Perpetual Superannuation Limited

Perpetual WealthFocus Superannuation Fund Annual Members' Meeting

**12 December 2024** 



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Net returns shown are for the Super Plan and have been calculated net of fees, costs and income tax of up to 15%.



# Agenda

Acknowledgement of Country

Introduction to key people

Chair's address

Market update and investment performance

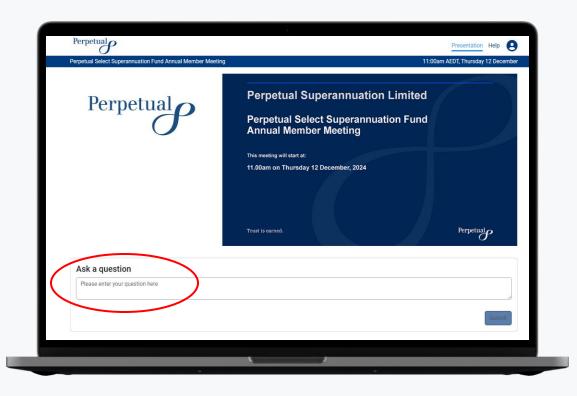
Member services update

Members' questions and answers

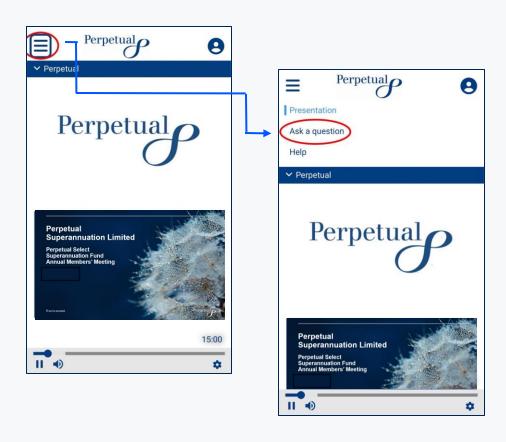


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# **Perpetual Superannuation Limited – key executives**

	Board	<b>Janet Torney</b> Chair & Non Executive Director	<b>Kerry Adby</b> Non Executive Director				<b>Green</b> e Directo <b>r</b>	<b>Mark Smith</b> Executive Direct <b>or</b>
<b>Governance Tier</b>	Board Committees	Audit and Risk Committee Jocelyn Furlan (Chair) Janet Torney (NED) Kerry Adby (NED)	Investment Committee Kerry Adby (Chair) Janet Torney (NED) Mark Smith (Executive Director) Jonathan Sweeney (Independent Membe	Jar Chris e Paul Ch Genera	Nominations Committee Janet Torney (NED) Chris Green (Executive Director) Paul Chasemore (Executive General Manager, People) People & Remuneration Comm Fiona Trafford-Walker (Chair Greg Cooper Mona Aboelnaga Kanaan Christopher Jones Phil Wagstaff  (Note: All members of this comm are Perpetual Limited NEDs		rafford-Walker (Chair) Greg Cooper Aboelnaga Kanaan hristopher Jones Phil Wagstaff embers of this committee	
		Catherine Payne  Head of Office of the Superannuation Trustee						
	Key Management Personnel	Sam Mosse Chief Risk Officer				Craig Squires Chief Operating Officer		
Operating Tier		Claudia Rososinski PSL Company Secretary			Paul Gambale Head of Product, Australia			
		Nikola Gutesa Global Head of Internal Audit			Gordon Thompson Senior Manager Superannuation and Retirement Solutions			
	External Service Providers <sup>1</sup>	State Stre Custodian and Fund			Tech Mahindra  Member Administration  Insurer			
		KPMG External Auditor  Andrew Reeves						
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# **Change of Trustee**

- 1 March 2025 Perpetual Superannuation Limited will retire as the Trustee of the Fund and appoint Equity Trustees Superannuation Limited (ETSL) as the new Trustee (subject to the finalisation of necessary agreements)
- ETSL offer specialised expertise, strong governance, scale benefits and extensive resources.
- ETSL are one of Australia's largest specialist trustee companies and is currently Trustee for 13 superannuation funds
- Perpetual will continue to provide investment management services to the Fund
- There won't be any changes to the features of the Fund, including investment options offered, fees charged, contact details and the website from the change of Trustee

