

Target Market Determination

Australian Securities Term Fund ARSN 605 224 600



Introduction

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This document is **not** a product disclosure statement (**PDS**) and is **not** a complete summary of the product features or terms of the product. This document does not take into account any person's individual objectives, financial situation or needs. Persons interested in acquiring this product should carefully read the PDS for the product before making a decision whether to buy this product.

Important terms used in this TMD are defined in the TMD Definitions which supplement this document. Capitalised terms have the meaning given to them in the product's PDS, unless otherwise defined. The PDS can be obtained from our website – www.australiansecurities.com.au or by requesting a copy by calling Australian Securities offices on 1300 275 275.

Target Market Summary

This product is intended for use for capital preservation to provide regular monthly income for a consumer who is seeking regular monthly income and has a low to medium risk and return profile for that portion of their investment portfolio. It is likely to be consistent with the financial situation and needs of a consumer with a 90 day investment timeframe and who is unlikely to need to access their capital with less than 14 days' notice.

Fund and Issuer identifiers

Issuer	Australian Securities Limited
Issuer ABN	69 005 428 231
Issuer AFSL	260499
TMD contact details	Compliance Officer
Fund name	Australian Securities Term Fund

ARSN	605 224 600
APIR Code	Not Applicable
ISIN Code	Not Applicable
TMD issue date	25 September 2025
TMD Version	3
Distribution status of fund	Available

Description of Target Market

TMD indicator key

The Consumer Attributes for which the product is likely to be appropriate have been assessed using a red/amber/green rating methodology with appropriate colour coding:

In target market	See issuer instructions	Not in target market
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Instructions

In the tables below, Column 1, Consumer Attributes, indicates a description of the likely objectives, financial situation and needs of the class of consumers that are considering this product. Column 2, TMD indicator, indicates whether a consumer meeting the attribute in column 1 is likely to be in the target market for this product.

Generally, a consumer is unlikely to be in the target market for the product if:

- One or more of their Consumer Attributes correspond to a **red** rating, or
- Three or more of their Consumer Attributes correspond to an **amber** rating.

Appropriateness

The Issuer has assessed the product and formed the view that the product, including its key attributes, is likely to be consistent with the likely objectives, financial situation and needs of consumers in the target market, as described above, as the features of this product in Column 3 of the table below are likely to be suitable for consumers with the attributes identified with a green TMD Indicator in Column 2. A minimum investment of \$10,000 with a minimum \$10,000 or 'closing balance' withdrawal applies.

Investment products and diversification

A consumer (or class of consumer) may intend to hold a product as part of a diversified portfolio (for example, with an intended product use of minor allocation). In such circumstances, the product should be assessed against the consumer's attributes for the relevant portion of the portfolio, rather than the

consumer's portfolio as a whole. For example, a consumer may seek to construct a balanced or moderate diversified portfolio with a minor allocation to growth assets. In this case, a product with a High risk/return profile may be consistent with the consumer's objectives for that minor allocation notwithstanding that the risk/return profile of the consumer as a whole is Medium. In making this assessment, distributors should consider all features of a product (including its key attributes).

The FSC has provided more detailed guidance on how to take this *portfolio view* for diversification, available on the [FSC website](#).

Consumer Attributes	TMD indicator	Product description including key attributes
Consumer's investment objective		
Capital Growth	Yellow	The Australian Securities Term Fund offers investors the ability to invest in a diversified pooled fund to receive regular income payments as well as have their capital secured, but not guaranteed, against real property and cash-equivalent investments such as Term Deposits and Cash in Bank.
Capital Preservation	Green	
Income Distribution	Green	The Fund uses the total of the invested funds by investors to create a portfolio of securities.
		Investors receive income payments based on a proportion of their invested funds across all invested funds. The Fund does not pass-through increase in property values as capital growth. A consumer whose objective is to obtain capital growth and income distribution can still be in the target market
Consumer's intended product use (% of Investable Assets)		
Solution/Standalone (up to 100%)	Red	A consumer may find the Australian Securities Term Fund a suitable investment to invest at any portfolio weight. The Fund diversifies across multiple securities which allows the consumer to diversify the exposure of their investment.
Major allocation (up to 75%)	Yellow	
Core component (up to 50%)	Yellow	If a consumer has other objectives such as long-term investment time frame and/or capital growth and/or high-risk appetite, holding the product as a stand-alone investment may not be aligned with their objectives, however the consumer could still be in the target market.
Minor allocation (up to 25%)	Green	
Satellite allocation (up to 10%)	Green	

