

Morningstar® Australia Target Allocation Indexes™

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The Morningstar Target Allocation Indexes are a market-based tool designed for creating and benchmarking multi-asset investment portfolios according to region-specific asset class preferences and risk tolerances. By leveraging Morningstar's database of multi-asset funds to determine weights across key asset classes, the indexes provide investors with a market-based, regionally relevant asset allocation framework which is aligned with the Morningstar Categories for Allocation Funds.

Eight region-specific sets of Target Allocation Indexes are available, including Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and United States as well as a multi-region set for Europe, Asia, and South Africa domiciled USD funds. Key features of the Target Allocation Index series include:

- **Seamless asset class representation:** Each regional set of Morningstar Target Allocation indexes are comprised of underlying Morningstar Indexes that closely represent the most commonly used asset allocation building blocks for multi-asset portfolios according to the region's Category data.
- **Regionally relevant risk-based asset allocation:** Morningstar's database of multi-asset funds is used to determine the asset class allocations and weights for each regional set of Target Allocation Indexes, thereby reflecting local asset class preferences and risk tolerances.
- **Globally consistent, rules-based methodology:** The Morningstar Target Allocation Indexes offer the world's premier market-based tool for multi-asset benchmarking and portfolio construction, built on an entirely rules-based and globally consistent methodology that reflects the asset allocation wisdom of the market.
- **Alignment with Morningstar Category classifications:** The Morningstar Category classification system is a widely used tool by investors to identify funds and evaluate fund performance relative to other funds in the category.

Available indexes

The Morningstar Australia Target Allocation Index series is comprised of the following indexes:

- Morningstar Australia Aggressive Target Allocation Index
- Morningstar Australia Growth Target Allocation Index
- Morningstar Australia Balanced Target Allocation Index
- Morningstar Australia Moderate Target Allocation Index
- Morningstar Australia Conservative Target Allocation Index

Starting universe

All mutual funds within the Morningstar Categories for Australia Multisector Funds are included in the initial universe from which average asset allocation will be calculated for each risk-based index. Data for these categories is surveyed.

Average asset allocation

Asset allocation is determined according to the following process:

- A simple average asset allocation is calculated across all funds within each Multisector Fund Category (only one share class of a fund is considered).
- Removal of outliers: funds with average allocation below the 5th and above the 95th percentile of the respective Morningstar Category are excluded.
- The remaining funds are used to determine the asset allocation mix of equity, property, bond, and cash which serve as the primary asset classes. Weight from other asset classes is rescaled proportionally to the primary asset classes.
- Total equity allocation is recentered to the midpoint of equity range for each Multisector Category and asset class level allocations are rescaled to maintain appropriate weights.

