

# **General Market Commentary**

Since the very start of this year, 2021 has seen a series of events that has investment volatility on the radar once again. Deadly riots in the US, vaccine rollouts amid a return to lockdown for several countries, and inconceivable levels of Government stimulus to support businesses and citizens through the issues of covid related disruptions.

One measure for investors to monitor is the VIX Volatility Index, sometimes referred to as 'the fear indicator'. At present it shows a moderate level of concern, at 24.7 compared to March 2020 during the Covid Crisis when the VIX spiked above 80. At the current level, we would suggest there are no signs of panicking. In fact, companies in the US S&P500 are in good shape and expected to report a 21.5% rise in earnings per share for the first quarter, compared with the same period in 2020.

Investment results proved volatile during the month as bond yields increased due to concerns that inflation is just around the corner. As yields rise, the capital value of bonds decreases, resulting in negative returns for this asset class. The NZD Conservative Fund, which holds a large portion in NZ Government Bonds, bore the brunt of the bond disruption. Meanwhile, equity markets witnessed a rotation from technology focused companies into energy and financial stocks. The technology focused NASDAQ fell more than 10%, considered a correction, as investors moved from high growth holdings into traditional value based companies.

As indicated above, the UK returned to a hard lockdown to curb the latest rates of infections. Covid disruptions have played havoc with supply chains with around 60% of UK manufacturers reporting longer lead times in sourcing products.

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand has left its Official Cash Rate unchanged at 0.25% and is expected to retain rates at current levels through most of 2021. These super low interest rates continue to drive the housing market; house prices in New Zealand have become the most unaffordable in 17 years.

GBP / NZD exchange rate for five years to 28 February 2021:



AUD / NZD exchange rate for five years to 28 February 2021:



# **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 28 February 2021. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the NZD Conservative Fund as at 28 February 2021. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	-3.96%	-4.43%	-3.91%	-1.20%	3.78%
0%	-4.86%	-5.67%	-5.47%	-2.09%	4.09%

\* Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

# 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 28 February 2021. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the NZD Growth Fund as at 28 February 2021. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	-6.52%	-5.08%	-0.26%	4.58%	12.50%
0%	-6.72%	-5.39%	-0.70%	4.28%	12.54%

\* Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

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#### **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:

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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 28 February 2021. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the AUD Balanced Fund as at 28 February 2021. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	0.15%	1.43%	3.94%	11.66%	9.40%
0%	0.24%	1.36%	4.00%	12.28%	10.32%

\* Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised



### **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 28 February 2021. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the GBP Conservative Fund as at 28 February 2021. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	-1.21%	-1.11%	-0.05%	2.17%	4.04%
0%	-1.13%	-0.84%	0.49%	3.29%	5.24%

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### **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**



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#### Investment performance

The chart below illustrates the performance of £100,000 invested in the GBP Growth Fund from inception on 24 December 2018 to 28 February 2021. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the GBP Growth Fund as at 28 February 2021. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PI	R Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
	28%	1.54%	3.66%	7.37%	18.99%	12.41%
	0%	1.63%	3.93%	7.94%	20.27%	13.68%

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# 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: 1.29%

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