For the month ending 31 March 2023



# **General Market Commentary**

The Garrison Bridge investment funds finished the financial year strongly with March returns ranging between +0.73% and +1.56%. The six-month returns have bounced back nicely, although we note there is still some ground to recover from the negative year that was 2022.

March was a volatile month for investors, with market sentiment dominated by the collapse of mid-tier US banks, Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and Signature Bank, which threatened a wider US banking crisis. The US Federal Reserve stepped in to protect depositors and restore confidence to the banking sector as well as broader financial markets. SVB and Signature Bank were both heavily exposed to the risky start-up technology sector and cryptocurrency companies; neither bank was prepared for the mass cash withdrawals from the hard-hit tech sector as companies started burning more cash following a difficult 2022. Perhaps more surprising was the forced takeover of Credit Suisse, a name previously associated with stability and reliability. Poor lending policies, a Mozambique corruption case and a spying scandal were just the tips of the iceberg for the beleaguered bank. The Washington Post published a handy explainer of Credit Suisse's demise [Credit Suisse Is No More. What Went Wrong? - The Washington Post].

Closer to home, inflation and interest rates remained a major talking point. The Australian Reserve Bank elected to hold the official cash rate at 3.60% in stark contrast to the RBNZ's surprise increase of 0.50% on 5 April to a 14-year peak of 5.25%. The RBNZ said inflation is still too high and persistent, with economists immediately revising their predictions to suggest the OCR will likely peak at 5.50%. The RBNZ has an inflation target of 1% to 3%, a long way from the current 7.20%. As homeowners roll off mortgage rates of 3.49% offered twelve months ago to 6.49% now, we expect household spending to fall, with latest economic data suggesting homeowners are already tightening their belts. It's a similar situation across the Tasman, with Australian headlines suggesting banks there are preparing for a wave of refinancing as 'cheap' loans expire.

Returning to the Garrison Bridge investment funds, the NZD Conservative fund returned +1.56% in March, NZD Growth +1.14%, AUD Balanced +1.47%, GBP Conservative +1.23%, GBP Balanced +1.19%, GBP Growth +0.73%. As of writing, the GBP is buying just over 2.00 NZD, a 12-month high for the GBP/NZD exchange rate.

End of year tax reports will be available shortly. The end of the financial year is a good time to review your tax status and current tax rate. If there has been a change in your tax rate, please notify your financial adviser or the Garrison Bridge team.

GBP and AUD / NZD exchange rate change from 28 February 2023 to 31 March 2023:

1 Month to 31/03/2023						
	28/02/2023	31/03/2023	% change over month			
GBP / NZD	\$1.95	\$1.97	1.4%			
AUD / NZD	\$1.09	\$1.07	-1.8%			

GBP and AUD / NZD exchange rate change from 31 March 2022 to 31 March 2023:

1 Year to 31/03/2023						
	% change over year					
GBP / NZD	\$1.90	\$1.97	4.0%			
AUD / NZD	\$1.08	\$1.07	-0.5%			

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# **About Garrison Bridge**

Garrison Bridge Superannuation Scheme ('Scheme', 'Garrison Bridge') 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 six 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



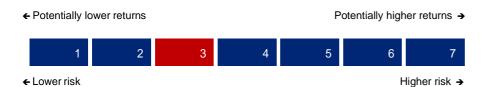
Ralph Stewart was CEO of AXA Insurance New Zealand for 9 years and more recently the CEO of ACC. He has thirty years of experience in New Zealand's financial services sector, including 8 years as General Manager of Marketing & Strategy at TOWER Insurance. Ralph holds a Masters in Business Administration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

# **NZD** Conservative Fund

# **Description of this Fund**

New Zealand Dollar denominated fund employing an active asset allocation strategy and a passive investment management strategy invested 70% in income assets (New Zealand and international fixed interest), with 30% exposure to growth assets (Australasian and international equities). Seeks to track composite indices (before annual fund charge and tax), comprising 10% S&P/NZX Bank Bills 90-Day Index, 40% Bloomberg NZ Bond Govt 0+ Yr Index, 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index 100% hedged to NZD, 20% S&P/NZX 50 Gross Index (including imputation credits) and 10% MSCI World Ex Australia Custom ESG Leaders Index.

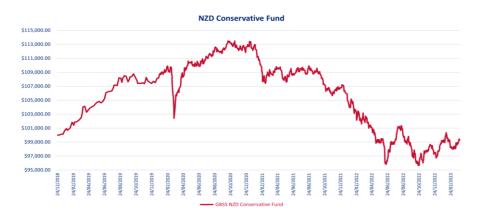
# **Risk indicator for the NZD Conservative Fund**



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 NZ\$100,000 invested in the NZD Conservative Fund from inception on 24 December 2018 to 31 March 2023. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the NZD Conservative Fund as at 31 March 2023. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	1.30%	2.49%	2.83%	-3.14%	-0.12%
0%	1.56%	2.82%	3.15%	-3.36%	-0.31%

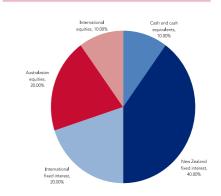
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## **Target asset allocation**



### **Underlying Investment Managers**

**Simplicity NZ Limited** is a leading investment manager located in NZ, with over NZ\$4 billion under management.

Harbour Asset Management Limited is a proven fund manager with over NZ\$2 billion under management.

