



MAY 2018

LEGG MASON AWARDED MONEY MANAGEMENT/LONSEC 'FUND MANAGER OF THE YEAR' 2018



For the third time in the past four years, Legg Mason has again been awarded the prestigious 'Fund Manager of the Year' at the annual Money Management/Lonsec Awards ceremony held in Sydney.

This award recognises the consistency, quality and dependability of Legg Mason's multi-affiliate model that brings together marquee investment managers such as Brandywine Global, Martin Currie, QS Investors and Western Asset. Legg Mason has won this coveted award in 2015, 2017 and 2018.

Legg Mason, and its affiliate fund managers, were multiple award winners on the night, with the following funds triumphing in their respective investment categories:



Global Fixed Income:

Legg Mason Brandywine Global Opportunistic Fixed Income Fund



Global Emerging Market Equities:

Legg Mason Martin Currie Emerging Markets Fund



Australian Fixed Income:

Legg Mason Western Asset Australian Bond Fund

For Western Asset Management this award completes a clean sweep of all the major domestic fixed income awards in Australia over the past 12 months, with the firm having already won the Professional Planner/Zenith Australian Fixed Income Manager of the Year in late 2017 and Morningstar Australia's Fund Manager of the Year 2018: Fixed Interest Category, Australia in March 2018.

Details on Legg Mason's award-winning funds are as follows:

- The **Legg Mason Brandywine Global Opportunistic Fixed Income Fund** is a pioneering global unconstrained strategy managed by a vastly experienced and deeply resourced team. The Fund has a 'go anywhere', opportunistic style, with strict risk limits in place to avoid over-exposure to any one sector or issuer. The Fund is managed by Legg Mason affiliate, Brandywine Global, that was established in 1986 and today manages A\$96 billion* globally.
- The **Legg Mason Martin Currie Emerging Markets Fund** aims to provide long term capital growth by actively investing in emerging market shares. Through fundamental research, the Portfolio Managers build a high conviction, stock focused portfolio that seeks to exploit market inefficiencies and maximise risk-adjusted returns for investors. The Fund is managed by Legg Mason's global active equity specialist, Martin Currie, that crafts high-conviction portfolios, which aim to deliver attractive and consistent risk-adjusted returns for clients.
- The **Legg Mason Western Asset Australian Bond Fund** actively invests across a diversified range of Australian government, semi-government, supra-national and credit securities. The Fund is managed by Western Asset Management, one of the world's leading fixed income managers, with A\$562 billion* in funds under management globally. With a focus on long-term fundamental value investing that employs a top-down and bottom-up approach, the firm has nine offices around the globe and deep experience across the range of fixed income sectors.

The Legg Mason strategy is to 'enable client choice'. Our goal is to provide our clients with access to some of the world's most highly regarded investment managers, market-leading investment strategies, a growing range of investment vehicles and all at a competitive price.

We continue to invest significantly in our Australian business, growing our capabilities and brand. We are committed to deepening our presence and continually seek ways to improve our offering to meet and exceed our clients expectations.

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