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Supercharge your Super

Strategies for every age and stage



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Keys to financial empowerment

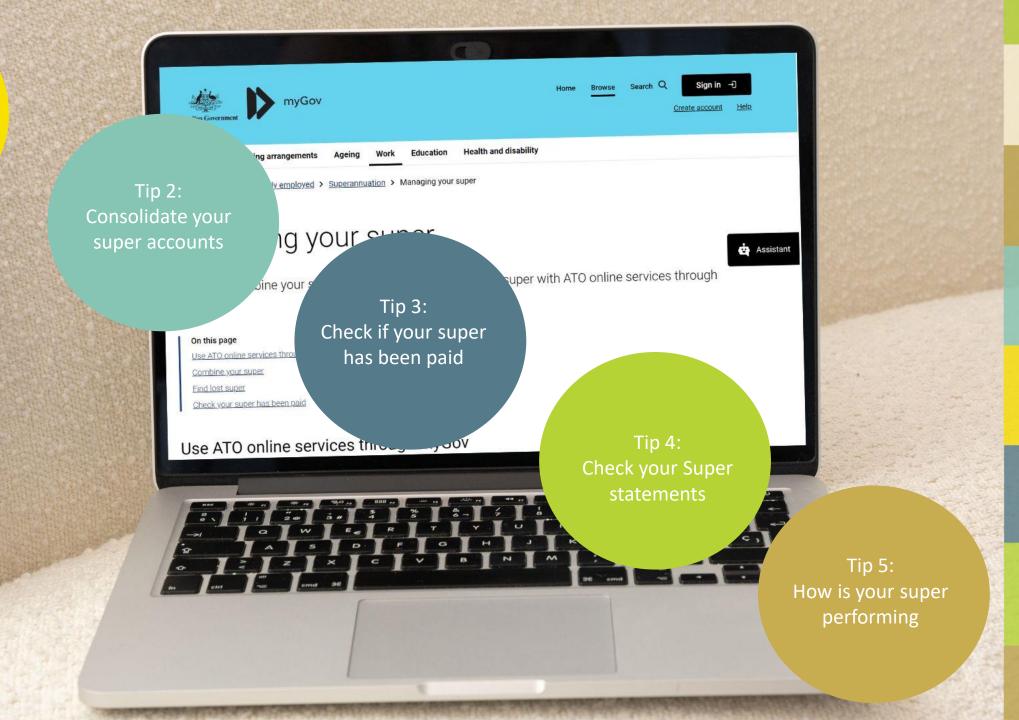


Super-charging your future



Tip 1: Search MyGov for multiple accounts

MyGov





Lower your tax bill by maximising your concessional super contributions

Tip 6: Minimise Tax by Topping up Super

Current Taxable Income \$150,000

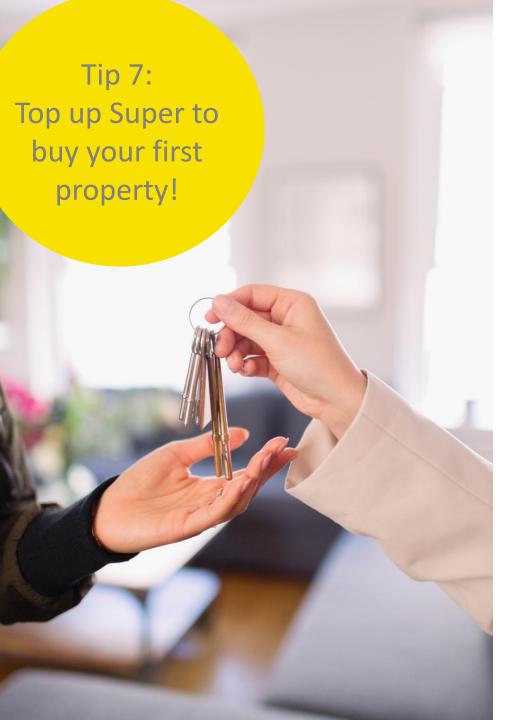
Total Tax Paid \$40,567

New Taxable Income \$120,000 Superannuation Contribution: Up to \$30,000

\$4,500 tax paid on super

\$29,467.00 tax paid on salary

Total Tax Paid \$33,967
Tax Saving = \$6,600

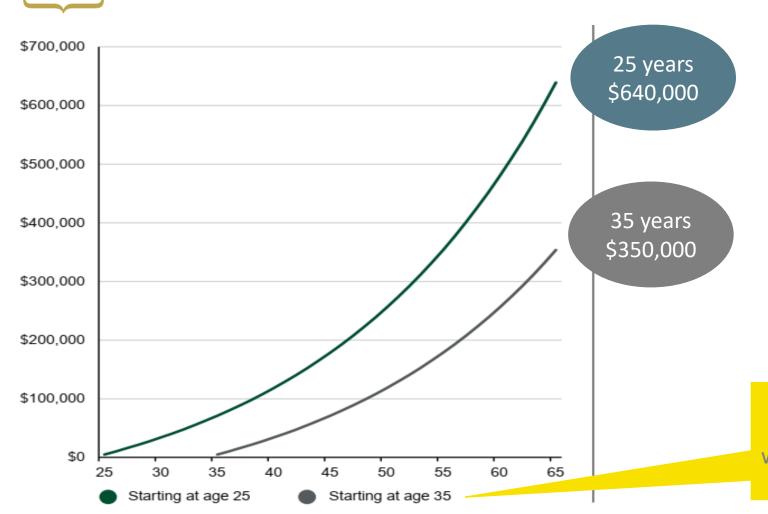


First home super saver (FHSS) scheme

- Purpose: Helps first-home buyers save by making voluntary contributions to superannuation, benefiting from lower tax rates.
- Tax Benefits: Concessional contributions are taxed at 15%, with an additional 30% FHSS tax offset.
- Contribution Limits: Withdraw up to \$15,000 per financial year (up to \$50,000 total), plus associated earnings.
- Usage Requirement: You must occupy the home for at least 6 months within the first year.
- Eligibility: Must be 18+, a first-time homebuyer, and meet other specific conditions. Couples, siblings or friends can each access their eligible FHSS contributions to purchase the same property.