Consumer Attributes	TMD indicator	Product description including key attributes
Consumer's investment timeframe		
Minimum investment timeframe	90 days	The nature of the product is for short-term purposes as Investors can withdraw their investment on 14 days' notice after the initial 90 days investment or shorter terms if the withdrawal is made to invest in the Australian Securities Income Fund or Australian Securities Property Fund. However, consumers with longer investment term horizons can use this product as they may be seeking capital preservation with interest returns as well as access to funds in a short-time frame. Furthermore, investors that have a broader portfolio may have a long-term investment horizon but may use the Fund as an additional avenue for accessing funds or depositing funds due to the short-term nature of the Fund.
Consumer's Risk (ability to bear loss) and Return profile		
Low		The Australian Securities Term Fund is designed to offer a low to medium risk investment profile. This is achieved by holding a minimum of 45% of its assets in cash-equivalent investments, such as term deposits and short-term fixed income securities, while the remaining portion is diversified across a wide range of mortgage-backed securities. This balanced approach aims to provide stable returns with reduced exposure to market volatility.
Medium		
High		
Very high		
Extremely high		
Consumer's need to access capital		
Within one week of request		Investors are able to withdraw their investment on 14 days' notice after the initial 90 days investment.
Within one month of request		Consumers seeking to make monthly withdrawals will only be able to after the initial 90 days' minimum investment period is met. Consumers seeking to withdrawal amounts greater than \$250,000 are subject to stricter withdrawal arrangements.
Within three months of request		
Within one year of request		
Within 5 years of request		
Within 10 years of request		
10 years or more		
At issuer discretion		Only available when consumer is in a financial difficulty and liquidity of the Fund has capacity to release part or all the investment amounts.

Distribution conditions/restrictions

Distribution conditions	Distribution condition rationale ¹	Distributors this condition applies to
Only for distribution through dealing if distributor is reasonably satisfied that distribution is necessary to implement personal advice given to the consumer.	Consumers that apply to invest via a licenced financial advisor will have obtained financial advice to invest in the Australian Securities Term Fund.	Financial Advisors
The product is distributed via direct contact with employees of Australian Securities limited in addition to email and the organisations website – www.australiansecurities.com.au	When the product reaches consumers online or by direct contact, the consumers must complete a questionnaire to ensure that their investment objectives are in line with this Target Market Determination.	Direct
Consumers investing above \$250,000 to be advised of stricter withdrawal arrangements.	Whilst there is no limit to how much a consumer can invest in the Australian Securities Term Fund, consumers that invest funds greater than \$250,000 may be faced with longer withdrawal arrangements as the liquidity of the Fund must be evaluated.	All Distributors

Review triggers

Material change to key attributes, Fund investment objective and/or fees.
Material deviation from benchmark / objective over sustained period.
Key attributes have not performed as disclosed by a material degree and for a material period.
Determination by the issuer of an ASIC reportable Significant Dealing.
Material or unexpectedly high number of complaints (as defined in section 994A(1) of the Act) about the product or distribution of the product.
The use of Product Intervention Powers, regulator orders or directions that affects the product.
Frequent withdrawal requests before the maturity date of the capital invested
Capital loss to investors

Mandatory TMD review periods

Review period	Maximum period for review
Initial review	1 October 2025
Subsequent review	31 January 2027

Distributor reporting requirements

Reporting requirement	Reporting period	Which distributors this requirement applies to
Complaints (as defined in section 994A(1) of the Act) relating to the product. The distributor should provide all the content of the complaint, having regard to privacy.	As soon as practicable but no later than 10 business days following end of calendar quarter.	All distributors
Significant dealing outside of target market, under section 994F(6) of the Act. See Definitions for further detail.	As soon as practicable but no later than 10 business days after distributor becomes aware of the significant dealing.	All distributors

If practicable, distributors should adopt the FSC data standards for reports to the issuer. Distributors must report to Australian Securities Limited using the method specified below:

Product Name Australian Securities Term Fund
 Attention Compliance Officer
 Email mail@asltd.com.au
 Phone 1300 275 275
 Distributor Name *Please provide*
 Consumer Name *Please provide*
 Contract Information *Please provide*

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Definitions

In some instances, examples have been provided below. These examples are indicative only and not exhaustive.

