

Suncorp Superannuation
Bond

Suncorp Super Lifesaver

Suncorp Superannuation
Investment

Superannuation Bonus
(endowment and whole of life)

Superannuation Term Life

Annual Report for the year ended
30 June 2022

Important disclosure

This information and Suncorp Super products are issued by SPSL Limited ABN 61 063 427 958 AFSL 237905 RSE licence number L0002059 (the Trustee), trustee for the SPSL Master Trust ABN 98 350 952 022, RSE Fund Registration No. R1056655 (the Fund). The Trustee is wholly owned by LGIAsuper Trustee (ABN 94 085 088 484, AFS Licence No. 230511) as trustee for LGIAsuper (ABN 23 053 121 564), trading as Brighter Super, is part of the Brighter Super Group and is not part of the Suncorp Group. The Trustee uses the Suncorp brand under licence. Suncorp Super products are not bank deposits or bank liabilities and are subject to investment risk, including loss of the interest and principal invested. The obligations of the Trustee aren't guaranteed by any company within the Suncorp Group or Brighter Super Group, nor do either Group guarantee the performance of Suncorp Super products.

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This Annual Report was prepared on 26 October 2022.

The Trustee is the issuer of this Annual Report and takes responsibility for its contents. The information contained in this Annual Report is current as at the date of preparation but may be subject to change. The information is of a general nature only and does not constitute personal financial advice and must not be relied on as such. In preparing this material, we have not taken into account your objectives, financial circumstances or needs. Before making a decision based on this information, you should consider the appropriateness of the information, having regard to your objectives, financial circumstances and needs. Before deciding to open an account or continuing to hold an interest, you should read the relevant disclosure document for your product and consider how the information contained in this Annual Report relates to your own situation. We recommend that before you make any decisions, you speak to an adviser who will be able to help you with your investment and insurance decisions. While we believe the information contained in this report to be correct at the date of preparation, to the extent that information has been provided by a third party, no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given and no responsibility is accepted for errors or omissions (including negligence).

This Annual Report incorporates the following products which are part of the SPSL Master Trust (ABN 98 350 952 022, RSE Fund Registration No R1056655):

- Suncorp Superannuation Bond
- Suncorp Super Lifesaver
- Suncorp Superannuation Investment
- Superannuation Bonus (endowment and whole of life)
- Superannuation Term Life

As an investor in one of these products, you are a member of the Fund.

Insurance cover offered through the products listed above is provided by TAL Life Limited ABN 70 050 109 450 AFSL 237848 under non-participating insurance policies issued to the Trustee.

This Annual Report is to be read in conjunction with your Annual Statement.

Throughout this Annual Report, unless otherwise specified, references to:

- ‘we’, ‘us’, ‘our’, ‘SPSL’ and ‘Trustee’ mean SPSL Limited (formerly named Suncorp Portfolio Services Limited).
- ‘TAL Life’ means TAL Life Limited.
- ‘adviser’ means a qualified financial adviser or your plan’s adviser for employer-sponsored members.
- ‘Fund’ means SPSL Master Trust (formerly named the Suncorp Master Trust).
- ‘you’, ‘your’ and ‘member’ mean a member of one of the Suncorp Super products listed above.
- ‘business day’ means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day which is a public holiday or bank holiday in New South Wales with the exception of the weekday following the Boxing Day public holiday each year.

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Your 2021/2022 Annual Report

The past financial year has been one of great significance in the history of SPSL, as our fund's ownership transitioned to become part of the Brighter Super Group. This group brings together three foundation brands, each with a strong history in Queensland: Suncorp Portfolio Services Limited (SPSL), LGIASuper, and Energy Super. All three foundation funds share a proud heritage of performance and service for our members and, collectively, we now look after almost \$30 billion in retirement savings for around 260,000 Australians.

Together, we are building a competitive and sustainable fund that offers a genuine and personal alternative to the growing number of megafunds in the superannuation industry today.

Becoming part of the Brighter Super Group

Suncorp Portfolio Services Limited (SPSL) joined the Brighter Super Group on 1 April 2022 when LGIASuper purchased SPSL, the trustee of the SPSL Master Trust and SPSL Pooled Superannuation Trust, from Suncorp.