Benefits of starting early: The power of compounding

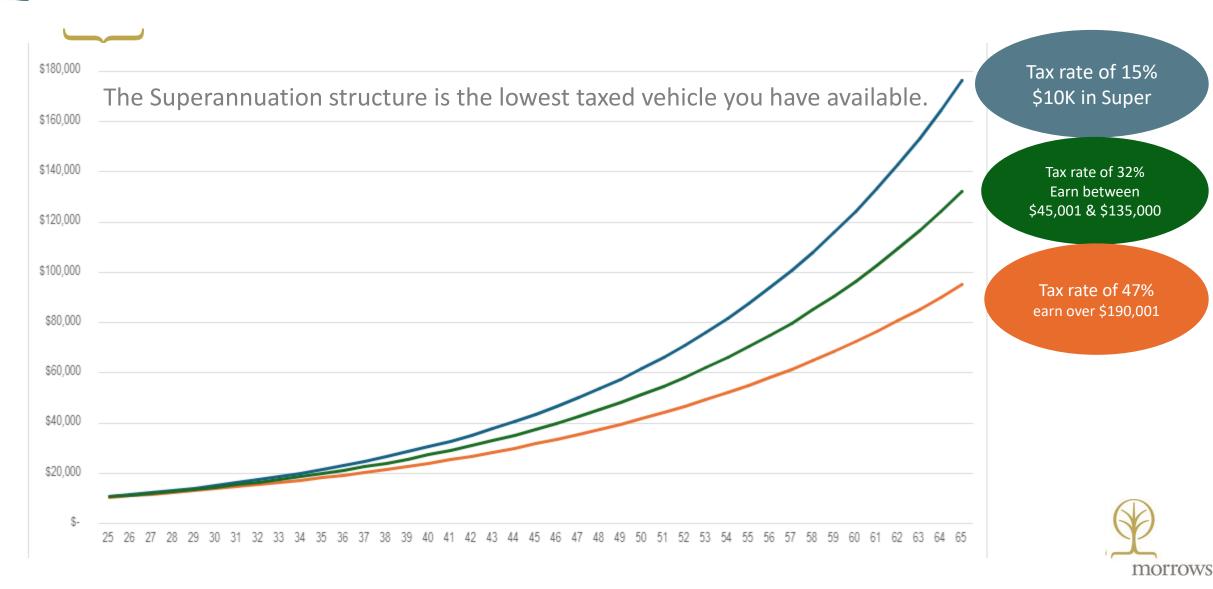


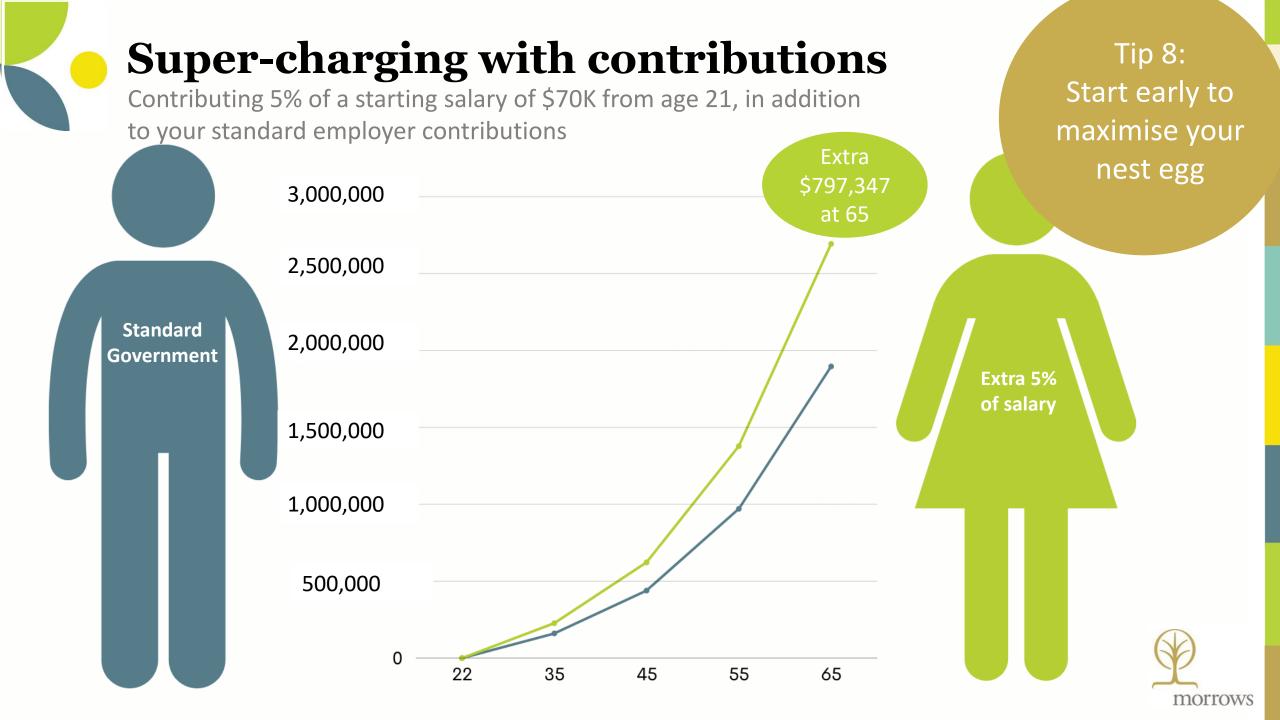
