

## **General Market Commentary**

As we enter the final quarter of the year, many will be pleased to see the end of 2020. It has been an exceptionally volatile year so far, but the next three months could still produce a few surprises. Politics will be a clear focus in the coming weeks, with the New Zealand (NZ) election taking place in October and the US Presidential election in November.

The NZ election is shaping up as Labours to lose, and while the Greens are likely to return to Parliament, it could be the end of an era for Winston Peters as NZ First is struggling to reach the 5% threshold. The appointment of Judith Collins as Leader of the National Party has not provided the stability expected, while The Act Party appear to be on target to increase from one member of Parliament to as many as ten.

The US election is perhaps more intriguing, and it will certainly have more ramifications for the global economy and financial markets. While the polls count Joe Biden ahead, it is difficult to write off the unpredictable Donald Trump. This will be a very close fight. Investment markets like certainty, any uncertainty before or after the US election is likely to lead to volatility and could create investor opportunities for long-term investors in the event of share price weakness.

The European Union has launched a legal case against the United Kingdom for undercutting their Brexit agreement, while one of the country's senior ministers says differences remained in talks on a new trade deal.

In New Zealand, low mortgage rates and high rents have compelled first home buyers to borrow \$1.34 Billion in new mortgage lending in the month of August. An increase of 45% of first home buyer mortgages compared to the same month last year, according to Reserve Bank of New Zealand figures. With Covid, it is possible that New Zealand could experience negative interest rates in 2021, although this is likely to be at the wholesale banking level only. Homeowners won't have the luxury of negative interest rates and depositors will not be forced to pay the bank for holding money.

Currency continues as a point of frustration for investors looking to switch as the exchange rate appears to be stuck in a tight band between \$1.90 and \$2.00 to the Pound Sterling. While many investors expect currency should be above \$2.10 we note from the historical graphs below that this mark has only been breached briefly over the last four years; October 2018, October 2019, and April 2020.

GBP / NZD exchange rate for five years to 30 September 2020:



AUD / NZD exchange rate for five years to 30 September 2020:



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## **About Garrison Bridge**

Garrison Bridge Superannuation Scheme ('Scheme') is a New Zealand Superannuation Scheme, regulated by the Financial Markets Authority and offered in Australia under the Mutual Recognition Scheme. The Scheme is a managed superannuation scheme that offers eight investment options in NZD, AUD & GBP and has QROPS registration for foreign superannuation transfers.

Garrison Bridge is managed by Lifetime Asset Management Limited.

#### Ralph Stewart – Managing Director, Lifetime Asset Management Limited



Ralph Stewart was CEO of AXA Insurance New Zealand for 9 years and more recently the CEO of ACC. He has thirty years of experience in New Zealand's financial services sector, including 8 years as General Manager of Marketing & Strategy at TOWER Insurance. Ralph holds a Masters in Business Administration from Manchester University in England.

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# **NZD Conservative Fund**

### **Description of this Fund**

New Zealand dollar (NZD) denominated fund employing a passive management strategy invested 80% in income assets (NZ fixed interest), with a 20% exposure to growth assets (NZ equities). The Investment objective seeks to track a composite index (before annual fund charge and tax), comprising 80% Bloomberg NZBond Govt 0+ Yr Index and 20% S&P/NZX 50 Gross Index (including imputation credits).

### **Risk indicator for the NZD Conservative Fund**



The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the Fund's assets goes up and down. A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way. For further information on how the risk indicator is calculated, please see the Product Disclosure Statement.

#### **Investment performance**

The chart below illustrates the performance of \$100,000 invested in the NZD Conservative Fund from inception on 24 December 2018 to 30 September 2020. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the NZD Conservative Fund as at 30 September 2020. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	0.00%	1.62%	6.51%	4.66%	14.02%
0%	0.19%	1.92%	6.77%	4.61%	14.94%

## **Target asset allocation**



### **Underlying Investment Manager**

**Simplicity NZ** is a leading investment manager in New Zealand with over \$1.2 billion in assets under management. Simplicity are a non-profit fund manager. Garrison Bridge use the Simplicity NZ Bond Fund & Simplicity NZ Share Fund.

## **Key facts**

Inception date: 24 December 2018

Underlying Investment Manager: Simplicity NZ Ltd

Supervisor: Public Trust

Fund type: Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

Licenced Manager: Lifetime Asset Management Ltd

#### Estimated annual fund charge: 1.09%

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## **NZD Growth Fund**

### **Description of this Fund**

New Zealand dollar (NZD) denominated fund employing a passive management strategy invested 80% in growth assets (NZ equities), with a 20% exposure to income assets (NZ fixed interest). The Investment objective seeks to track a composite index (before annual fund charge and tax), comprising 80% S&P/NZX 50 Gross Index (including imputation credits) and 20% Bloomberg NZBond Govt 0+ Yr Index.

### **Risk indicator for the NZD Growth Fund**



The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the Fund's assets goes up and down. A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way. For further information on how the risk indicator is calculated, please see the Product Disclosure Statement.

