## Australian Sharemarket

## 124 Years of Historical Returns

Since 1900, the Australian sharemarket has
returned an average of $13.0 \%$ per annum.

## All Ordinaries Accumulation Index



Historical returns are based on the All Ordinaries Accumulation Index (XAOA) which includes dividends.

The All Ordinaries (XAO) was first published in 1980 with a starting value of 500 . The index tracks the 500 largest companies on the Australian sharemarket and is weighted by market capitalisation. Large companies have a greater effect on the index movement. The All Ordinaries Accumulation Index (XAOA) was created at the same time with a starting value of 1,000 . The XAOA is identical to the XAO except it includes dividends in its calculation.

Data before 1980 is inconsistent between sources and should not be relied upon for investment purposes. Regional indices from 1900 - 1979 used different methodologies to record share price index movements. All studies and historical index statistics analysed by the editor of Market Index were strongly correlated but never identical. Only data from 1990 onwards can be verified by the editor of Market Index.