Tip 8: Start early to maximise your nest egg

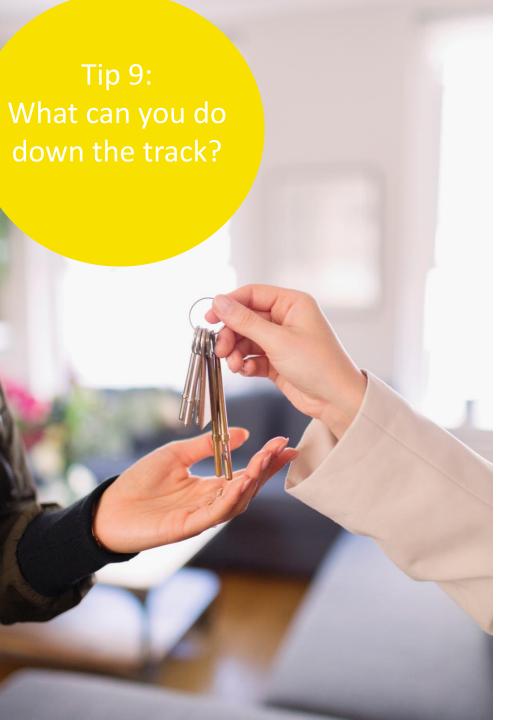
\$5,000 invested annually with 5% growth rate per year