In the months since, we have worked hard to harmonise our products and operations as we look to ultimately integrate into Brighter Super. It is a testament to the efforts of staff from all three foundation funds that we continue to deliver professional and efficient member services at the same time as working through this transition.

SPSL currently operates as part of the Brighter Super Group under a separate trustee. Our integration journey will likely culminate in a single trustee when we fully incorporate SPSL.

Industry overview

Mergers and acquisitions have been increasing across the superannuation industry in response to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's (APRA) expectations and its introduction of new regulations focusing on fund performance. The Your Super Your Future requirements came into effect on 1 July 2021. The reforms are designed to improve efficiency, transparency, and accountability of superannuation funds, delivering better outcomes for members.

All three of our foundation funds have a longstanding and exemplary record of satisfying regulatory requirements in these benchmarking exercises. However,

as a single fund, we can offer superior value to members through the benefits of scale and be a strong and competitive fund long into the future.

Plans for SPSL

SPSL has been delivering superannuation and retirement products for more than 20 years, most recently under a commercial or “retail” model. This means that any profits generated have been returned to shareholders.

The integration of SPSL into the Brighter Super Group will see ownership of SPSL returned to members. This is not something that has been done before in the superannuation industry, but the benefits to members are clear. Once completed, we will reinvest any surplus for our members.

At the core of our business strategy is the commitment to maintain our medium size, while scaling our fund and focusing on personalised member services to deliver for members and employers.

Looking forward

Superannuation is a long-term business and, as a merged fund, the Brighter Super Group will continue to look to the future and seek merger opportunities to reach our goal of becoming a \$60 billion fund, a size which APRA found would be more sustainable and cost effective.

Mergers will only be possible with a sound investment strategy that makes a positive return to members. Brighter Super is ready to take advantage of investment opportunities available locally and further afield.

What we want to achieve as a fund and what we have already would not have been possible without our members and staff. So, let me say thank you for your support and effort these past 12 months.

With Brighter Super the future is brighter for SPSL and we’ll always be right by your side.

Yours sincerely



Kate Farrar

Chief Executive Officer

Important changes to your super

Below we outline some of the latest legislative and product changes affecting your super.

Unit price processing changes

From September 2022, unit prices will not be calculated on one additional day each year: the weekday following the Boxing Day public holiday. Consequently, transactions including contributions, withdrawals and switches will also not be processed on this day.

The updated definition of business day is a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day which is a public holiday or bank holiday in New South Wales with the exception of the weekday following the Boxing Day public holiday each year.

Changes in transfer balance cap rules for non-capped defined benefit pensions

In 2021/2022, changes were made to the transfer balance cap rules to ensure that pensioners who have commuted and restarted certain market-linked pensions, life expectancy pensions and similar products are treated appropriately. The changes have been retrospectively applied to 1 July 2017 and should be reflected in the transfer balance cap for impacted members by the start of 2023.

Please contact your adviser for more information about the change.

Changes to rates and thresholds

The following super rates and thresholds changed on 1 July 2022.

	Prior to 1 July 2022	From 1 July 2022
Super guarantee contribution rate	10.0%	10.5%
Maximum super contribution base	\$58,920 per quarter	\$60,220 per quarter
Low rate cap	\$225,000	\$230,000
Untaxed plan cap	\$1.615 million	\$1.65 million
Capital gains tax cap	\$1.615 million	\$1.65 million

Investments

Investment strategy

The Trustee provides a number of super products closed to new members under the Fund. These products range from risk-only insurance policies (e.g. term life insurance) to super investment policies. Your benefits and entitlements under the Fund will depend on the policy you've chosen. This information is contained in your Policy document (where applicable), and appears each year in your Annual Statement.

Suncorp Superannuation Bond and Suncorp Super Lifesaver members

The assets of the Fund are invested entirely in individual life policies with TAL Life.

Suncorp Superannuation Investment, Superannuation Bonus (endowment and whole of life) and Superannuation Term Life members

The assets of the Fund are invested entirely in the Asteron Capital Guaranteed Fund No. 1 issued by TAL Life.