BlackRock Asset Management Limited is the world's largest global investment manager with over US\$8 trillion in assets under management.

# **Key facts**

Inception date: 24 December 2018

#### **Underlying Investment Managers:**

Simplicity NZ Ltd, Harbour Asset Management Ltd, BlackRock Asset Management Ltd

#### Supervisor:

Public Trust

#### Fund type:

Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

# Licensed Manager:

Lifetime Asset Management Ltd

#### Estimated annual fund charge: 1.09%

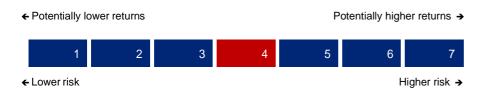
# **NZD Growth Fund**



## **Description of this Fund**

New Zealand Dollar denominated fund employing an active asset allocation strategy and a passive investment management strategy invested 16% in income assets (New Zealand and international fixed interest), with 84% exposure to growth assets (Australasian and international equities). Seeks to track composite indices (before annual fund charge and tax), comprising 8% Bloomberg NZ Bond Govt 0+ Yr Index, 8% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index 100% hedged to NZD, 30% S&P/NZX 50 Gross Index (including imputation credits) and 54% MSCI World Ex Australia Custom ESG Leaders Index.

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



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## Investment performance

The chart below illustrates the performance of NZ\$100,000 invested in the NZD Growth Fund from inception on 24 December 2018 to 31 March 2023. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the NZD Growth Fund as at 31 March 2023. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

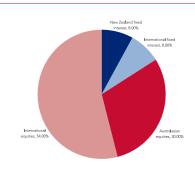
PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	1.03%	5.67%	4.57%	-3.66%	4.81%
0%	1.14%	5.87%	4.88%	-3.23%	4.86%

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Inception date: 24 December 2018

#### **Underlying Investment Managers:**

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# Supervisor:

Public Trust

# Fund type:

Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

# Licensed Manager:

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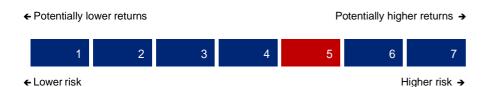
#### Estimated annual fund charge: 1.09%

# **AUD Balanced Fund**

# **Description of this Fund**

Australian Dollar denominated fund employing an active asset allocation strategy and a passive investment management strategy invested 40% in income assets (international fixed interest), with 60% exposure to growth assets (Australasian and international equities). Seeks to track composite indices (before annual fund charge and tax), comprising 20% Bloomberg Aus Bond Credit 0+ Yr Index, 20% Bloomberg Global Treasury Scaled Index 100% hedged to AUD, 20% FTSE Australia 300 Choice Index and 40% MSCI World ex Australia Custom ESG Leaders Index 100% hedged to AUD.

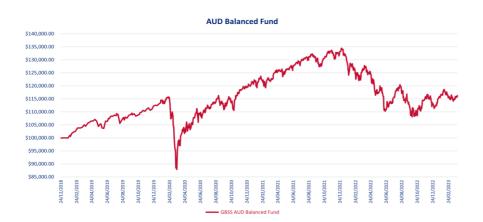
# **Risk indicator for the AUD Balanced Fund**



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 AU\$100,000 invested in the AUD Balanced Fund from inception on 24 December 2018 to 31 March 2023. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the AUD Balanced Fund as at 31 March 2023. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	1.37%	4.23%	7.59%	-8.34%	3.75%
0%	1.47%	4.50%	8.17%	-7.35%	4.52%

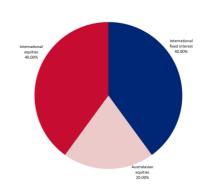
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# **Target asset allocation**



# **Underlying Investment Managers**

Vanguard Investments Australia Limited is the world's second largest investment manager with over AU\$10 trillion under management.

BlackRock Asset Management Limited is the world's largest global investment manager with over US\$8 trillion in assets under management.