# **Our strategy**

#### Purpose: Enduring prosperity for the lifetime of our members

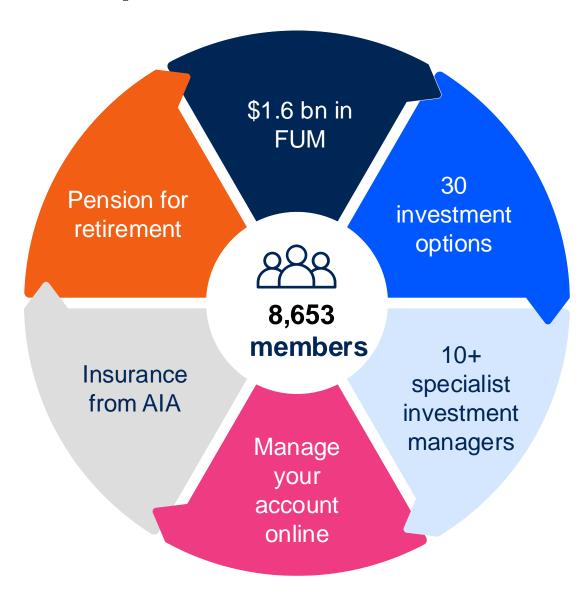
Vision: to be the trusted provider of market-leading superannuation solutions in our chosen segments

#### **Values: Excellence, Integrity & Partnership**

**Protect** Sustain **Enable Engage Strategic** Provide efficient Enable the provision of Deepen our member Protect our members superannuation solutions relationships and by delivering robust **Objectives** and sustainable business for our members and improve our members governance, compliance operations their advisers experience & risk management **Investment performance** Investment choice **Metrics** Member engagement Fees

