



# MAPLE-BROWN ABBOTT

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## Maple-Brown Abbott Pooled Superannuation Trust

29 February 2020

**Investment objective** The Trust invests in a mix of growth and defensive assets with the objective of generating an attractive total return (income and capital) to investors over the longer term.

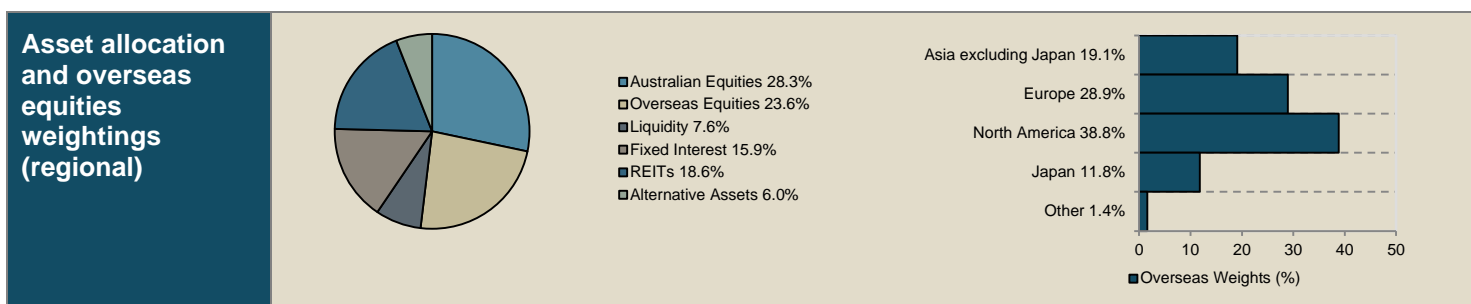
**Performance\***

Return	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
	%	%	%	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.
Trust	-4.4	-3.3	4.4	5.1	7.4	4.5	7.1	9.3

\* The Trust's performance (after tax and fees) is based on the movement in the net asset value per unit which includes all fees and charges and full provision for income tax and capital gains tax on both realised and unrealised capital gains.  
Inception date: 31 December 1986

**Market commentary** The Australian equity market recorded its largest monthly fall since 2008, with the S&P/ASX 300 Index (Total Returns) excluding property down 8.0%. After a solid start to the month, the market declined rapidly in the final week as part of a heavy sell-off in global equities in response to the increasing risks around the spread of the Coronavirus. Bond yields fell globally, with the US Government 10-year yield down nearly 0.4%. The decline in the Australian 10-year yield was a more modest 0.13%, however, it started from a lower base and the closing yield of 0.82% was the lowest on record. The AUD continued its fall against the USD and is at levels not seen since the GFC. The February reporting season was another feature of the month, delivering results slightly below expectations, however, this very much took a back seat to Coronavirus. Local economic data was mixed, but similarly not a key driver of markets. Looking at performance by sector, defensives generally outperformed. Health Care (-4%) was the strongest, followed by utilities (-4%) and Financials (-5%). Energy (-17%) was the worst performer, followed by Information Technology (-16%) and Materials (-12%). As noted above, international equities were also very weak, with MSCI AC World Index falling 8.1% in USD terms. Of the major regions, Asia ex-Japan (-3%) was strongest, followed by the USA (-8%), Japan (-9%) and Europe (-9%). The weaker AUD increased the return of the AUD-denominated MSCI AC World Index benchmark to -4.6%. The A-REIT market also fell, with the S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT Index (Total Returns) down 4.7%. Fixed interest was the best performing asset class, with the Bloomberg Australian Composite Bond Index rising 0.9%.

**Trust commentary** The Trust returned -4.4% in February, with weak performance across most asset classes somewhat offset by very high cash holdings. The Trust's Australian equities holdings returned -9.1%, underperforming the benchmark. Our overweight holding in QBE Insurance Group (-1%) was a significant positive contributor to performance. The company released its 2019 full-year result during the month. Whilst it reported earnings in line with its December guidance, the market reacted positively to disclosure of a significant acceleration in premium rates in the 4th quarter which should support margins in 2020. Our overweight holding in Healius (+3%) also outperformed. The company received an indicative takeover offer from Partners Group at a material premium to the share price and the stock was further supported by the rotation into defensives. Our decision not to hold CSL (-1%) was the largest negative contributor to performance. The company delivered a solid half-year result, driven by strong performance from the core plasma business, albeit only in line with market expectations. Our resources holdings also contributed negatively, including overweight positions in Woodside Petroleum (-17%) and BHP Billiton (-15%). Underperformance reflected the emerging Coronavirus threat and its potential impact on Chinese and global growth. The Trust's international equities holdings returned -5.6%, below the benchmark. The Trust's A-REIT holdings returned -6.5%, underperforming the benchmark. The Trust's fixed interest holdings returned 0.3%, also underperforming the benchmark. The Trust's exposure to alternative assets, through its holding in the MBA Global Listed Infrastructure Fund, returned -4.6%, below its RBA cash rate benchmark return of 0.1%.