If you became a member of the Fund as a result of purchasing Suncorp Superannuation Term Life Insurance, you have received cover under life insurance policies held by the Trustee.

The insurance fee that you pay for Suncorp Superannuation Term Life Insurance is a contribution to the Fund. The payment of a benefit by the Trustee must comply with super law. If the Trustee can't pay a benefit because of super law, your benefit may need to be transferred to another complying super fund.

TAL Life provides administration and insurance services in relation to members in the Suncorp Personal Superannuation division under an administration agreement and life insurance policies issued to the Trustee. The obligations of TAL Life are not guaranteed by any other company within the TAL Group.

Changes to your investment options

From time to time, investment options may be closed, suspended or terminated by an external investment manager or by us. This may happen where:

- the investment option is no longer offered by the investment manager,
- the total amount of investor money in the investment option has grown too large for the investment manager to continue with its current investment strategy,
- laws change so that some investment types are no longer permissible,
- we determine that it's in the best interests of the members, or
- the investment option may no longer be economically viable.

If an investment option is closed, suspended or terminated, this may cause delays in processing withdrawals and transfer requests. This delay may be more than 30 days and the unit price used to process your transaction may differ from the price applicable on the day you lodged your request.

Where an investment option is closed, suspended or terminated, we'll write to you in advance (where possible) to notify you of this change. You'll then be able to review your strategy with your adviser. Where we're unable to tell you in advance, we'll determine a replacement option (one that is comparable to your investment option) in which to invest your money until you've been able to review your investment strategy.

How investment performance is calculated

Asteron Capital Guaranteed Fund No. 1 and No. 4

The declared interest rates for both Asteron Capital Guaranteed Funds are determined based on several factors, including:

- the investment income received after an allowance for tax, including both realised and unrealised capital gains and losses,
- transfers to and from reserves in order to smooth returns over time and provide for guarantees,
- issuer and investment fees,

- expenses such as brokerage, stamp duty, taxes and levies, and
- expenses incurred in managing the assets.

Asteron Capital Guaranteed Fund No. 1

TAL Life declares interest rates in arrears for this investment option at 30 June each year. Interest is calculated on the daily account balance and credited to your account on 30 June each year.

We use an interim interest rate to calculate interest on full withdrawals made before the interest rate is declared (including full switches to another investment option). The interim rate can be changed by TAL Life at any time and will apply from the previous 1 July. The final declared rate on 30 June may be less than the interim rate that has applied during the past year.

Asteron Capital Guaranteed Fund No. 4

TAL Life will declare interest rates for this investment option in advance and has the discretion to vary the declared rates from time to time. The existing declared rates will remain effective and accrue on a daily basis until a new interest rate is declared.

An investment in either of these investment options (Asteron Capital Guaranteed Fund No. 1 and No. 4) provides a participating benefit. This means that the profits arising in respect of these investment options are allocated 80% to members and 20% to TAL Life as shareholder.

What is guaranteed?

TAL Life guarantees the capital value of your investment in the Asteron Capital Guaranteed Funds (No. 1 and No. 4). The capital value is the amount you've invested and earnings that have been credited to your account at the rate declared at 30 June each year.

Your capital value can still decrease as a result of benefit payments, transfers out, contribution tax and other fee deductions.

TAL Life reserves the right to limit the amount invested from time to time in all of these investment options. Please ask your adviser or call us prior to investing to confirm whether any limits are in place.

For all other investment options

Investment performance is generally calculated net of the applicable investment fee, tax and the maximum issuer fee. Please note that if you're eligible for a lower issuer fee, the returns applicable to your account will be higher.

However, when calculating investment performance, we generally don't take into account contributions tax, entry fees, deferred entry fees, and any discretionary ongoing fees such as insurance fees and adviser service fees. If we calculate the investment performance for an investment option in a different way to this method, we'll include an explanation of how the investment performance has been calculated in the investment performance report, which is on our website. Alternatively, you can get a copy of the report by calling us.