Term	Definition
Consumer’s investment objective	
Capital Growth	The consumer seeks to invest in a product designed or expected to generate capital return over the investment timeframe. The consumer prefers exposure to growth assets (such as shares or property) or otherwise seeks an investment return above the current inflation rate.
Capital Preservation	The consumer seeks to invest in a product designed or expected to have low volatility and minimise capital loss. The consumer prefers exposure to defensive assets that are generally lower in risk and less volatile than growth investments (this may include cash or fixed income securities).
Income Distribution	The consumer seeks to invest in a product designed or expected to distribute regular and/or tax-effective income. The consumer prefers exposure to income-generating assets (this may include high dividend-yielding equities, fixed income securities and money market instruments).

Consumer's intended product use (% of Investable Assets)	
Solution/Standalone (up to 100%)	The consumer may hold the investment as up to 100% of their total <i>investable assets</i> . The consumer is likely to seek a product with <i>very high</i> portfolio diversification.
Major allocation (up to 75%)	The consumer may hold the investment as up to 75% of their total <i>investable assets</i> . The consumer is likely to seek a product with at least <i>high</i> portfolio diversification.
Core Component (up to 50%)	The consumer may hold the investment as up to 50% of their total <i>investable assets</i> . The consumer is likely to seek a product with at least <i>medium</i> portfolio diversification.
Minor allocation (up to 25%)	The consumer may hold the investment as up to 25% of their total <i>investable assets</i> . The consumer is likely to seek a product with at least <i>low</i> portfolio diversification.
Satellite allocation (up to 10%)	The consumer may hold the investment as up to 10% of the total <i>investable assets</i> . The consumer may seek a product with <i>very low</i> portfolio diversification. Products classified as <i>extremely high</i> risk are likely to meet this category only.
<i>Investable Assets</i>	Those assets that the investor has available for investment, excluding the residential home.
Portfolio diversification (for completing the key product attribute section of consumer's intended product use)	
Note: exposures to cash and cash-like instruments may sit outside the diversification framework below.	
Very low	The product provides exposure to a single asset (for example, a commercial property) or a niche asset class (for example, minor commodities, crypto-assets or collectibles).
Low	The product provides exposure to a small number of holdings (for example, fewer than 25 securities) or a narrow asset class, sector or geographic market (for example, a single major commodity (e.g. gold) or equities from a single emerging market economy).
Medium	The product provides exposure to a moderate number of holdings (for example, up to 50 securities) in at least one broad asset class, sector or geographic market (for example, Australian fixed income securities or global natural resources).
High	The product provides exposure to a large number of holdings (for example, over 50 securities) in multiple broad asset classes, sectors or geographic markets (for example, global equities).
Very high	The product provides exposure to a large number of holdings across a broad range of asset classes, sectors <u>and</u> geographic markets with limited correlation to each other.

