



LIFE INSURANCE

Investment Bond and Rollover

Annual Report 2023/24

This report applies to the following products:

- Capital Guaranteed Collection Investment Bond
- Investment Bond
- Capital Guaranteed Collection Deferred Annuity
- Rollover
- Rollover Portfolio
- Rollover Parking Fund

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This annual report is designed to provide the information you need to know about the wholesale investment options and performance.

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Disclaimer

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About MLC Life Insurance

MLC Life Insurance

At MLC Life Insurance, we're committed to protecting our customers by providing care and support through life's journey. It's what drives our ambition to be Australia's leading and most trusted life insurer.

Since 1886, we've continued to be guided by our founder, James Garvan's promise to provide Australians with the enduring security and protection of life insurance. It's a promise we take to heart as we provide flexible, affordable, and innovative insurance solutions to the lives we protect.

We've partnered with one of the world's leading life insurers, Nippon Life Insurance Group.

Nippon Life, founded in 1889 and based in Osaka, Japan, operates life insurance and asset management businesses in the Asia-Pacific region and globally. They are Japan's largest private asset owner with 15 million customers.

In October 2016, Nippon Life acquired 80% of MLC Limited from National Australia Bank (who retain a 20% holding). This helped form the stand-alone life insurance brand you know as MLC Life Insurance today.

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You should read this report in conjunction with your annual statement for information on your individual investment.

If you have any questions about your investment, please:

- send an email to enquiries.retail@mlcinsurance.com.au, or
- call **13 65 25**, between 8.30am and 6pm (AEST/AEDT), Monday to Friday.

Alternatively, you can write to us at:

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MLC Limited (MLCL) invests in the MLC Trusts, wholesale investment options.

This section outlines the investment objective, actual asset allocation and

investment performance of the wholesale investment options.

The investment objective and asset allocation of the wholesale investment options and MLCL investment options, used for the Investment Bond and Rollover products, are the same.

Performance shown in this report is the performance of the wholesale investment option and will differ from the performance of the MLCL investment options due to indirect costs and tax.

The performance of the MLCL investment options are shown in your annual statement and are also available on our website www.investor.mlcinsurance.com.au

Notes:

1. The following products are collectively known as 'Investment Bond'
 - Capital Guaranteed Collection Investment Bond
 - Investment Bond
2. The following products are collectively known as 'Rollover'
 - Capital Guaranteed Collection Deferred Annuity
 - Rollover
 - Rollover Portfolio
 - Rollover Parking Fund
3. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.
4. There is no choice of investment option for Rollover Parking Fund. Guaranteed Cash is the only investment option available for this product.
5. Your annual statement shows the investment options available for your policy in the 'Performance' section.
6. Capital Protection (Deferred Guarantee) investment options are closed investment options and cannot receive additional contributions or switches into these funds.

Investment Strategy

Wholesale Investment Option: MLC Wholesale Horizon 2 Income Portfolio

MLCL Investment options

- Capital Maintenance
- Capital Secure
- Capital Stable
- Capital Stable – CP

Investment objective and strategy

Aims to outperform the Benchmark (after fees) over 3 year periods.

We aim to achieve this by actively managing the Trust. This includes changing the Trust's asset allocation to capitalise on investment opportunities or reduce risk if market risk is high.

Benchmark

The Trust's Benchmark is a combination of market indices, weighted according to the strategic asset allocation.

Details are available at www.mlc.com.au/horizon2investments

Asset allocation as at 30 June 2024

The information displayed reflects the actual asset allocation based on the holdings within the fund at the effective date.

Asset class	Actual
Australian Fixed Interest	37.88%
International Fixed Interest	23.71%
Australian Shares	9.03%
Other	8.59%
Global Shares (Unhedged)	7.76%
Property	4.93%
Global Shares (Hedged)	3.03%
Infrastructure	2.70%
Global Private Assets	2.08%
Risk Management Strategy	0.29%
Total	100.0%

Performance as at 30 June 2024

	Compound Returns % pa *				
Wholesale Investment Option	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years
Horizon 2 Income	8.97%	3.96%	5.23%	5.75%	6.03%

*Returns for periods 1 year or greater are calculated on an annualised basis.

Investment Strategy

Wholesale Investment Option: MLC Horizon 3 Conservative Growth Portfolio

MLCL Investment options

- Balanced
- Balanced – CP

Investment objective and strategy

Aims to outperform the Benchmark (after fees) over 5 year periods.

We aim to achieve this by actively managing the Trust. This includes changing the Trust's asset allocation to capitalise on investment opportunities or reduce risk if market risk is high.

Benchmark

The Trust's Benchmark is a combination of market indices, weighted according to the strategic asset allocation. Details are available at www.mlc.com.au/horizon3investments.