You should be aware that the investment performance information for the investment options may differ from the performance of the underlying investment managers. This may be due to:

- holding some assets in cash or short-term securities for liquidity purposes,
- provisions for tax and distribution of tax credits,
- a lag between when the underlying investment managers report their performance and when the value of the underlying investment option is reflected in the unit prices, or
- the fees and charges that apply.

Investments exceeding 5%

As at 30 June 2022, the following investments of the Fund exceeded 5% of the total assets.

Investment	Percentage
Suncorp Group Australian Equities Index Trust	15.82%
Morningstar International Shares SC Fund	14.92%
TAL Life Limited Insurance Policies	10.18%
Suncorp Group Global Equities Trust	6.89%
Suncorp Group Australian Equity Active Trust	5.42%

As at 30 June 2022 the following investments exceeded 5% of the total assets of the Suncorp Personal Superannuation Division of the Fund¹.

Investment	Percentage
TAL Life Limited Insurance policies	100%

¹The Fund is made up of divisions, so assets are also shown as a percentage of the relevant division.

Use of derivatives

SPSL allows managers to use derivatives in order to hedge risk or increase transactional efficiency. Investment managers who use derivatives must adopt an acceptable Derivative Risk Statement that specifies how derivatives are used and what controls are in place.

Investment fee

The investment fee is payable to the investment manager(s) of the investment options you choose. This fee generally includes the investment manager's fee, audit, custody and other general costs incurred in the administration of the underlying investment option. This fee, of up to 1.25% p.a., is included in the daily unit price calculation for each investment option or when the rate is declared for the Asteron Capital Guaranteed (No. 1 and No. 4) Funds. If your Suncorp Superannuation Bond or Suncorp Super Lifesaver policy commenced prior to 1 July 1992, the investment fee on your investment in the Asteron Capital Guaranteed Fund No. 1 is 5% of its yield. You can find the latest investment fees in the monthly investment options performance report available on our website or by calling us.

Indirect costs

The indirect costs of an investment option are not charged as a fee but reduce the return on your investment.

Transaction costs

Costs are incurred by an investment option, including underlying funds, when purchasing and selling assets. This includes brokerage, stamp duty and clearing costs. These costs are an additional cost to you and reduce the return on your investment.

Buy-sell spreads

You may incur a buy-sell spread when you make contributions, withdraw or change your investment options. This 'spread' is the difference in the buying price and selling price of the investment option, and generally covers the transaction costs of buying and selling the underlying assets of that investment option. It ensures that non-transacting members aren't disadvantaged by the activity of transacting members. The spread isn't a fee paid to us or the investment manager. It is retained within the underlying investment option to cover these transaction costs.

Either the investment manager or us may vary the buy-sell spread costs from time to time, including increasing these costs without notice when it is necessary to protect the interests of existing investors and if permitted by law. The updated information will be disclosed in our monthly investment options performance reports available on our website.

Performance fees

This fee is only charged by some investment managers for certain investment options when they outperform their stated benchmarks. It's an additional amount to the investment fee. As this is an expense of the Fund, any performance fee payable will be passed onto you without notice. We strongly recommend that you have the updated performance fee information before you make an investment decision.

Asset allocation

The following table provides the asset allocation (%) for each investment option for 2021 and 2022 as at 30 June. Amounts may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Suncorp Personal Superannuation

Investment options	Cash		Australian fixed interest		International fixed interest		Property		Global Convertible Bond		Australian shares		International shares		Infrastructure		Alternative investments	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Suncorp Personal Superannuation																		
Asteron Capital Guaranteed Fund No.1	2.80	1.69	67.20	68.30	-	-	1.28	4.92	10.11	11.61	9.31	3.98	9.30	3.98	-	5.52	-	-
Asteron Capital Guaranteed Fund No.4	5.00	5.00	65.00	65.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	-	-	-	-
Traditional Conservative Fund	22.91	27.06	21.83	18.97	21.88	21.96	2.92	2.97	-	-	10.71	10.99	16.78	15.05	-	-	2.96	3.00
Traditional Growth Fund	4.56	5.60	11.98	11.90	10.92	11.92	4.94	4.92	-	-	23.49	23.83	38.15	35.87	-	-	5.96	5.97

* no allocation to this sector

Current investment managers

The investment manager as at 30 June 2022 is:

— TAL Life Limited

The investment manager may be changed and/or other investment manager(s) added from time to time.