**Underpinned by our Risk Appetite Statement** 

# Your Fund as at 30 September 2024



# **Tools & Resources**



# Regulation

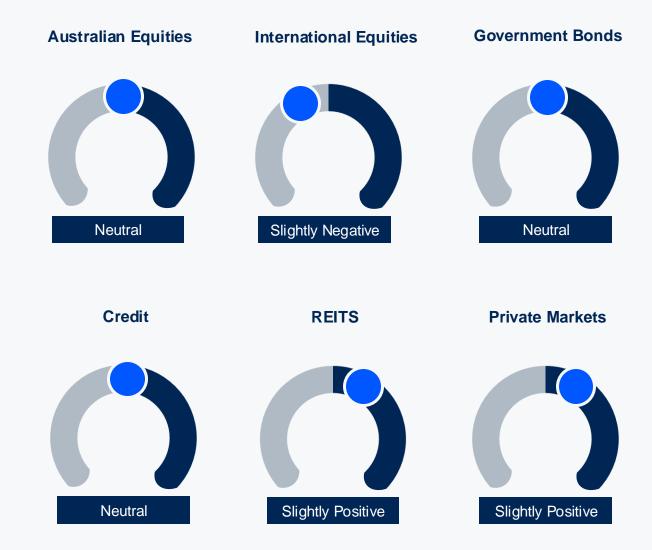




### Market Outlook & Asset Class Views

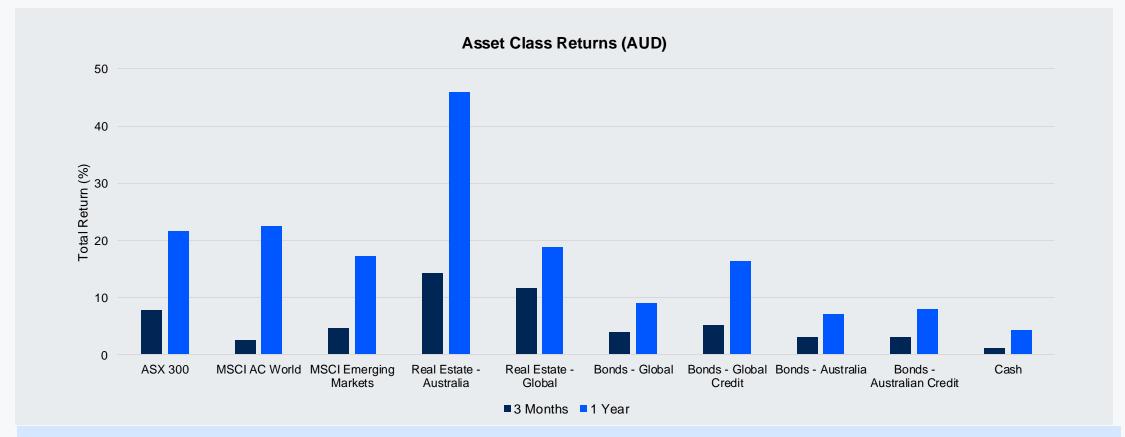


- 1. **Soft landing** expectations priced in
- Global inflation moderating, but Australian price pressures persist despite temporary dip below target
- 3. Central banks' balancing competing mandates (**inflation and employment**)
- **4. China** more forceful fiscal and monetary policy action needed
- 5. Geopolitical risks remain elevated



### **Asset class returns - AUD**

#### All asset classes experienced positive performance in Q3 2024



Equities: Australian equities outperformed global markets. ASX 300 up 7.8% for the quarter. MSCI ACWI gained a healthy 2.6%.

**Fixed Income:** Strong quarter for bonds. Global bonds returned 4.0%, Australian bonds 3.0%.

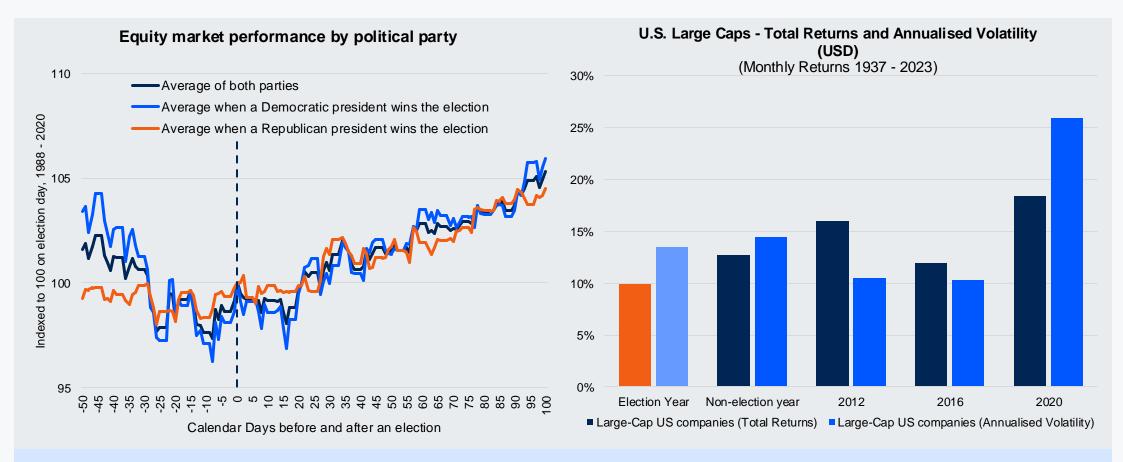
Real Estate: REITs were a top performer. A-REITs returned 14.3% for the quarter.

Source: FactSet, Returns are in AUD. As of 30 September 2024. All returns are in AUD. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Indices: Real Estate – Australia: ASX 300 / A-REIT, Real Estate – Global: FTSE EPRA Nareit Global, Bonds – Global: Bloomberg Global Aggregate, Bonds - Global Credit: Bloomberg Global High Yield, Bonds – Australia: Bloomberg AusBond Composite (0+Y), Bonds - Australian Credit: Bloomberg AusBond Credit (0+Y), Cash: Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill

### Elections are a source of uncertainty

#### Post US election – markets re-focus on fundamentals



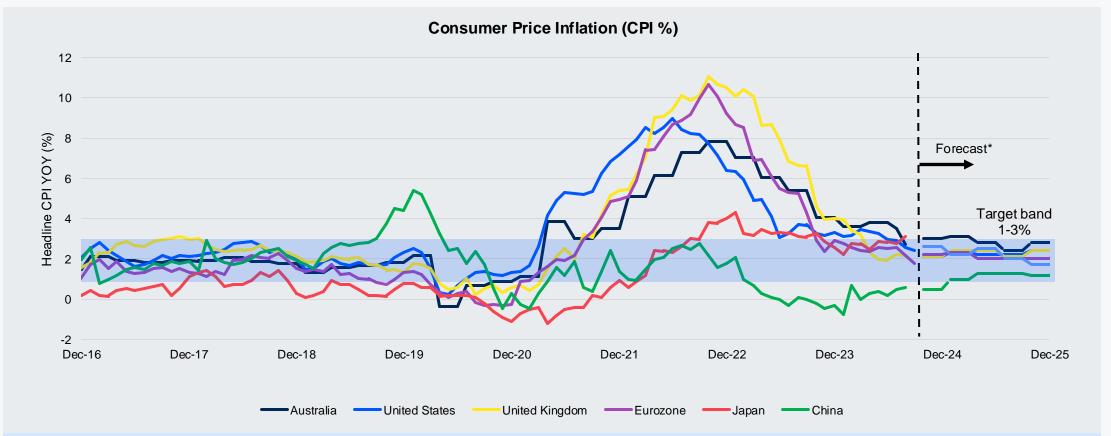
US election years usually bring lower returns and higher volatility, relative to non-election years

Timing the market around elections is risky. In 2016 and 2020, markets rebounded quickly after initial election night drops. Sitting out due to election uncertainty risks missing these rebounds.

Investors should maintain a disciplined, long-term approach and avoid reactive decisions that could permanently impair capital.

### Inflation continues to trend lower

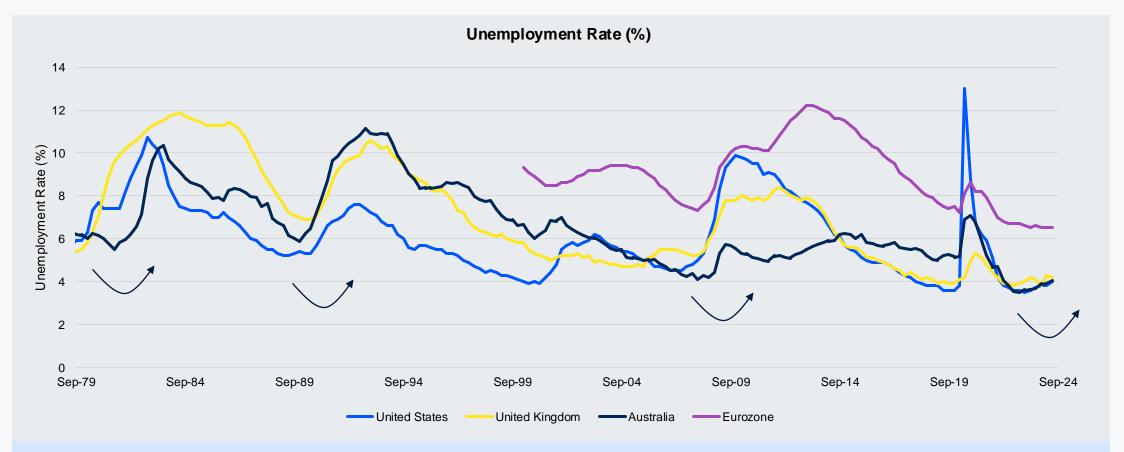
#### Australian inflation has not come down as fast as its peers



- Global inflation is moderating, but its pace remains slower than anticipated, particularly in Australia where robust consumer demand and a tight labour market are keeping upward pressure on prices.
- Australia's August CPI fall was skewed by government energy subsidies, which saw electricity prices drop 17.9%.
- Policymakers face the delicate task of balancing inflation control with supporting economic growth, carefully calibrating rate cuts to avoid both recessionary pressures and a resurgence of inflation.