Top up Super by \$10,000 versus Top up Other Investments by \$10,000







Options to maximise your super contributions

- Downsize your home and contribute to super.
- Bring forward your super contribution limits.
- Catch up contributions: Utilise your unused contribution caps.
- Transition to Retirement Pension (for those looking to go part time before retirement).
- Government co-contributions.
- Super splitting.
- Spouse contributions.



How to read your super statement

Tip 10: Check your statement sample super

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Product: Accumulation

- Closing / Current Balance:
 - This is how much is there at the EOFY.
- Any Contributions: Your employer should now be contributing 11.5%.
- Investment Returns: In FY23, Australian super funds returned an average of 8.6% to members, up from -3% in FY22.
- Deductions: Any taxes, fees, insurance premiums that have been deducted from the account. Admin fees should not be more than 1%.
- Product Type: There are two; defined benefit funds and accumulation funds, most people are in accumulation.

YOUR BENEFIT AT A GLANCE

TOTAL OPENING BALANCE \$6,980.40

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Contributions	\$3,553.65
Rollovers and Transfers	\$0
Investment Returns	\$560.85
Withdrawals	\$0
Taxes and Other Charges	-\$270.30
Insurance Premiums	-108.79
Other Fess and Costs	-\$48.00

Total Closing Balance at 30 June	\$10,667.81
Total Death Benefit at 30 June	\$230,667.81

How much do I need?

Tip 11:

How much will you need?







Budget retirement Age Pension only

\$29,754 pa single \$44,855 pa couple

- Limited or no budget to repair home or car
- No private health insurance
- Specials at the RSL club or cheap takeaway meals

Modest retirement \$100,000 for couples and singles

> \$33,134 pa single \$47,731 pa couple

- Basic home repairs and a cheap car
- Basic private health insurance
- One holiday in Australia per year

\$595,000 for singles or \$690,000 for couples.

\$52,085 pa for single \$73,337 pa for couple

- Decent car, and can afford to renovate
- Top level private health insurance
- Restaurants and dining, travel regular activities

Source: ASFA Retirement Standard, based on getting the Age Pension, for retirees aged 65 who own their own home.

How much super do I need?

Modest Retirement



25 years old– single
Income \$70,000
Super Balance \$13,000
No extra contributions

\$542,086 balance (modest)



Income \$70,000 Super Balance \$13,000 Top up \$100 per week

\$867,087 balance (modest)



- Good standard of living
- Basic home repairs (painting maintenance etc.)
- Reasonable car
- Basic Private Health coverage
- Basic Pharmaceuticals
- Infrequent Exercise activities





- Limited Dining Out -Basic pubmeals
- Limited holidays within Australia
- Limited entertainment movies, and social club activities
- Infrequent leisure and social activities with family and friends.



How much super do I need?

Comfortable Retirement



25 years – couple
Earning \$70,000 and \$75,000
Balance \$28,000 in super
Extra \$100 per week each
to super

\$1,777,013 balance (Comfortable)



- Comfortable standard of living
- Can afford home renovations (update of kitchen and bathroom)
- Decent car
- Good Private Health Coverage
- Specialist Pharmaceuticals
- Regular Exercise and leisure activities (Gym membership)





- Occasional restaurants.
- Annual domestic trip and an international trip once every seven years.
- Occasional entertainment movies, theatre and social activities.



Tip 11: How much will YOU need?

But how much do YOU need?

- Annual Holidays: Local trips or overseas adventures?
 How often do you want to travel? Annual?
- Dining Out: How often do you plan to eat at restaurants or cafes?
- Leisure Activities: Do you want to attend the theatre, concerts, or events?
- **Gifts for Loved Ones:** How often do you buy presents for children or grandchildren?
- Fitness & Hobbies: Will you maintain a gym membership or engage in other hobbies?
- **Upgrade your Car**: How often do you want to upgrade your car? What type of car would you like to drive?