Investment performance

The following tables show the performance of each investment option for the last five years as at 30 June. Returns are net of some fees and taxes. For more information on how performance is calculated, please see page 9.

Investment performance reports are available by calling us.

Suncorp Personal Superannuation

Investment options	Investment returns (%) for the year ended 30 June:					5-year compound average return or since inception return to 30 June 2022 (% pa)
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
Super Bond & Super Lifesaver (policies commencing after 1/7/1992) & Super Bond Plus						
Asteron Capital Guaranteed Fund No.1	2.31	1.35	0.00	2.83	3.43	1.98
Asteron Capital Guaranteed Fund No.4	0.95	0.65	1.09	2.52	2.32	1.51
Traditional Conservative Fund	-6.42	6.92	-0.47	6.85	7.02	2.65
Traditional Growth Fund	-7.50	16.58	-1.63	9.01	12.83	5.49
Super Bond & Super Lifesaver (policies commencing before 1/7/1992), Super Saver Plus & Senior Saver Plus						
Asteron Capital Guaranteed Fund No.1	2.31	2.45	0.00	3.87	4.45	2.61

Past performance should not be taken as an indicator of future performance.

Other important information

Tax

Concessional contributions and investment earnings are subject to income tax at the rate of 15%. The full 15% tax on contributions is deducted from members' accounts. The tax on investment earnings can be less than 15% due to tax deductions, credits and offsets.

Contributions tax surcharge

Contributions tax surcharge has been abolished for contributions made on or after 1 July 2005 but outstanding liabilities may still be payable. The contributions tax surcharge is deducted from members' accounts within 30 days of receipt of a tax assessment from the ATO. Your Annual Statement will show any contributions tax surcharge deducted from your account.

Requests for information

Your Annual Report provides you with financial and investment information to help you understand your super and your membership in the Fund. The Trust Deed, superannuation law and the life insurance policy taken out by the Trustee set out your rights and entitlements. You can request a copy of the following Fund documents by calling us:

- Trust Deed
- Policy documents
- Financial statements.

We may charge a fee to cover the cost of providing copies of some of these documents.

How to contact us with a complaint

If you have an issue or complaint in relation to your investment, please contact our Customer Service Team on 13 11 55, Monday to Friday, between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm AEST. Alternatively, you may wish to address your complaint in writing to:

Internal Dispute Resolution
GPO BOX 5380
Sydney NSW 2001

Email: insuranceinvestments@asteronlife.com.au

We aim to resolve all complaints quickly and fairly. If you are not satisfied with our final response to your complaint, or you have not received our final response to your complaint within 45 days of the date we received your complaint, you may lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). AFCA is an external dispute resolution scheme that provides a fair and independent complaint resolution service that is free to consumers:

Online: www.afca.org.au

Email: info@afca.org.au

Phone: 1800 931 678 (free call within Australia)

Mail: Australian Financial Complaints Authority
GPO Box 3
Melbourne VIC 3001

Time limits may apply to complain to AFCA, so you should act quickly. Please consult the AFCA website, or call them, to find out if or when the time limit relevant to your circumstances expires. AFCA has authority to hear certain complaints and can advise if they can assist you.

[Trustee indemnity](#)

Under the Trust Deed, except in the case of fraud, breach of trust or duty, or wilful neglect, the Trustee generally has the right to be indemnified out of the Fund's assets for liabilities it may incur. The Trustee has appropriate professional indemnity insurance.

[Transfer of benefits for temporary residents](#)

Temporary residents who permanently leave Australia may be able to access their superannuation money. If a member is eligible, they can claim their money directly from us within six months of leaving Australia. Once six months have passed, we will be required to transfer this money to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) if the member requests us to do so.

Once transferred to the ATO, a member's money will not earn any interest and the member will need to contact the ATO directly for a refund. We rely on the ASIC class order relief (CO 09/437), which means we do not have to let a member know if their benefit has been transferred to the ATO or provide an exit statement.