#### Investment performance

The chart below illustrates the performance of \$100,000 invested in the NZD Growth Fund from inception on 24 December 2018 to 30 September 2020. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the NZD Growth Fund as at 30 September 2020. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	-1.51%	1.35%	14.55%	5.46%	25.74%
0%	-1.45%	1.48%	14.51%	5.44%	26.03%



### **Target asset allocation**



### **Underlying Investment Manager**

**Simplicity NZ** is a leading investment manager in New Zealand with over \$1.2 billion in assets under management. Simplicity are a non-profit fund manager. Garrison Bridge use the Simplicity NZ Bond Fund & Simplicity NZ Share Fund.

#### **Key facts**

Inception date: 24 December 2018

Underlying Investment Manager: Simplicity NZ Ltd

Supervisor: Public Trust

Fund type: Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

Licenced Manager: Lifetime Asset Management Ltd

### Estimated annual fund charge: 1.09%

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# **AUD Balanced Fund**

## **Description of this Fund**

Australian dollar (AUD) denominated fund employing a passive management strategy invested 60% in growth assets (equities), with a 40% exposure to income assets (fixed interest). The Investment objective seeks to track a composite index (before annual fund charge and tax), comprising 60% MSCI World ex-Australia net div (NZD hedged) and 40% FTSE World Government Bond Index (NZD hedged).

#### **Risk indicator for the AUD Balanced Fund**



The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the Fund's assets goes up and down. A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way. For further information on how the risk indicator is calculated, please see the Product Disclosure Statement.

#### **Investment performance**

The chart below illustrates the performance of \$100,000 invested in the AUD Balanced Fund from inception on 24 December 2018 to 30 September 2020. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the AUD Balanced Fund as at 30 September 2020. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	-2.89%	3.18%	14.45%	4.09%	13.35%
0%	-2.76%	3.50%	13.52%	4.03%	14.11%



#### **Target asset allocation**



### **Underlying Investment Manager**

Vanguard Investments is the largest provider of mutual funds and the secondlargest provider of exchange traded funds (ETF's). Vanguard currently have over AUD \$6.8 trillion in assets under management. Garrison Bridge use the Vanguard International Fixed Interest Index (Hedged) ETF & Vanguard MSCI Index International Shares (Hedged) ETF within the AUD Balanced Fund.

#### **Key facts**

Inception date: 24 December 2018

**Underlying Investment Manager:** Vanguard Investments Australia

Supervisor: Public Trust

Fund type: Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

Licenced Manager: Lifetime Asset Management Ltd

#### Estimated annual fund charge: 1.19%

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### **Description of this Fund**

Great British pound (GBP) denominated fund employing a passive management strategy invested 80% in income assets (international fixed interest), with a 20% exposure to growth assets (international equities). The Investment objective seeks to track a composite index (before annual fund charge and tax), comprising 80% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (GBP hedged) and 20% MSCI World net div (LCT).

#### **Risk indicator for the GBP Conservative Fund**



The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the Fund's assets goes up and down. A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way. For further information on how the risk indicator is calculated, please see the Product Disclosure Statement.

#### **Investment performance**

The chart below illustrates the performance of £100,000 invested in the GBP Conservative Fund from inception on 24 December 2018 to 30 September 2020. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the GBP Conservative Fund as at 30 September 2020. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	-0.63%	1.12%	7.59%	2.59%	8.56%
0%	-0.49%	1.63%	6.23%	2.51%	9.80%



#### **Target asset allocation**



#### **Underlying Investment Manager**

**BlackRock Asset Management** are the world's largest global investment manager with over USD\$6.84 trillion in assets under management. BlackRock's largest division is iShares which has over 800 exchangetraded funds (ETF's). Garrison Bridge invest in the iShares Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF & iShares Core MSCI World UCTIS ETF.

#### **Key facts**

Inception date: 24 December 2018

Underlying Investment Manager: BlackRock Asset Management

Supervisor: Public Trust

Fund type: Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

Licenced Manager: Lifetime Asset Management Ltd

#### Estimated annual fund charge: 1.14%

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## **GBP Growth Fund**

#### **Description of this Fund**

Great British pound (GBP) denominated fund employing a passive management strategy invested 80% in growth assets (international equities), with a 20% exposure to income assets (international fixed interest). The Investment objective seeks to track a composite index (before annual fund charge and tax), comprising 80% MSCI World net div (LCT) and 20% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (GBP hedged).

#### **Risk indicator for the GBP Growth Fund**



The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the Fund's assets goes up and down. A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way. For further information on how the risk indicator is calculated, please see the Product Disclosure Statement.

#### Investment performance

The chart below illustrates the performance of £100,000 invested in the GBP Growth Fund from inception on 24 December 2018 to 30 September 2020. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the GBP Growth Fund as at 30 September 2020. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	-2.22%	5.08%	20.70%	5.87%	16.31%
0%	-2.04%	5.63%	19.27%	5.77%	17.61%



## **Target asset allocation**



## **Underlying Investment Manager**

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#### **Key facts**

Inception date: 24 December 2018

Underlying Investment Manager: BlackRock Asset Management

Supervisor: Public Trust

Fund type: Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

Licenced Manager: Lifetime Asset Management Ltd

#### Estimated annual fund charge: 1.29%

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