

Monthly Bulletin

Share market correction

Global, and particularly Australian, shares have seen a bit of a pull back over the last month which could have further to go in the short term. However what we are seeing is likely a correction as opposed to a new bear market.

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Interesting times for iron ore

The market is hypersensitive to near term moves in the iron ore price. Last week, the market was staring into the iron ore abyss and this week a 4 per cent rise in a day was enough to spark an outbreak of optimism.

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Australia's economic fate lies in the hands of iron ore

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Ken's Corner

Welcome to the October 2014 Edition of our Monthly Bulletin. The market correction that began in late September has carried over to this month. Local and International markets have been trading with wild volatility as investors digest positive and negative economic news, mixed together with geopolitical developments from around the World. The US markets have been holding-up the best, whilst the Australian markets have taken a hit due to falling iron ore prices and the Aussie dollar. European markets have also been spooked by renewed debt concerns in Greece and Spain. In the first article, Shane Oliver examines the current market correction and believes it still has a little bit to go but the bull market is still intact. The second article from Morningstar discuss the recent slump in iron ore prices and how it will affect our big miners.

In Focus this month examines the changes to Super excess concessional contributions. If taxpayers exceed their CCs cap, the excess amount will be included in their assessable income.

In Focus

Changes to Super excess concessional contributions

The ATO has issued a reminder that for the 2013–14 financial year and onwards, if taxpayers exceed their CCs cap, the excess amount will be included in their assessable income. The excess amount will be taxed at their marginal tax rate along with an additional excess CC charge. A 15% non-refundable tax offset will be applied to account for the contributions tax already paid by the super fund.

If the super fund member's contributions data is received by the ATO:

- prior to the income tax return lodgement, the excess will be included on the original notice of assessment
- after the income tax return lodgement, the excess will be included on an amended notice of assessment.

To assist in paying the liability, taxpayers will receive an election form allowing them to release up to 85% of their excess CCs from their super fund. If the individual receives their notice of assessment or amended assessment and chooses to release an amount of their excess CCs, the amount chosen will not count towards their non-concessional contribution cap.

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