Asset allocation as at 30 June 2024

The information displayed reflects the actual asset allocation based on the holdings within the fund at the effective date.

Asset class	Actual
Australian Fixed Interest	24.12%
International Fixed Interest	17.61%
Australian Shares	16.28%
Other	12.66%
Global Shares (Unhedged)	8.68%
Property	7.69%
Global Shares (Hedged)	5.66%
Infrastructure	3.75%
Global Private Assets	3.08%
Risk Management Strategy	0.47%
Total	100.0%

Performance as at 30 June 2024

	Compound Returns % pa *				
Wholesale Investment Option	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years
Horizon 3 Conservative Growth	8.97%	3.96%	5.23%	5.75%	6.03%

*Returns for periods 1 year or greater are calculated on an annualised basis.

Investment Strategy

Wholesale Investment Option: MLC Wholesale Horizon 4 Balanced Portfolio

MLCL Investment options

- Growth
- Growth – CP

Investment objective and strategy

Aims to outperform the Benchmark (after fees) over 5 year periods.

We aim to achieve this by actively managing the Trust. This includes changing the Trust's asset allocation to capitalise on investment opportunities or reduce risk if market risk is high.

Benchmark

The Trust's Benchmark is a combination of market indices, weighted according to the strategic asset allocation. The market indices and therefore the Benchmark may change from time to time. Details are available at mlc.com.au/horizon4investments.

Asset allocation as at 30 June 2024

The information displayed reflects the actual asset allocation based on the holdings within the fund at the effective date.

Asset class	Actual
Australian Fixed Interest	23.74%
International Fixed Interest	18.51%
Australian Shares	11.93%
Other	10.74%
Global Shares (Unhedged)	9.36%
Property	7.35%
Global Shares (Hedged)	5.72%
Infrastructure	4.63%
Global Private Assets	4.30%
Risk Management Strategy	3.72%
Total	100.0%

Performance as at 30 June 2024

Wholesale Investment Option	Compound Returns % pa *				
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years
Horizon 4 Conservative Growth	11.03%	4.69%	6.49%	7.15%	7.45%

*Returns for periods 1 year or greater are calculated on an annualised basis.

Investment Strategy

Wholesale Investment Option: MLC Wholesale Australian Share Fund

MLCL Investment options

- Australian Shares
- Australian Shares – CP
- Equity Imputation

Investment objective and strategy

Aims to outperform the Benchmark (after fees) over 7 year periods.

Benchmark

S&P/ASX 300 Total Return Index

Asset allocation as at 30 June 2024

The information displayed reflects the actual asset allocation based on the holdings within the fund at the effective date.

Asset class	Actual
Australian Shares	99.10%
Cash	0.90%
Total	100.0%

Performance as at 30 June 2024

Wholesale Investment Option	Compound Returns % pa *				
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years
MLC Australian Share Fund	11.48%	6.39%	7.79%	8.91%	8.50%

*Returns for periods 1 year or greater are calculated on an annualised basis.

Investment Strategy

Wholesale Investment Option: Antares Enhanced Cash Trust

MLCL Investment options

- Cash
- Guaranteed Cash

Investment objective and strategy

The aim of the Trust is to actively manage a portfolio of Australian money market and fixed income securities (in a risk-controlled manner) to generate a return over a full market cycle which exceeds that delivered by the Australian bank bill rate.

Invests primarily in Australian bonds, cash and short-term securities either by way of physical securities or derivatives.

- Derivatives include bond, bank bill futures contracts and interest rate swaps as well as credit default swap contracts which may be used to hedge the credit exposure to some corporate bonds.
- Uses a combination of diversified investment strategies to generate excess returns and manage risk for the Trust. These strategies include liquidity management, duration positioning, yield curve positioning, sector rotation, and credit selection (outlined below).
- Targets duration between 0 and 6 months and credit exposure in the range of securities rated A- through to AAA.
- The Trust will not use leverage or short selling strategies.
- May use other strategies, as determined appropriate, with regard to achieving the Trust's objectives

Benchmark

Aims to outperform the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index by 25 basis points per annum (after fees) over rolling 12-month periods.

Asset allocation as at 30 June 2024

The information displayed reflects the actual asset allocation based on the holdings within the fund at the effective date.

Asset Class	Actual
Cash Cash, deposits, bank bills and other short-term securities issued by governments and corporations where the value of the security is primarily linked to movements in short-term interest rates.	100.00%
Total	100.0%

Performance as at 30 June 2024

Investment Option	Compound Returns % pa *			
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Antares Enhanced Cash Trust	5.06%	2.85%	2.09%	3.58%

*Returns for periods 1 year or greater are calculated on an annualised basis.

