



Refer to glossary for definition of the rating

Product Viewpoint

About this Product

Investment manager	MLC Asset Management Services Limited
Benchmark	CPI + 3.50%
Product structure	Managed Fund
Product size	\$409.98m
Inception date	Oct 2013
Asset class	Multi-Asset
Sector	Variable Growth Assets
Growth/defensive split	Not Applicable
Peer group	Real Return
Rated peers	26

Product Characteristics

Business Life Cycle	Mature
Product Wind-Up Risk	Low
Key Person Risk	Low
Tenure of Decision Makers	Medium
Complex (RG240)	No
Strategy Remaining Capacity	High
ESG Approach	Risk or Value
Peer Relative Fees and Costs	In line with median

Annual Fees and Costs (% p.a.)

Management fees & costs	0.95
Performance fee costs	0.08
Net Transaction Costs	0.00
Buy/Sell Spread	0.10/0.10
Annual fees and costs	1.03

Source: FE fundinfo, PDS Date: 30/Sep/2024

Strengths

- The Fund is managed by an experienced and well-led investment team.
- Breadth of resources and tools pertaining to manager research, asset allocation, performance analysis, governance and implementation teams.
- Robust and consistently applied investment process underpinning manager selection and portfolio construction functions.
- Integration of the broader investment team has been progressing well to further enhance the Manager's investment capabilities.

Weaknesses

- Although processes are in place, using a related party creates the potential for conflicts of interest, which remains a watchpoint.
- The complexity of managing an extensive breadth of heritage products with varying objectives, although this is managed by the continued alignment of asset class building blocks and investment objectives.
- The Fund has not met its inflation plus return target over most periods.

Product Opinion

The Fund has maintained its **'Recommended'** rating. This rating reflects the high regard and conviction in the experience and calibre of the broader investment team and their ability to execute the investment process. The continued consolidation of the heritage businesses provides depth of expertise across the investment process.

The Fund has not consistently delivered on its CPI-plus investment objective over the medium to longer term. There remains an extensive breadth of heritage products with various objectives, although these continue to be aligned. Although there are processes in place, the utilisation of related party capabilities and perceived conflicts remains a watchpoint.

Lonsec Rating Model

Rating key: ●●● Above      ●●● In-line      ●●● Below		
Factor	Peer Rating	YoY Score Change
Business	●●●	—
Team	●●●	—
Process	●●●	—
ESG	●●●	—
Product	●●●	—
Fees	●●●	—
Performance	●●●	↑

Allocation Profile

Core		
Satellite		
	Low Complexity	High Complexity

Return Profile

Income		
Capital		
	Defensive	Growth

### Key Facts

#### Key Objectives

Investment objective	Aims to deliver a return of 3.5% p.a. above inflation (after management costs), subject to limiting the risk of negative returns over five-year periods.
Internal return objective	To deliver a return of 3.5% p.a. above inflation (After management costs), subject to limiting the risk of negative returns over five-year periods.
Internal risk objective	N/A
Non-financial objective	None

#### Rating History

06-Feb-2024	Recommended
20-Apr-2023	Recommended
11-Apr-2022	Recommended

#### Product Distribution Profile

Frequency	Semi-Annually
Last Missed Distribution	N/A
Number of Missed Distributions in the last 5 years	0
AMIT Election	Yes
TOFA Election	No

#### Target Market Determination

Produced by issuer	Yes
Provided to Lonsec	Yes

#### Performance Analysis - annualised after fees at 31/12/2024

	1 Year	Median	2 Year	Median	3 Year	Median	5 Year	Median
Performance (% p.a)	8.22	9.26	8.48	8.12	5.04	2.87	5.01	4.30
Standard deviation	3.85	4.13	4.23	4.90	4.54	5.62	4.20	5.78
Excess return (% p.a)	2.29	2.29	1.75	0.84	-3.21	-5.60	-2.20	-3.41
Outperformance ratio (% p.a)	50.00	58.33	50.00	54.17	41.67	44.44	48.33	48.33
Worst drawdown (%)	-1.96	-1.57	-2.55	-3.29	-4.55	-6.46	-5.47	-8.84
Time to recovery (mths)	3	3	1	2	4	19	4	-
Sharpe ratio	0.97	1.04	1.02	0.84	0.41	-0.07	0.72	0.50
Information ratio	0.57	0.51	0.40	0.18	-0.67	-0.93	-0.49	-0.50
Tracking error (% p.a)	4.00	4.26	4.34	4.96	4.81	5.86	4.45	5.99

