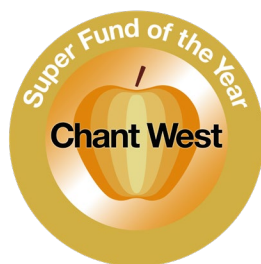




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Chant West Awards help lift super industry standards



The country's best super and pension funds will be recognised at Chant West's seventh annual Super Fund Awards on 22 May 2019.

The Awards will recognise excellence across 12 award categories, including Super Fund of the Year and Pension Fund of the Year, and showcase industry best practice to help lift standards across the super industry and improve member outcomes.

The theme this year is: 'It's all about the members!' recognising what super and pension funds are doing for their members to help them get the most from their super.

Chant West's Head of Research Ian Fryer said: "All eyes have been on the superannuation industry in recent times, with both the Productivity Commission and Royal Commission highlighting areas of weakness in our industry. And in particular, some funds have been shown to have failed their members.

"These inquiries have put super fund members and their interests front and centre, which is exactly where they should be. Superannuation is all about them!

"While we will recognise the best funds in our Awards this year, the purpose of our Awards goes beyond that. By recognising what makes the best super funds stand out from the crowd, we aim to help all funds improve retirement outcomes for their members because other funds adopt great ideas from what they learn on the night," Mr Fryer said.

Chant West today announced finalists in 10 of its 12 awards categories: Super Fund of the Year, Pension Fund of the Year, Specialist Fund of the Year, Corporate Solutions Fund of the Year, Advised Product of the Year, Best Fund: Investments, Best Fund: Member Services, Best Fund: Insurance, Best Fund: Longevity Product and Best Fund: Advice Services. Finalists in the other two categories, Best Fund: Innovation and, Best Fund: Integrity will be announced in April. The list of finalists is at the end of this media release.

The finalists for Super Fund of the Year 2019 in alphabetical order are:

- AustralianSuper
- CareSuper
- Cbus
- First State Super
- HESTA
- Hostplus
- QSuper
- Rest
- Sunsuper
- UniSuper

The finalists for Pension Fund of the Year 2019 in alphabetical order are:

- AMP MyNorth Pension
- AustralianSuper
- Colonial First State FirstChoice Wholesale Pension
- First State Super
- QSuper
- Rest
- Sunsuper
- TelstraSuper
- UniSuper
- VicSuper

Among other highlights of the finalists this year are:

- Catholic Super, Guild Super and Statewide Super are finalists for the first time
- AustralianSuper, Mercer, QSuper, Sunsuper and UniSuper (including their products) are all finalists in at least five categories.

The winners of the 2019 Chant West Super Fund Awards will be announced at a black tie gala event at Ivy Ballroom, Sydney, on Wednesday 22 May 2019. We are proud to have the support of AIA Australia as major sponsor and Morningstar as minor sponsor for the Awards this year. Dr Martin Fahy, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA), will be MC for the event.

More information about the Awards event is available at www.chantwestawards.com.au.

About the Chant West Super Fund Awards

The main criteria Chant West uses for rating funds are shown in the table below. As in previous years, the winner of our premier awards, Super Fund of the Year and Pension Fund of the Year, will have to show strength across the board, but especially in the key areas of Investments and Member Services, which carry the highest weighting in the scoring process.

Chant West Super Fund Ratings: Key Criteria and Weights	
Investments	40%
Member Services	30%
Fees	15%
Insurance	10%
Organisation	5%

Chant West Pension Fund Ratings: Key Criteria and Weights	
Investments	45%
Member Services	30%
Fees	20%
Organisation	5%

About Chant West



Chant West Head of Research Ian Fryer is available to discuss this release. Please call Natalie Laharnar on (02) 9361 1400 to arrange a time.

Ian is an actuary who has worked in the superannuation industry for over 20 years in a range of actuarial, administration, consulting and research roles.

Chant West is a research, data insights and technology company, providing a suite of sophisticated software and data analytics to super funds, financial advisers and individuals, so they can compare super and pension products on an 'apples with apples' basis.



2019 Chant West Super Fund Awards Finalists*

Super Fund of the Year (Alphabetical Order)



AustralianSuper
 CareSuper
 Cbus
 First State Super
 HESTA
 Hostplus
 QSuper
 Rest
 Sunsuper
 UniSuper

Pension Fund of the Year (Alphabetical Order)



AMP MyNorth Pension
 AustralianSuper
 Colonial First State FirstChoice Wholesale Pension
 First State Super
 QSuper
 Rest
 Sunsuper
 TelstraSuper
 UniSuper
 VicSuper

Corporate Solutions Fund of the Year (Alphabetical Order)



AMP SignatureSuper
AustralianSuper
BT Lifetime Super Employer
CareSuper
Equip
Mercer Super Trust
Plum
Rest
Russell iQ Super – Employer
Sunsuper

Advised Product of the Year (Alphabetical Order)



AMP MyNorth
BT Panorama
Colonial First State FirstChoice Wholesale Super
HUB24
Netwealth

Best Fund: Investments (Alphabetical Order)



AustralianSuper
CareSuper
Cbus
Equip
HESTA
Hostplus
QSuper
Statewide Super
Sunsuper
UniSuper

Best Fund: Member Services (Alphabetical Order)



- AMP SignatureSuper
- AustralianSuper
- Australian Catholic Super
- Mercer Super Trust
- QSuper
- Rest
- Russell iQ Super - Employer
- Sunsuper
- UniSuper
- VicSuper

Specialist Fund of the Year (Alphabetical Order)



- BUSSQ
- Cbus
- Guild Super
- HESTA
- Mine Super

Best Fund: Insurance (Alphabetical Order)



- BT Lifetime Super Employer
- CareSuper
- Equip
- First State Super
- Mercer Super Trust
- MLC MasterKey Business Super
- NGS Super
- Sunsuper
- TelstraSuper
- UniSuper

Best Fund: Longevity Product (Alphabetical Order)



BT Panorama (Challenger annuities)
CFS FirstChoice Wholesale (Challenger annuities)
Mercer LifetimePlus
UniSuper Commercial Rate Indexed Pension
VicSuper Guaranteed Income

Best Fund: Advice Services (Alphabetical Order)



AustralianSuper
Catholic Super
First State Super
Mercer Super Trust
QSuper
Russell iQ Super – Employer
Sunsuper
TelstraSuper
UniSuper
VicSuper

*Note: The finalists for the Best Fund: Integrity and Best Fund: Innovation awards will be announced in April after we have met with a number of funds as part of our assessment process for all awards.