

CFS Real Return



Our most flexible strategy allows us to better deliver returns above inflation, with increased downside risk protection.

CFS Real Return is an innovative multi-asset strategy that prioritises capital preservation and stability, while aiming to deliver a return of CPI+5% over rolling 5-year periods.

An unconstrained and fully dynamic approach to asset allocation is the key feature of the strategy, providing the basis for more stable and reliable returns.



Targeting returns above inflation

Aims to deliver stable returns that align with client goals, providing greater certainty and confidence.



Downside risk focus

We explicitly manage downside risk to avoid significant losses, helping clients stay invested.



Dynamic asset allocation

Allows for flexibility and quick adaptation to changing markets and economic environments.

Resilience in a new market environment

While traditional portfolios performed well when interest rates were falling and inflation was low, they have proved vulnerable in the recent environment of inflation volatility.

CFS Real Return is equipped to navigate this new regime. With a purposeful approach to asset selection and portfolio construction, the fund looks beyond traditional labels like 'defensive' and asks: what are we defending against? For example, if inflation is the 'enemy,' then bonds may be less effective in a defensive allocation.

By stress-testing for this new regime and remaining future-focused, CFS Real Return can maintain resilience and improve the probability of meeting your clients' long-term investment objectives.

Prioritising outcomes over outperformance

For many clients, volatility and uncertainty can bring unwanted stress and anxiety. It can put wealth and financial outcomes at risk, especially for those in or approaching retirement.

Investment strategies that prioritise outcomes and certainty over benchmark outperformance – like CFS Real Return – may appeal to these clients. Through this approach, market and sequencing risks can be reduced while maintaining high confidence levels in client outcomes.

What client concerns can CFS Real Return address?

“I know I need to invest, but I’m nervous about markets.”

For investors who are nervous about markets but understand the need to take on some risk to achieve their financial goals, CFS Real Return offers a high-quality solution with its focus on downside protection and a smoother journey.

“I want to keep growing my wealth as I approach retirement, but with greater protection.”

As investors approach retirement, it’s important to address and minimise sequencing risk. While younger investors can weather market volatility, those nearing retirement should consider CFS Real Return to reduce turbulence and safeguard retirement savings.

“I need to keep up with the cost of living.”

Preserving purchasing power and keeping pace with inflation are top priorities for investors. CFS Real Return, with its contemporary approach to asset selection and portfolio construction, aims to deliver stable returns above inflation, helping investors maintain their financial stability.

Portfolio breakdown

Objective	The fund aims to deliver a CPI+5% return target, subject to minimising the frequency of negative returns.	
Strategy	The strategy of the fund is to invest flexibly to ensure the fund can perform across a range of variable economic environments. The fund will actively adjust the asset exposures to deliver real returns that will be robust across a range of investment conditions. The fund is designed to have a higher focus on capital stability than growth.	
Asset allocation range	Australian shares	0-40%
	Global shares	0-60%
	Property and infrastructure	0-30%
	Fixed income and credit	0-80%
	Other investments	0-30%
	Cash	0-50%
Minimum suggested timeframe	5 years	
Risk measure	5	
Minimum investment amount	\$25,000	
Distribution frequency	Half-yearly	
Total ongoing fees and costs (pa)¹	0.870%	
Buy/Sell spread	0.15%	
APIR	FSF5867AU	

¹ Inclusive of net GST. Refer to the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) for further details on fees and other costs.

Why invest with CFS?

CFS has an experienced team of investment professionals that specialise in constructing and managing multi and single-sector portfolios across active, smart beta and market cap index strategies. Our investment team has an enviable track record of navigating investment market cycles and partnering with advisers to deliver their clients' objectives.



Experience

A long and stable track record in helping advisers deliver diversified, professionally managed portfolios for their clients.



Scale

Our team of investment experts manage over \$68 billion², giving investors better access to institutional-only offerings.



Expertise

Responsible for building and managing multi and single-asset investment options across index, enhanced index and fully active products.

Additional tools and resources

- [Product Disclosure Statement](#)
- [Platform availability](#)
- [CFS Investment team](#)

² As at 30 June 2024.

Find out more

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