Importance of Budgeting

Tip 12: Create a realistic budget

- Using Online Calculators is a great start.
- Most calculators from super funds offer inconsistent or unreliable advice, leading to inaccurate projections.
- Many calculators don't provide tools to help users build a realistic budget.
- A good retirement plan should:
 - Account for big-ticket expenses, like new cars or vacations.
 - Consider medical costs and longer life expectancy.
 - Plan for unexpected expenses such as **health events**.



The common question?

Pay off mortgage?



Or contribute to super?



Top up super by \$10,000 or pay off mortgage?

Tip 13:
Top up your super

Taxable Income	ŀ	Home Loan Repaym	ent	Net Super	Benefit from	
	Marginal tax rate (inc medicare)	Tax payable	Net Loan repayment	Investment	investing in super	
\$45,001-\$120,000	34.5%	\$3,450	\$6,550	\$8,500	\$1,950	
\$120,001 - \$180,000	39%	\$3,900	\$6,100	\$8,500	\$2,400	
\$180,001 +	47%	\$4,700	\$5,300	\$8,500	\$3,200	



Topping up \$10,000 in Super vs Paying off Mortgage after 15 years

Tip 13:
Top up your super

	Super	Mortgage		
Tax Rates	15%	34%	39%	47%
Interest Rate used	7%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Value added after 15 years	\$213,597	\$146,777	\$136,693	\$118,766
Added benefit in super	N/A	\$66,820	\$76,904	\$94,831

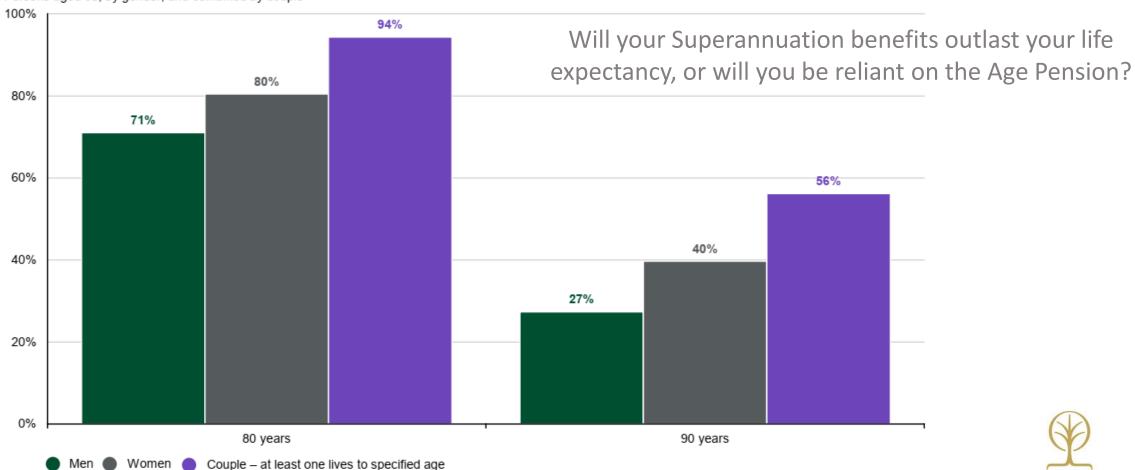


What are we trying to solve?