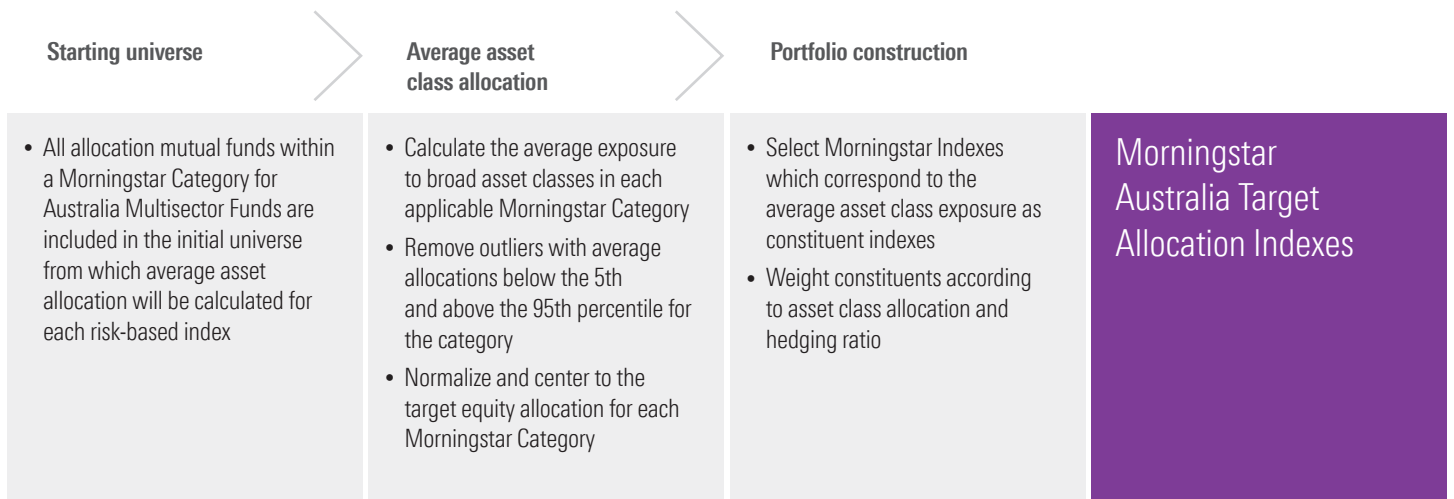
Portfolio construction

Morningstar Indexes are selected as constituents to correspond with the average asset class allocations. International equity is split into hedged and unhedged portions according to an annually calculated hedge ratio. International property and international fixed income are fully hedged.

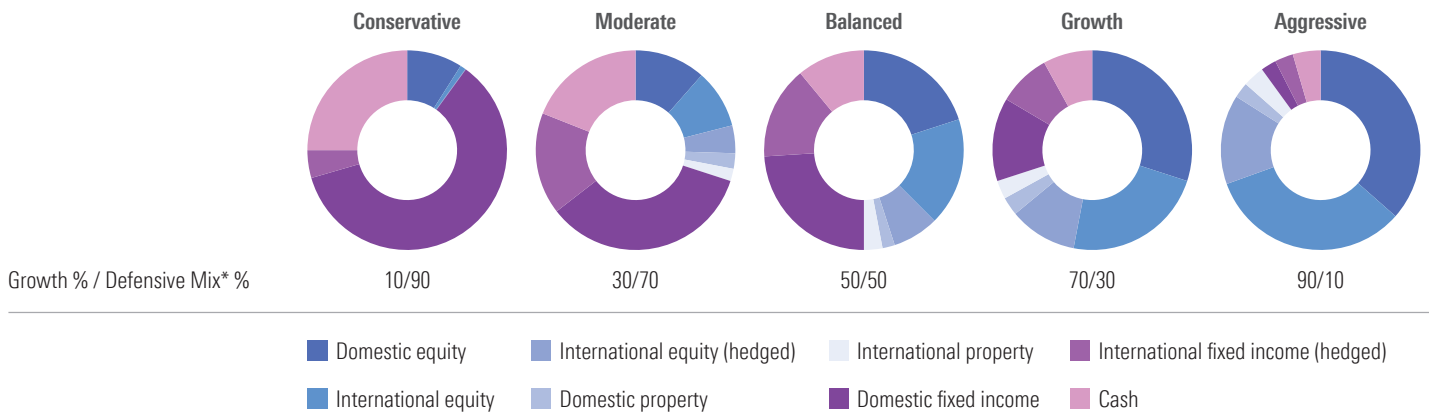
Index weighting and maintenance

The index weights are reconstituted annually in June, according to the average asset class calculation and hedging ratio. Index rebalancing occurs monthly to maintain the target weights designated at the annual reconstitution.

Construction process



Asset allocation



*Note: Growth/Defensive Mix will remain static in alignment with the midpoint each index's respective Morningstar Category.

Constituent indexes

Asset class	Morningstar index
Domestic equity	Morningstar Australia GR AUD Index
International equity	Morningstar Global ex-Australia NR AUD Index
International equity (hedged)	Morningstar Global ex-Australia NR Hdg AUD Index
Domestic property	Morningstar Australia REIT GR AUD Index
International property (hedged)	Morningstar Global Markets ex-Australia REIT NR Hdg AUD Index
Domestic fixed income	Morningstar Australia Core Bond GR AUD Index
International fixed income (hedged)	Morningstar Global ex-Australia Core Bond GR Hdg AUD Index
Cash	Morningstar Australian Dollar 1-month Cash GR AUD Index

About Morningstar Indexes

Morningstar Indexes was built to keep up with the evolving needs of investors—and to be a leading-edge advocate for them. Our rich heritage as a transparent, investor-focused leader in data and research uniquely equips us to support individuals, institutions, wealth managers and advisors in navigating investment opportunities across major asset classes, styles and strategies. From traditional benchmarks and unique IP-driven indexes, to index design, calculation and distribution services, our solutions span an investment landscape as diverse as investors themselves.

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