**Lonsec Peer Group:** Multi-Asset - Variable Growth Assets - Real Return

**Product Benchmark:** CPI + 3.50%

**Cash Benchmark:** Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index AUD

**Time to recovery:** NR - Not recovered, dash - No drawdown during period

### Latest Product Information

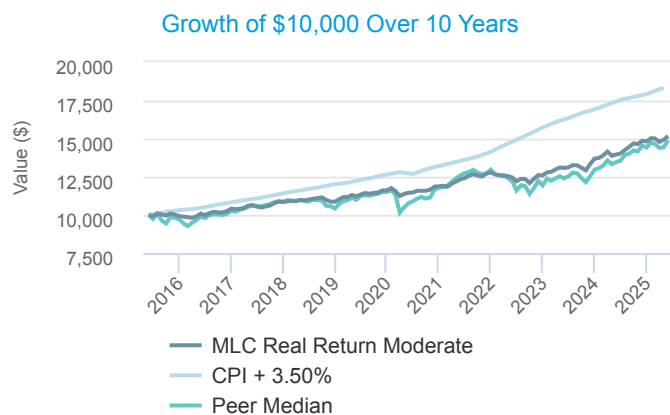
(as provided by the manager & sourced from third party data vendors. This data may differ from the data provided to Lonsec at the time of rating)

#### Returns after fees (as at 30/05/25)

	3mth	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
Total return	1.10	8.74	6.81	5.79	4.26
Income return	0.00	7.02	4.82	4.61	4.15
Growth return	1.10	1.72	1.99	1.18	0.10
Lonsec benchmark	1.07	5.11	7.39	7.57	6.24
Excess return	0.03	3.62	-0.58	-1.78	-1.99

**Benchmark Used:** CPI + 3.50%

Source: FE fundinfo

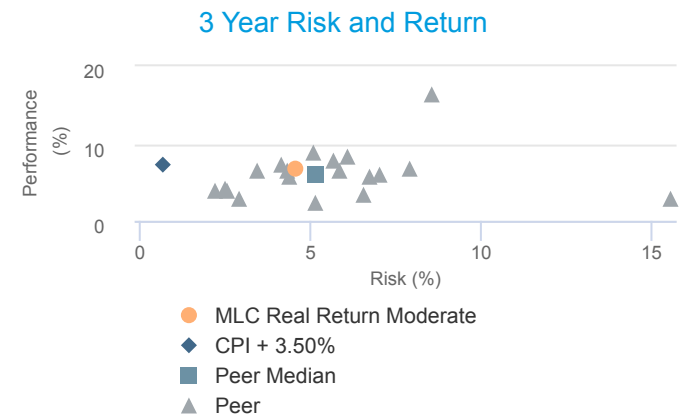


Source: FE fundinfo

#### Annual Fees and Costs (% p.a.) (as at 20/09/2024)

Management fees & costs	0.95
Performance fee costs	0.08
Net Transaction Costs	0.00
Buy/Sell Spread	0.10/0.10
<b>Annual fees and costs</b>	<b>1.03</b>

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#### Asset Allocation (%) (as at 30/04/2025)

Australian Equities	11.81
International Equities	19.94
Australian Fixed Interest	17.97
Global Fixed Interest	18.73
Alternative Assets	29.32
Cash	2.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: FE fundinfo

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### General

**Excess return:** Return in excess of the benchmark return.

**Information ratio:** Relative reward for relative risk taken (Excess Returns / Tracking Error).

**Sharpe ratio:** Excess return earned for additional volatility experienced when holding riskier assets versus risk-free asset.

**Standard deviation:** Volatility of monthly Absolute Returns.

**Stewardship Policies:** the strength of a manager's proxy voting and engagement policies with respect to ESG.

**Time to recovery:** The number of months taken to recover the Worst Drawdown.

**Total return:** 'Top line' actual return, after fees.

**Tracking error:** Volatility of monthly Excess Returns against the benchmark (the Standard Deviation of monthly Excess Returns).

**Worst drawdown:** The worst cumulative loss ('peak to trough') experienced over the period assessed.

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