Privacy

Our privacy policy describes how we deal with personal information, including why we may need to collect your personal information, how we may use it and your rights to access it and make any corrections to it.

You can find our privacy policy at suncorp.com.au/super/privacy or call us on 13 11 55 for a copy.

Financial information

Reserves

A General Expense and Tax Reserve is maintained to ensure that the SPSL Master Trust remains solvent should expenditures exceed fees charged to members, as well as supporting the SPSL Master Trust's sustainability over time by funding strategic initiatives which deliver net benefits to members.

The reserve may be used to meet costs reasonably and properly incurred in the administration, development or winding up of the Fund and which are not inherently included in administration fees already charged.

The following table shows the level of and movement in the reserves of the SPSL Master Trust as at 30 June 2022. The assets underpinning these reserves are invested in cash.

	2022	2021	2020
Statement of changes in reserves	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
General expense and tax reserve			
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	6,209	3,344	2,407
Results from superannuation activities	(2,620)	2,865	937
Balance at the end of the financial year	3,589	6,209	3,344

Abridged financial information

The following tables show the abridged financial information of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2022. A copy of the audited financial report and the auditor's report will be made available to members on request. This information takes into account all the divisions within the Fund.

SPSL Master Trust

Statement of financial position	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	91,249	117,340
Investment securities	6,094,748	6,699,719
Investments receivables	3,730	2,562
Trust distribution receivables	64,504	139,445
Other income receivables	417	947
Current tax receivables	22,454	-
Deferred tax assets	31,137	-
Total assets	6,308,239	6,960,013
Liabilities		
Benefits payable	1,295	2,889
Investment payables	7,741	3,123
Administration fees payable	26,165	28,334
Other payables	1,693	2,927
Current tax liabilities	-	32,432
Deferred tax liabilities	-	38,649
Total liabilities excluding member benefits	36,894	108,354
Net assets available for member benefits	6,271,345	6,851,659
Member liabilities		
Allocated to members	6,267,530	6,843,095
Unallocated to members	226	2,355
Total member liabilities	6,267,756	6,845,450
Total net assets	3,589	6,209
Equity		
General expense and tax reserve	3,589	6,209
Total equity	3,589	6,209

SPSL Master Trust

Income statement	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Revenue		
Interest income	338	872
Trust distributions and dividend income	319,201	343,122
Net (losses) gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(689,806)	735,762
Total investment (loss) income	(370,267)	1,079,756
Other income	1,427	8,474
Total (loss) income	(368,840)	1,088,230
Expenses		
Investment expenses	(15,572)	(12,742)
Administration expenses	(35,064)	(38,763)
Trustee administration reimbursements	(11,266)	(11,832)
Other operating expenses	(343)	(1,028)
Total expenses	(62,245)	(64,365)
Operating results from operating activities	(431,085)	1,023,865
Net losses (benefits) allocated to defined contribution member accounts	335,631	(950,880)
Operating results before income tax	(95,454)	72,985
Income tax benefit (expense)	92,834	(70,120)
Operating results after income tax	(2,620)	2,865

Statement of changes in member benefits	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	6,845,450	6,337,648
Employer contributions	322,352	303,479
Members' contributions	112,621	103,773
Transfer from other funds	237,807	227,801
Other contributions	3,298	3,478
Total contributions before contributions tax	676,078	638,531
Contributions tax	(53,927)	(49,914)
Total contributions net of contributions tax	622,151	588,617
Benefits paid or payable	(803,771)	(994,026)
Life insurance expenses	(149,457)	(150,629)
Income tax on life insurance expenses	22,419	22,594
Life insurance benefits	66,595	90,366
Net benefits and expenses paid to life insurance	(864,214)	(1,031,695)
Net benefits allocated to defined contribution member accounts, comprising:		
– investment income and other revenue	(369,152)	1,087,370
– administration and other expenses	33,521	(136,490)
Net benefits and expenses allocated to defined contribution member accounts	(335,631)	950,880
Balance at the end of the financial year	6,267,756	6,845,450

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