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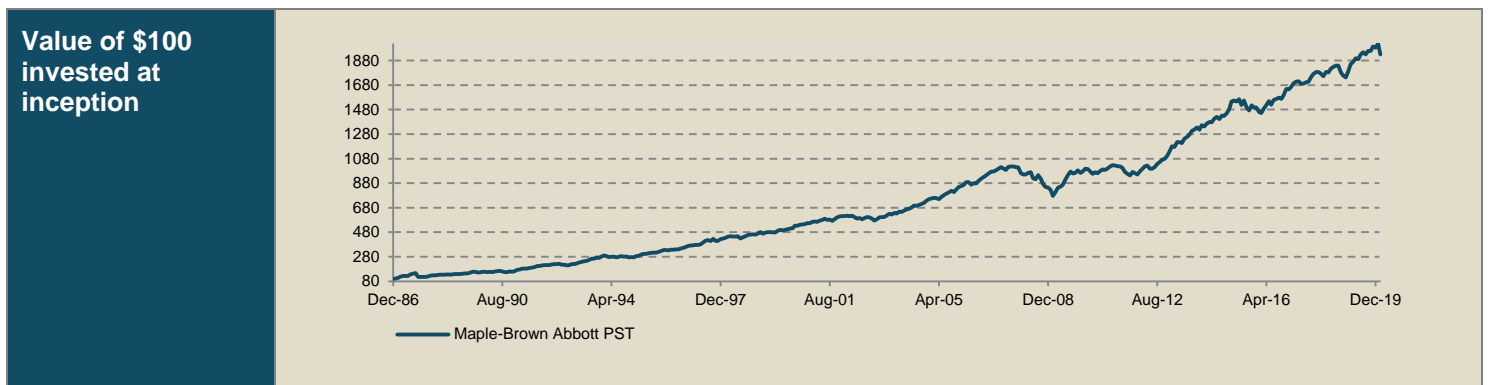
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Value characteristics of Australian equity sector	Trust	Market Overall <sup>*</sup>
Price:Earnings Ratio	13.3	17.5
Price:Cash Flow Ratio	8.6	11.6
Price:Net Tangible Assets Ratio	1.9	2.9
Grossed up Dividend Yield %	6.8	5.4
Balance Sheet Strength <sup>**</sup>	0.25	0.31
Growth in Earnings per Share % (estimated 2020-2023, % p.a.)	5.3	4.1

<sup>\*</sup> Represents our quantitative data which includes 97.7% of the index weight of the stocks in the Benchmark, plus non-Benchmark stocks.  
<sup>\*\*</sup> Cash Flow/Total Liabilities  
 The figures shown above are based on 2020 estimates.

Significant holdings of Australian equity sector	Trust % <sup>*</sup>	Benchmark % <sup>**</sup>
BHP Billiton	10.2	6.0
Westpac Banking Corporation	7.3	4.9
Australia & New Zealand Banking Gp	6.2	4.4
National Australia Bank	5.9	4.4
Telstra Corporation	5.2	2.5

<sup>\*</sup>Australian equity sector only  
<sup>\*\*</sup>S&P/ASX 300 Index (Total Returns) excluding A-REITs



Key features	
Trust size (AUD)	\$121 million
APIR code	MPL0801AU
Date established	December 1986
Minimum investment	500,000 <sup>1</sup>
Minimum withdrawal	Nil
Management costs <sup>1</sup>	0.73% pa <sup>2</sup>
Buy/Sell spread (%)	0.15 /0.15
Application price:	19.3413
Redemption price:	19.2833

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the Product Disclosure Statement and Additional Information Booklet available on our website for further details.  
<sup>2</sup> Fees quoted are on a GST inclusive basis and net of any applicable Reduced Input Tax Credits

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