# **Key facts**

Inception date: 24 December 2018

**Underlying Investment Managers:** 

Vanguard Investments Australia Ltd, BlackRock Asset Management Ltd

# Supervisor:

Public Trust

Fund type: Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

Licenscd Manager: Lifetime Asset Management Ltd

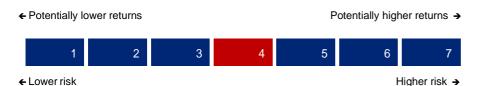
## Estimated annual fund charge: 1.19%

# **GBP Conservative Fund**

# **Description of this Fund**

Great British Pound denominated fund employing an active asset allocation strategy and a passive investment management strategy invested 65% in income assets (international fixed interest and cash and cash equivalents), with 35% exposure to growth assets (international equities and listed property). Seeks to track composite indices (before annual fund charge and tax), comprising 10% Markit iBoxx GBP Liquid Investment Grade Ultrashort Index, 55% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Index 100% hedged to GBP, 5% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT UK Property Index and 30% MSCI world ESG Screened Net GBP.

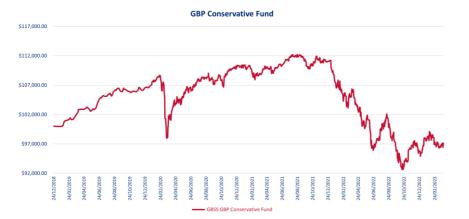
# **Risk indicator for the GBP Conservative Fund**



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 31 March 2023. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the GBP Conservative Fund as at 31 March 2023. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	1.13%	2.46%	4.25%	-7.57%	-0.52%
0%	1.23%	2.74%	4.82%	-6.53%	0.55%

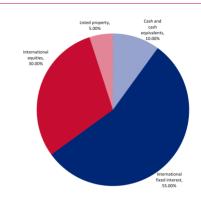
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# **Target asset allocation**



## **Underlying Investment Manager**

BlackRock Asset Management is the world's largest global investment manager with over US\$8 trillion in assets under management. BlackRock is an American global investment management corporation based in New York. It was founded in 1988, initially as a risk management and fixed income institutional asset manager.

#### **Key facts**

Inception date: 24 December 2018

Underlying Investment Manager: BlackRock Asset Management Limited

Supervisor: Public Trust

#### Fund type:

Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

Licenscd Manager: Lifetime Asset Management Ltd

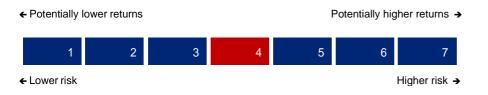
# Estimated annual fund charge: 1.14%

# **GBP Balanced Fund**

# **Description of this Fund**

Great British Pound denominated fund employing an active asset allocation strategy and a passive investment management strategy invested 50% in income assets (cash and cash equivalents and international fixed interest), with 50% exposure to growth assets (listed property and international equities). Seeks to track composite indices (before annual fund charge and tax), 5% Markit iBoxx GBP Liquid Investment Grade Ultrashort Index, 45% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index 100% hedged to GBP, 5% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT UK Property Index and 45% MSCI world ESG Screened-Index Net GBP.

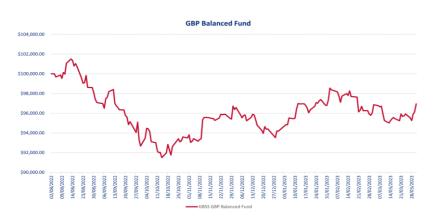
## **Risk indicator for the GBP Balanced Fund**



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### Investment performance

The chart below illustrates the performance of £100,000 invested in the GBP Conservative Fund from inception on 1 August 2022 to 31 March 2023. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the GBP Balanced Fund as at 31 March 2023. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

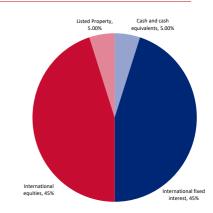
PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	1-year	Inception
28%	1.09%	2.94%	4.61%	-	-3.06%
0%	1.19%	3.22%	5.19%	-	-2.36%

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### **Key facts**

Inception date: 1 August 2022

Underlying Investment Manager: BlackRock Asset Management Limited

Supervisor: Public Trust

Fund type: Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

Licensed Manager: Lifetime Asset Management Ltd

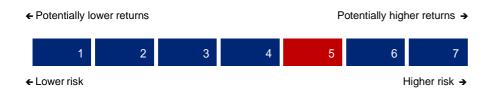
## Estimated annual fund charge: 1.19%

# **GBP Growth Fund**

# **Description of this Fund**

Great British Pound denominated fund employing an active asset allocation strategy and a passive investment management strategy invested 15% in income assets (international fixed interest), with 85% exposure to growth assets (listed property and international equities). Seeks to track composite indices (before annual fund charge and tax), comprising 15% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Index 100% hedged to GBP, 7% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT UK Property Index and 78% MSCI world ESG Screened Index Net GBP.

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



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# **Investment performance**

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The below performance figures for the GBP Growth Fund as at 31 March 2023. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	0.63%	3.94%	5.40%	-6.46%	6.16%
0%	0.73%	4.22%	5.98%	-5.41%	7.29%

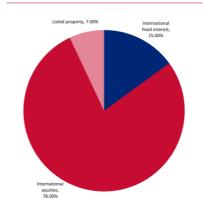
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Estimated annual fund charge: 1.19%