Your Life Expectancy and Longevity Risk

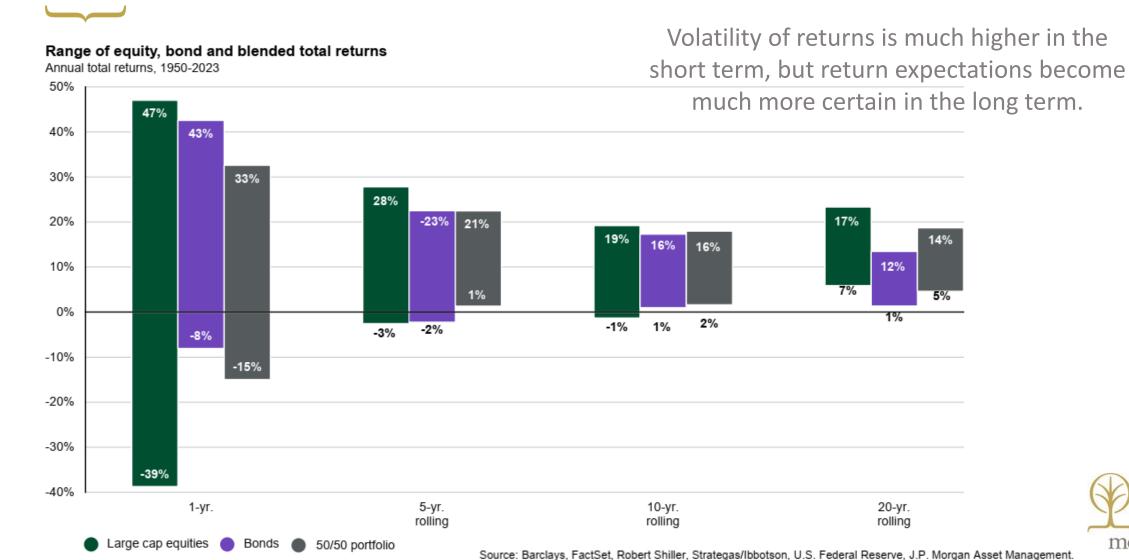
Probability of reaching ages 80 and 90

Persons aged 65, by gender, and combined by couple





Risk and Return Time Horizons



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"Lost decades" are not uncommon

Most started with high valuations on stocks and/or bonds



How can we protect against these "lost decades" of making low or no returns?



Macro Overlay: The Economic Cycle

This is important as it will influence your investment portfolio strategy.

LATE UPSWING PHASE

Boom mentality

MARKETS:

- Inflation gradually picks up
- Policy becomes restrictive

Short rates rising

Bond yields rise

Stock market topping out

Commodities rising strongly Property prices rising strongly

EARLY UPSWING PHASE

- Increasing confidence
- Healthy economic growth
- Inflation remains low

MARKETS:

- Bond stable
- Commodities strong
- Property prices picking up

- Short rates at neutral
- Stock market strong

ECONOMY SLOWS/ ENTERS RECESSION

- Confidence suddenly drops
- Inflation continues to rise
- Inventory correction begins

MARKETS:

- Short rates peaks
- Bond yields tops out
- Stock market starts falling
- Commodities starts falling
- Property prices tops out

RECESSION

- Confidence weak
- Inflation peaks
- **Production falling**

MARKETS:

- Short rates drops
- Bond yields drops
- Stock market bottoming
- Commodities weak
- Property prices weak

MARKETS:

policies

Short rates low or falling

RECOVERY PHASE

Stimulatory economic

Confidence picks up

Inflation falling

- Bond yields bottoming
- Stock market rising
- Commodities rising
- Property prices bottoming

Source: ACG Advisors

Having The Right Asset Allocation Mix

THE RIGHT MIX?

It depends on your risk and return objectives, and where we are in the Cycle

100% Cash, Term
Deposits and Bonds

Low risk of capital loss, but a high risk of not achieving long term return objectives

Alternative Absolute Return & Private Market Assets

- Hedge Funds (long short, market neutral, global macro)
- <u>Private Markets</u> (debt, equity, infrastructure, property)
- Alternative assets (commodities, renewables, niche)

100% Listed Shares and Listed Property

High risk of capital loss but a higher chance of achieving long term return objectives

Most portfolios ignore the allocation to alternative absolute return assets and private markets. In our view, this is where the best risk adjusted returns can be generated.



Vanguard Long-Term Portfolio Return Expectations

The Vanguard Capital Markets Model <u>return and volatility forecasts over the next 10 years</u> are shown below along with the Vanguard Benchmark <u>actual returns</u> for the prior 10-year period (pa) ending 30th June 2024.