Investment Strategy

Wholesale Investment Option: MLC Wholesale Australian Share Fund

MLCL Investment options Investment objective and strategy

- Cash
- Guaranteed Cash

Aims to provide investors relatively steady positive returns over the term of the investment. The fund is conservatively managed and carries the guarantee of return of both capital and interest once allocated, net of switches and withdrawals.

We aim to achieve this by investing a high proportion of the fund in fixed another interest-bearing securities with smaller amounts invested in property and shares. Reserves are maintained and applied for the purpose of smoothing future returns to investors.

Asset allocation as at 30 June 2024

The information displayed reflects the actual asset allocation based on the holdings within the fund at the effective date.

Asset Class	Pre 95	Post 95
Australian Shares	3.9%	7.8%
Global Shares (Hedged)	0.1%	0.2%
Global Shares (Unhedged)	2.6%	5.2%
Australian Fixed Interest	84.3%	71.2%
Property	6.5%	13.0%
Cash	2.6%	2.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Performance as at 30 June 2024

Investment Bonds	Compound Returns % pa *				
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years
Product Investment Option					
Investment Bond (NPOC/G) Capital Guaranteed Non Profit- Pre 95	1.91%	1.00%	0.90%	0.92%	1.24%
Investment Bond (NCOG/G) Capital Guaranteed Non Profit- Post 95	1.10%	0.73%	0.83%	0.74%	0.99%
Investment Bond – Exit fee (NXOC/G) Capital Guaranteed Non Profit- Post 95	0.70%	0.47%	0.57%	0.46%	0.71%
Capital Guaranteed Collection Investment Bond (NUOC/G) Capital Guaranteed Non Profit- Post 95	2.41%	1.50%	1.34%	1.38%	1.71%

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Investment Strategy

Wholesale Investment Option: MLC Wholesale Australian Share Fund

Rollover Bonds	Compound Returns % pa *				
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years
Product Investment Option					
Rollover Portfolio (NPSC/G) Capital Guaranteed Non Profit- Pre 95	2.67%	1.52%	1.88%	2.42%	2.98%
Rollover (NCSC/G) Capital Guaranteed Non Profit- Post 95	2.06%	1.13%	2.11%	2.49%	2.85%
Capital Guaranteed Collection Deferred Annuity (NUSC/G) Capital Guaranteed Non Profit- Post 95	3.17%	2.03%	2.33%	2.89%	3.46%

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Capital Protection (Deferred Guarantee)

Important information in relation to Capital Protection (Deferred Guarantee)

Capital Protection (Deferred Guarantee) investment options closed to new business on 1 December 2008.

Existing investments in the Capital Protection (Deferred Guarantee) investment options may remain invested; however, additional contributions or switches cannot be made into these investment options.

If you switch your investment out of the Capital Protection (Deferred Guarantee) investment option, you will not be able to switch back into this investment option at a later date (you will lose your Capital Protection or Deferred Guarantee).

Investment option	Capital Protection (Deferred Guarantee) fee	
	From 1 March 2009	As at 30 June 2024
Capital Stable – CP	0.40%pa	0.40%pa
Balanced – CP	0.60%pa	0.60%pa
Growth – CP	0.80%pa	0.80%pa
Australian Shares – CP	0.80%pa	0.80%pa

Other things you should know

Taxation

Tax laws change. For up-to-date information on how tax applies to your Investment Bond or Rollover policy, please visit ato.gov.au or speak with your registered tax agent.

Keeping you informed

So we can keep you informed about your investment and any relevant changes in legislation, please let us know if you've changed your address, phone number(s) or email address. You can update your details by calling us on **13 65 25**.

Resolving complaints

If you have a complaint about our organisation, related to our products, services, staff or the handling of a complaint, we'd like an opportunity to put it right.

Please call us on **13 65 25** (Toll free **1800 062 061**) or for international calls **+61 2 9121 6500** (charges apply) between 8.30am and 6pm (AEST/AEDT), Monday to Friday, to discuss your concerns. For hearing impaired customers, please call **1300 555 727**. For customers requiring interpreting or translation services, please call **13 14 50**.

If we're unable to resolve your issues to your satisfaction, we will put you in contact with our Internal Complaints Resolution Team. For more information, please visit www.mlcinsurance.com.au/support/customer

If you're not satisfied with the resolution provided by our Internal Complaints Resolution Team, or we haven't responded to you in 30 days, you can lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA).

AFCA is an independent body that provides a complaint resolution service free of charge to customers. You can contact AFCA at any time, in writing, by email or by phone. AFCA's contact details are:

Australian Financial Complaints Authority
GPO Box 3
Melbourne VIC 3001

Phone: **1800 931 678** (free call)
Email: info@afca.org.au
Website: afca.org.au

If you need help

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