Consumer's intended investment timeframe	
Minimum	The minimum suggested timeframe for holding the product. Typically, this is the rolling period over which the investment objective of the product is likely to be achieved.
Consumer's Risk (ability to bear loss) and Return profile	
<p>This TMD uses the Standard Risk Measure (SRM) to estimate the likely number of negative annual returns for this product over a 20 year period, using the guidance and methodology outlined in the Standard Risk Measure Guidance Paper For Trustees (note the bands in the SRM guidance differ from the bands used in this TMD): see https://www.fsc.org.au/web-page-resources/fsc-guidance-notes/2316-fsc-gn29. However, SRM is not a complete assessment of risk and potential loss. For example, it does not detail important issues such as the potential size of a negative return (including under conditions of market stress) or that a positive return could still be less than a consumer requires to meet their investment objectives/needs. The SRM methodology may be supplemented by other risk factors. For example, some products may use leverage, derivatives or short selling; may have liquidity or withdrawal limitations; may have underlying investments with valuation risks or risks of capital loss; or otherwise may have a complex structure or increased investment risks, which should be documented together with the SRM to substantiate the product risk rating.</p> <p>A consumer's desired product return profile would generally take into account the impact of fees, costs and taxes.</p>	
Low	<p>For the relevant part of the consumer's portfolio, the consumer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a conservative or low risk appetite, • seeks to minimise volatility and potential losses (e.g. has the ability to bear up to 1 negative return over a 20 year period (SRM 1 to 2)), and • is comfortable with a low target return profile. <p>The consumer typically prefers stable, defensive assets (such as cash).</p>
Medium	<p>For the relevant part of the consumer's portfolio, the consumer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a moderate or medium risk appetite, • seeks low volatility and potential losses (e.g. has the ability to bear up to 4 negative returns over a 20 year period (SRM 3 to 5)), and • is comfortable with a moderate target return profile. <p>The consumer typically prefers defensive assets (for example, fixed income).</p>
High	<p>For the relevant part of the consumer's portfolio, the consumer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a high risk appetite, • can accept high volatility and potential losses (e.g. has the ability to bear up to 6 negative returns over a 20 year period (SRM 5 or 6)), and • seeks high returns (typically over a medium or long timeframe). <p>The consumer typically prefers growth assets (for example, shares and property).</p>

Very high	<p>For the relevant part of the consumer's portfolio, the consumer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a very high risk appetite, • can accept very high volatility and potential losses (e.g. has the ability to bear 6 to 7 negative returns over a 20 year period (SRM 6 or 7)), and • seeks to maximise returns (typically over a medium or long timeframe). <p>The consumer typically prefers high growth assets (such as high conviction portfolios, hedge funds, and alternative investments).</p>
Extremely high	<p>For the relevant part of the consumer's portfolio, the consumer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has an extremely high risk appetite, • can accept significant volatility and losses, and • seeks to obtain accelerated returns (potentially in a short timeframe). <p>The consumer seeks extremely high risk, speculative or complex products which may have features such as significant use of derivatives, leverage or short positions or may be in emerging or niche asset classes (for example, crypto-assets or collectibles).</p>
Consumer's need to access capital	
<p>This consumer attribute addresses the likely period of time between the making of a request for redemption/withdrawal (or access to investment proceeds more generally) and the receipt of proceeds from this request under ordinary circumstances. Issuers should consider both the frequency for accepting the request and the length of time to accept, process and distribute the proceeds of such a request. To the extent that the liquidity of the underlying investments or possible liquidity constraints (e.g. ability to stagger or delay redemptions) could impact this, this is to be taken into consideration in aligning the product to the consumer's need to access capital. Where a product is held on investment platforms, distributors also need to factor in the length of time platforms take to process requests for redemption for underlying investments. Where access to investment proceeds from the product is likely to occur through a secondary market, the liquidity of the market for the product should be considered.</p>	

Distributor Reporting

Significant dealings

Section 994F(6) of the Act requires distributors to notify the issuer if they become aware of a significant dealing in the product that is not consistent with the TMD. Neither the Act nor ASIC defines when a dealing is 'significant' and distributors have discretion to apply its ordinary meaning.

The issuer will rely on notifications of significant dealings to monitor and review the product, this TMD, and its distribution strategy, and to meet its own obligation to report significant dealings to ASIC.

Dealings outside this TMD may be significant because:

- they represent a material proportion of the overall distribution conduct carried out by the distributor in relation to the product, or
- they constitute an individual transaction which has resulted in, or will or is likely to result in, significant detriment to the consumer (or class of consumer).

In each case, the distributor should have regard to:

- the nature and risk profile of the product (which may be indicated by the product's risk rating or access to capital timeframes),
- the actual or potential harm to a consumer (which may be indicated by the value of the consumer's investment, their intended product use or their ability to bear loss), and
- the nature and extent of the inconsistency of distribution with the TMD (which may be indicated by the number of red and/or amber ratings attributed to the consumer).

Objectively, a distributor may consider a dealing (or group of dealings) outside the TMD to be significant if:

- it constitutes more than half of the distributor's total retail product distribution conduct in relation to the product over the quarter,
- the consumer's intended product use is *solution/standalone*,
- the consumer's intended product use is *core component* or higher and the consumer's risk/return profile is *low*, or
- the relevant product has a green rating for consumers seeking *extremely high* risk/return.