### Labour Markets – the 'last shoe to drop'

Unemployment data continues to elevated even amidst softer inflation



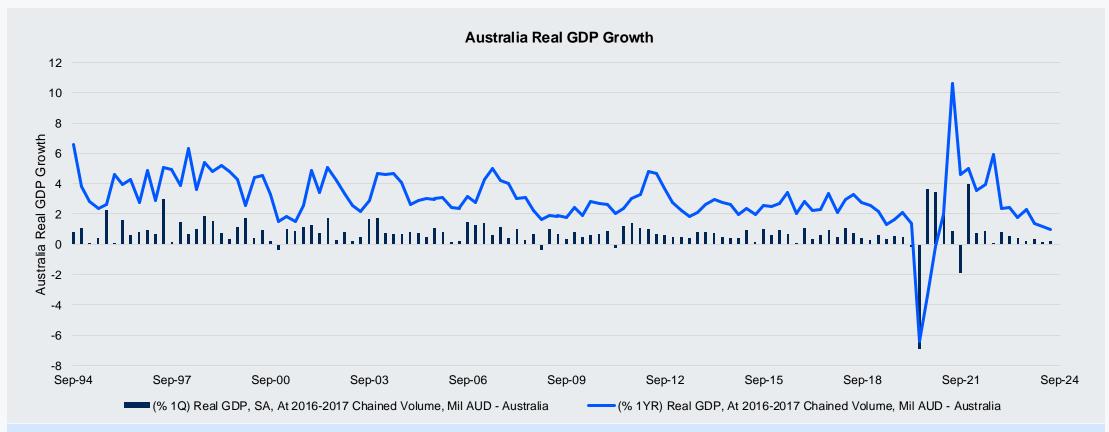
Labour markets have remained relatively tight despite higher interest rates.

Once unemployment does begin to increase, it has historically moved in a meaningful way.

Feedback loop impacts spending behaviour as consumers feel less secure in their respective jobs, which then impacts corporate earnings.

### Australia's Economy has meaningfully slowed

High rates and cost of living pressures are weighing on Australian households



Australian GDP growth was 0.2% in Q2 2024, narrowly avoiding a contraction due to government spending and immigration. (Note: Underlying growth was negative before government spending)

GDP per capita fell for the sixth consecutive quarter, indicating a continued decline in living standards for Australians.

Household consumption weakened significantly, with discretionary spending falling sharply as consumers face high inflation and rising interest rates.

### Market outlook through end of 2024

Soft landing narrative intact, however, central banks are walking a narrow path

#### We Expect



Global inflation to keep moderating but the RBA likely to remain hawkish with concerns about persistent inflation in Australia.



Consumer confidence, labour market dynamics and spending remains key to 'soft landing' scenario.



Chinese stimulus to offer support for markets, but recession risks and lingering valuation concerns warrant caution.



Geopolitics will dominate headlines and cause short-term spikes in volatility.

#### **Portfolio Considerations**



While some areas of the equity market face headwinds from high valuations, opportunities are emerging across a range of sectors as confidence grows and recession fears recede.



If recession risks do increase (which in our view is not a likely outcome); bonds are expected to provide good downside protection. Otherwise, bond prices should increase as inflation slows and interest rates fall, delivering returns around their current yields.



Despite pressure on office real estate, the outlook for the property sector is brightening. Improving sentiment and the expectation of further rate cuts should remain supportive of the asset class.



### **Multi-asset**

Net Returns to 30 September 2024 (% p.a.)	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr
Conservative				
Perpetual Conservative Growth	7.62	2.63	3.15	3.53
Balanced				
Perpetual Diversified Growth	8.69	3.85	4.65	4.69
Growth				
BlackRock Tactical Growth	16.04	5.40	6.20	6.58
Perpetual Balanced Growth	10.18	5.24	6.33	5.94
Real Return				
Perpetual Diversified Real Return	4.98	2.40	3.33	-