Forecast 10-Year Return Percentile					
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	5th	25th	Median	75th	95th
Conservative	2.9%	4.3%	5.2%	6.1%	7.5%
Balanced	2.2%	4.2%	5.6%	7.0%	9.0%
Growth	1.2%	3.9%	5.8%	7.6%	10.4%
High Growth	0.0%	3.4%	5.8%	8.3%	11.8%

Volatility
Median
5.7%
8.9%
12.4%
16.0%

Prior 10-Year Return
Actual
4.3%
5.9%
7.6%
9.2%

Source: Vanguard, July 2024

Conclusion: Generating returns using just listed stocks and bonds will be much more challenging in the future than in the past and investors will need to take more risk for less return.



Most Portfolios Have a 'Limitation'



Traditional Core Portfolio Strategy

Access to major <u>listed</u> markets

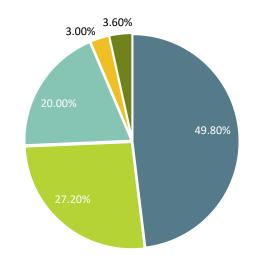


International Shares (Listed Markets)

Australian Shares (Listed Markets)

Emerging Markets Shares (Listed Markets)

International Small Company Equity (Listed Markets)



*Details shown are for the Vanguard Balanced Index Fund

What is missing for optimal diversification?

Access to <u>non-traditional and private</u> markets

- Private Equity (venture capital through to large-cap buyouts)
- Private Debt (corporate, property and asset-backed)
- Private Infrastructure and property (income and growth focus)
- ➤ Hedge Funds (long-short, market neutral, global macro)
- Commodities (precious metals, energy, renewables)
- ➤ Niche opportunities (mis-pricing, opportunistic, illiquidity premium)



MPW aims to provide investment strategy solutions to give portfolios the right mix of assets and improve long-term risk and return outcomes.

The Role of Alternative Assets In Portfolios

Framework-driven portfolio construction: What roles do different categories play in the portfolio?

RETURN ENHANCERS

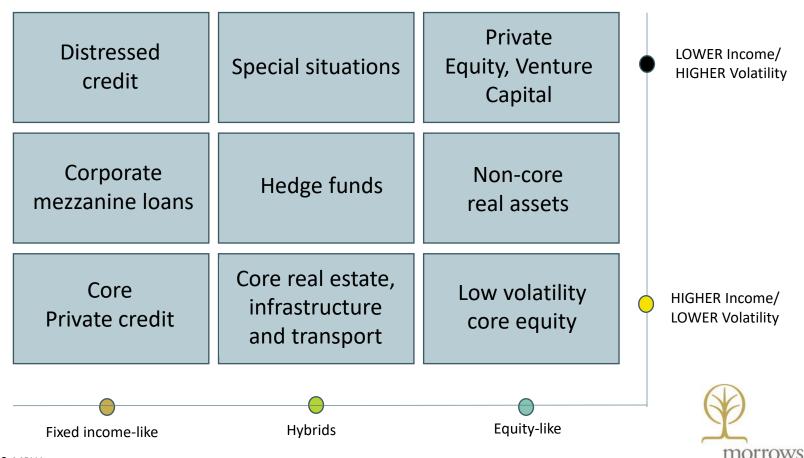
Global diversification and tactical/opportunistic returns

CORE COMPLEMENTS

Added diversification and/or enhanced returns

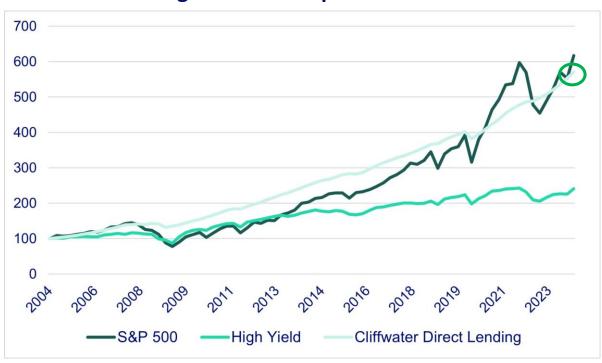
CORE FOUNDATION

Stable Income with lower volatility, diversification ad inflation sensitivity



Private Lending: Higher Returns, Lower Risk

Direct Lending Returns Compared to Public Markets



Direct Lending Risk & Returns Compared to Public Markets



Source: S&P 500 Equity index; Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield Index; Cliffwater Direct Lending Index, as of 31.12.2023.

