We are writing to advise you of a number of changes relating to the AMP Capital Conservative Fund (the Fund) that will be reflected in the new Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) which will be available on our website (<a href="www.ampcapital.com.au">www.ampcapital.com.au</a> – then go to the Fund's page) on 21 November 2016. These changes include:

- > Introduction of securities lending
- > Enhanced fee disclosure
- > Review of asset allocation

Details of these changes are provided below.

Before making any investment decisions, we recommend you read the information in the PDS about the benefits and risks of investing and the other features of the Fund.

## Introduction of securities lending

From December 2016, the underlying funds in which the Fund invests will be able to engage in securities lending in order to generate additional returns for investors.

AMP Capital has recently piloted the implementation of a securities lending program across a number of AMP Capital funds. Securities lending is an investment practice whereby securities of a fund are lent to a third party (the borrower) for a period of time in return for a fee. Securities lending allows funds to use their assets held in custody to earn additional income, in the form of fees paid by the borrower. These fees increase the portfolio return and thereby, the return to investors.

Securities lending does expose the Fund to some additional risks, which could cause a loss of capital, in particular the risk that the borrower defaults by failing to return the securities. However, comprehensive processes are in place to manage and substantially mitigate these risks, including careful selection of approved borrowers, borrowing limits, collateral requirements which are monitored and managed daily and restrictions on which securities are to be loaned.

Income earned from securities lending is returned to the Fund and accrued in the unit price after the deduction of operational costs and fees payable to the securities lending agent (for operation of the program and the provision of the indemnity) and to AMP Capital (for monitoring, governance and oversight). These fees are 30% and 10% of securities lending revenue, respectively, which are in line with normal commercial rates.

#### Enhanced fee disclosure

In accordance with amendments to the Corporations Regulations and new regulatory guidance from the Australian Securities & Investments Commission, we have implemented new enhanced fee disclosure requirements for the Fund. As a result, how we represent fees and costs in the PDS has been updated.

Previously, the PDS stated the management cost of the Fund as comprising the management fee, performance fee and recoverable expenses. Now, the stated management cost of the Fund in the PDS also includes indirect costs. These are not new costs being imposed on the Fund, these costs were incurred before, the indirect costs are simply now being quantified in the PDS. Examples of indirect costs include costs associated with the use of derivatives and exchange-traded funds.

It is important to note that this change in how we disclose the Fund's fees does not mean investors pay any additional management fees and does not reduce the net-of-fees return. Our management fees have not changed. The enhanced disclosure aims to provide a new level of transparency into the total costs of investing – both AMP Capital and non-AMP Capital costs.

### Review of asset allocation

Following our annual strategic asset allocation review, the Fund's benchmark asset mix and strategic ranges have been updated. These changes are shown in the table below and include:

> A lower exposure to defensive alternative assets in favour of Australian and international fixed income.

The table below shows the Fund's current benchmark asset mix and the Fund's new benchmark asset which will be reflected in the new PDS, as well as the new strategic ranges for the Fund.

| Asset class                    | Current benchmark asset mix | New benchmark asset mix | Change | Strategic range |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Defensive                      |                             |                         |        |                 |
| Australian fixed income        | 28%                         | 29%                     | +1%    | 15 – 45%        |
| International fixed income     | 14%                         | 15%                     | +1%    | 5 – 25%         |
| Alternative assets – defensive | 2%                          | 0%                      | -2%    | 0 – 4%          |
| Cash                           | 26%                         | 26%                     | -      | 10-40%          |
| TOTAL DEFENSIVE                | 70%                         | 70%                     |        | 60 - 80%        |
| Growth                         |                             |                         |        |                 |
| Australian shares              | 12%                         | 12%                     | -      | 5 – 19%         |
| International shares           | 11%                         | 11%                     | -      | 4 – 18%         |
| Listed property trusts         | 7%                          | 7%                      | -      | 0 – 16%         |
| Alternative assets – growth    | 0%                          | 0%                      | -      | 0 – 2%          |
| TOTAL GROWTH                   | 30%                         | 30%                     |        | 20 – 40%        |

### Further information

If you have any further questions about this update, please contact your Account Manager or our Client Services Team on 1800 658 404, between 8.30am and 5.30pm (Sydney time) Monday to Friday or via email at <a href="mailto:clientservices@ampcapital.com">clientservices@ampcapital.com</a>.

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