# Milliman SmartShield Growth

### Month in Review – June 2020



The Australian equity markets remained volatile throughout June. The ASX 100 climbed to 6200 points early in the month, before quickly falling to 5700, representing a 7.3% drop in the space of just a week. Investor sentiment shifted away from May's optimism as a wave of new Covid-19 infections in Victoria forced the state to introduce a new set of restrictions.

The US Federal Reserve announced a wary outlook and indicated rates will remain near zero for the next 3 years. This set off another sell off across equity markets where the S&P 500 dropped around 7% before slowly climbing back to 3100 points.



# SMARTSHIELD OVERLAY

degree of variance in net exposure. With equity exposure increasing substantially in the second half of May, this trend continued into June with

The dynamic approach to protect client portfolios was evident throughout June with the high

a peak on the 10th June of 52% giving investors reasonable exposure in the rising market. However with increased volatility across markets in the second half of June, the net equity exposure tapered off with a low of 37% on the 29th June, providing a dampening of volatility for investors.

### **PERFORMANCE OUTLOOK**

Heightened volatility reflects the uncertainty facing the global and local economy with respect to the short term. Covid-19 containment is progressing in some parts of the world, however there are some worrying signs of deterioration in the US. In Australia, the Government stimulus programs such as JobKeeper as well as the longer term cost of this fiscal stimulus is yet to be fully quantified and thus uncertainty on the long term economic impact remains unknown.

With a likely second wave, it's difficult to see a clear path to recovery in the short term. With so many outstanding questions as we enter the second half of the year with respect to company earnings, dividend payouts and overall business confidence, the one thing that is certain is that uncertainty is likely to be here for longer than people will have wished for.

### SIMULATED 1 YEAR PERFORMANCE

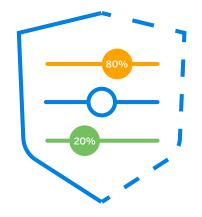


### PERFORMANCE

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	Since inception
SmartShield Growth	-0.33%	1.04%			-5.47%
Benchmark: Morningstar Aus Msec Growth TR AUD	0.42%	8.41%			-4.73%
Relative performance to benchmark	-0.75%	-7.37%			-0.75%

### BENEFITS

- Built-in portfolio protection
- Diversified
- Dynamically managed
- Low cost
- Flexibility & control
- Participate in market upside



### **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

### 🥦 GROWTH ASSETS

iShares S&P 500

iShares MSCI EAFE

Vanguard Australian Shares

Vanguard Australian Property

Even Keel – Global & Domestic Risk Management Classes

### 20% DEFENSIVE ASSETS

BetaShares Australian High Interest Cash Vanguard Australian Fixed Interest Vanguard Global Aggregate Bond AUD Hedged Cash

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