Source: Bloomberg, as of March 2024; Cliffwater Direct Lending Index, as of December 2023.

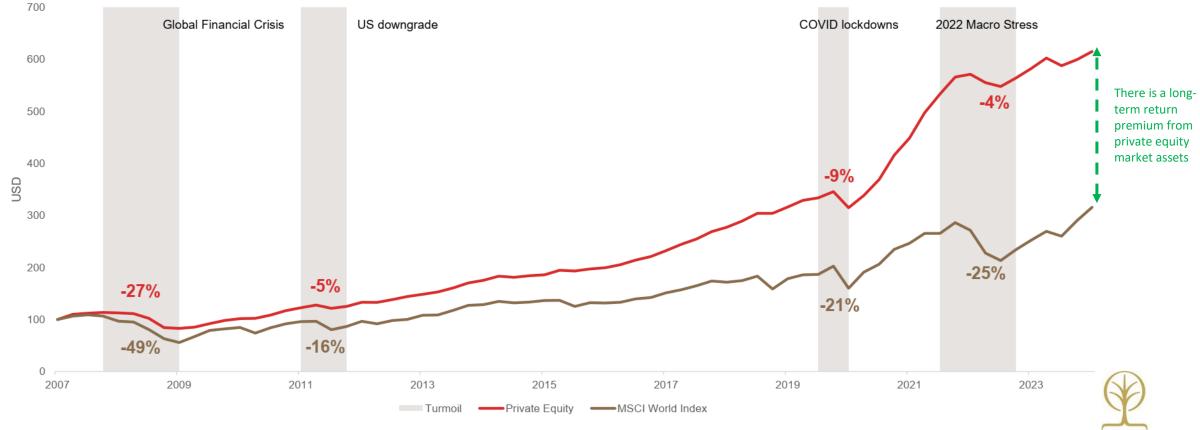
Private debt currently has 9-10% pa yields and strong risk-adjusted returns.



Private Equity: Higher Returns, Lower Risk

Global private equity has outperformed the global public listed market over the long term.

Total Return Index, March 2007 = 100



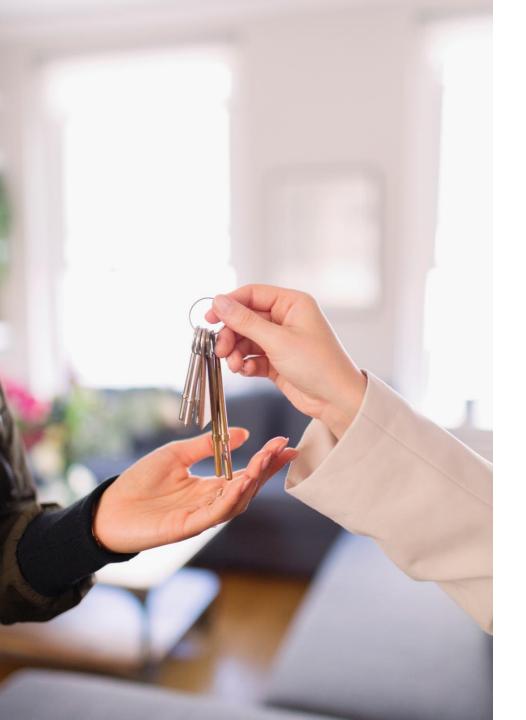
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For illustrative purposes only. Figures as of 31 March 2024. Drawdowns correspond to quarter end index values. 1) Private Equity returns represented by the Bloomberg PE Buyout Index (PEBUY) through 31 Mar 2024. MSCI World total return in USD. Source: Partners Group (2024).

What's the super deal about superannuation?







Key Takeaways

- Superannuation is the most tax-effective investment structure available to you.
- Start Early, but it's not too late to start now.
- Increase your super contributions, every bit helps.
- Your investment strategy can supercharge your returns.
- Long term compound growth will take care of the rest.
- Super is an investment in your retirement future, embrace it.
- You can have up to \$1.9m invested in a tax-free super fund after retirement at age 60, for the rest of your lifetime!
- THAT IS POWERFUL. Take control of your financial future.





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Any Questions