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### **Australian shares**

Net Returns to 30 September 2024 (% p.a.)	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr
Ausbil Australian Active Equity	18.19	8.43	9.79	9.09
Fidelity Australian Equities	17.74	5.80	8.16	8.45
Investors Mutual Australian Share	11.95	6.12	5.44	6.30
Perpetual Australian Share	13.96	6.40	8.11	6.99
Perpetual Concentrated Equity	14.33	8.29	7.85	7.32
Perpetual ESG Australian Share	16.66	7.91	9.96	8.31
Perpetual Geared Australian	25.52	9.40	9.61	9.89
Perpetual Industrial Share	22.87	7.80	7.74	6.94
Perpetual SHARE-PLUS Long-Short	15.90	9.07	9.56	8.34
Perpetual Smaller Companies Share	8.64	4.71	9.03	8.59
Vanguard Australian Shares Index	19.87	8.13	7.80	7.95

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### **Global shares**

Net Returns to 30 September 2024 (% p.a.)	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr
Barrow Hanley Global Share	14.45	9.03	10.68	10.59
Magellan Global	22.85	7.71	7.03	9.94
MFS Global Equity	13.24	4.41	6.71	9.22
Perpetual Global Allocation Alpha	14.15	9.55	9.09	8.87
Platinum International	5.94	4.08	5.00	6.34
T Rowe Price Global Equity	19.24	1.62	9.66	11.25
Vanguard International Share Index	21.05	9.81	11.25	-
Vanguard International Share Index Hedged	26.18	7.70	9.92	8.58

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### Cash, fixed income, property and infrastructure

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Cash				
Perpetual Cash	3.81	2.42	1.53	1.27
Fixed income				
Perpetual Diversified Income	6.58	3.52	2.87	2.52
Schroder Fixed Income	7.55	-1.29	-0.43	1.29
Vanguard Australian Fixed Interest Index	6.01	-1.30	-0.86	1.25
Property and infrastructure				
Lazard Global Listed Infrastructure	16.45	7.51	4.76	7.66
Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index	40.92	7.62	5.33	8.24

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**Member Services Update** 



### **Member Services - FY24**

### **Member Satisfaction Survey Outcome**

	2024	2023	2022
Accumulation	6.3	7.1	6.9
Retirement	8.0	8.0	7.9

	2024	2023	2022
Professionalism of our people	7.9	8.4	8.2
Responding quickly to your questions and requests	7.1	7.9	7.9
Being available when you call	7.5	7.9	7.9



33,703 phone calls over the year, 50% answered in 30 seconds



34,212 emails over the year, 65% answered in 48 hours



Customer service scores of 8.4/10 for phone interactions

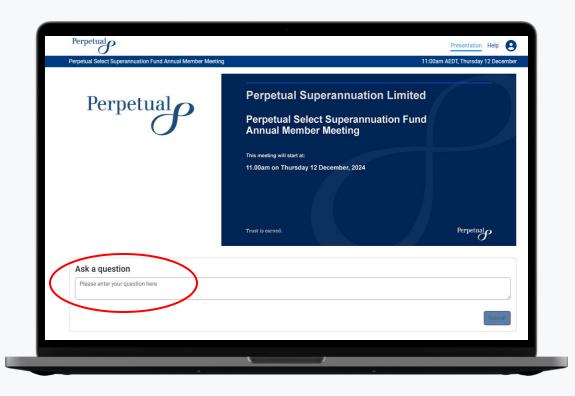


Customer service scores of 7.6/10 for email interactions

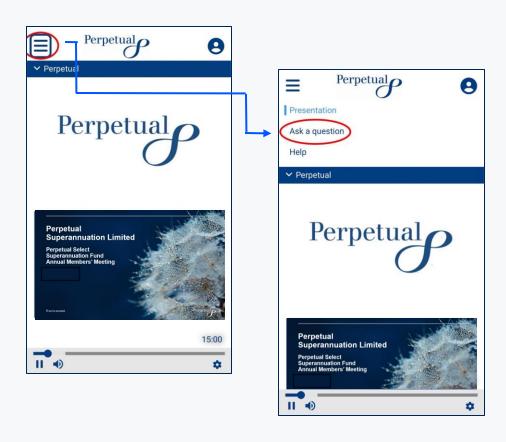


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