# **Investment Summary**

For the month ending 30 November 2023



# **General Market Commentary**

US stock markets were in a jubilant mood in November, posting their best monthly performance in years, while market volatility sunk to its lowest since before the pandemic in 2020. There was still plenty to plague pessimists - ongoing strife in Ukraine and the Middle East, for starters - however, reassuring economic signals renewed investor enthusiasm for both shares and bonds.

Inflation in the US is beginning to look well in reach of the US Federal Reserve's (the Fed) 2% target, with consumer prices up 3.2% in October compared to last year, which was a decent drop from 3.7% for the year to September. Notably weaker oil prices didn't hurt. Subsequent chatter from the Fed indicated a level of comfort with how things are tracking, with one member noting there was "no reason" for rates to stay high if inflation continued to ease. Music to markets' ears.

At home, the RBNZ sung a different tune. While it kept rates unchanged at 5.5%, it nipped any rate cut hopes in the bud by saying they'd stay where they are, if not slightly higher, until at least mid-2025 as record net immigration risks taking the lid back off inflation. Confirmation of the coalition Government proved more encouraging, with the resulting patchwork of policies seen as pro-business on balance.

Meanwhile, Australian authorities continued to play monetary policy catch-up, raising rates by another quarter point to a 12-year high of 4.35%. However, further hikes seem unlikely in the short term as inflation eased more than expected in the year to October.

UK consumer prices also softened, with inflation plunging to its lowest level in two years in October. However, that seemed like background noise to its wider economic woes, with stagnant growth and questionable fiscal policy leading a second ratings agency to downgrade British government debt to "negative" from "stable" during the month.

Against this backdrop, the S&P500 rose by 8.9% in November, while the tech-focused Nasdaq climbed an even loftier 10.7%. The NZX50 gained a not-too-shabby 5.5%, while the ASX200 finished the month up 4.5%. The UK's FTSE100 was a notable laggard, posting a relatively meagre 1.8% gain.

GBP and AUD / NZD exchange rate change from 31 October 2023 to 30 November 2023:

1 Month to 30/11/2023							
	31/10/2023 30/11/2023 % change over month						
GBP / NZD	\$2.09	\$2.05	-2.0%				
AUD / NZD	\$1.09	\$1.07	-1.4%				

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1 Year to 30/11/2023						
30/11/2022 30/11/2023 % change over yea						
GBP / NZD	\$1.91	\$2.05	7.2%			
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 seven 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.

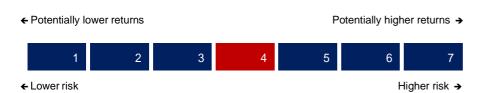
# **NZD Conservative Fund**



## **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% Morningstar New Zealand (total return) Index, including imputation credits; 5% MSCI World Index NR ex NZ, Tobacco, Controversial and Nuclear Weapons; and 5% MSCI World Index NR ex NZ, Tobacco, Controversial and Nuclear Weapons, 100% hedged to NZD.

#### Risk indicator for the NZD Conservative Fund



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## **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 30 November 2023. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the NZD Conservative Fund as at 30 November 2023. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	3.26%	0.34%	-0.22%	1.82%	-0.04%
0%	3.78%	0.60%	-0.22%	1.99%	-0.20%

<sup>\*</sup> Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

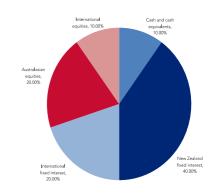
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### **Target asset allocation**



### **Underlying Investment Managers**

**Simplicity NZ Limited** is a leading investment manager located in NZ, with over NZ\$5 billion under management.

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

Smartshares Limited is New Zealand's only issuer of ETFs listed on the NZX Main Board, with over NZ\$4 billion of funds under management.

Mercer (N.Z.) Limited is part of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc with a global investment network, managing approximately NZ\$200 billion.

# **Key facts**

# Inception date:

24 December 2018

## **Underlying Investment Managers:**

Simplicity NZ Ltd, Harbour Asset Management Ltd, Smartshares Limited, and Mercer (N.Z.) Limited

## Supervisor:

Public Trust

### Fund type:

Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

### Licensed Manager:

Lifetime Asset Management Limited

### Estimated annual fund charge: 1.09%

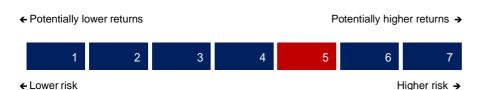
# **NZD Growth Fund**



## **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; 15% Morningstar New Zealand (total return) Index, including imputation credits; 15% S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Index, including imputation credits; 27% MSCI World Index NR ex NZ, Tobacco, Controversial and Nuclear Weapons; and 27% MSCI World Index NR ex NZ, Tobacco, Controversial and Nuclear Weapons, 100% hedged to NZD.

#### 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 Passively Managed Fund Options Product Disclosure Statement.

## **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 30 November 2023. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the NZD Growth Fund as at 30 November 2023. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	4.92%	-0.78%	1.15%	8.35%	5.19%
0%	5.53%	-0.33%	1.25%	8.75%	5.28%

<sup>\*</sup> Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

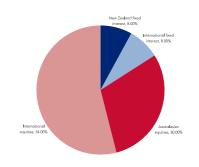
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Mercer (N.Z.) Limited is part of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc with a global investment network, managing approximately NZ\$200 billion.

# **Key facts**

# Inception date:

24 December 2018

### **Underlying Investment Managers:**

Simplicity NZ Ltd, Harbour Asset Management Ltd, Smartshares Limited, and Mercer (N.Z.) Limited

### Supervisor:

Public Trust

# Fund type:

Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

## Licensed Manager:

Lifetime Asset Management Limited

# Estimated annual fund charge: 1.09%

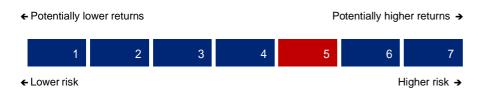
# **AUD Balanced Fund**



## **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.

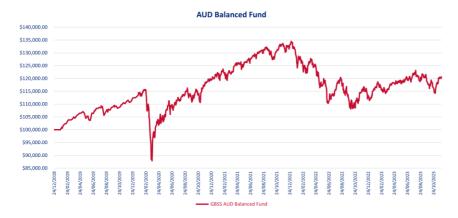
## **Risk indicator for the AUD Balanced Fund**



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 Passively Managed Fund Options 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 30 November 2023. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the AUD Balanced Fund as at 30 November 2023. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	5.83%	-0.59%	2.07%	5.16%	3.94%
0%	5.93%	-0.33%	2.60%	6.27%	4.76%

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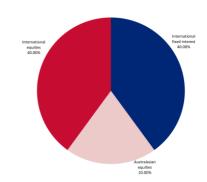
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### **Target asset allocation**



## **Underlying Investment Managers**

## Vanguard Investments Australia Limited.

The Vanguard Group, Inc is the world's second largest investment manager with over US\$7.5 trillion under management. BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited. BlackRock, Inc is the world's largest global investment manager with over US\$9 trillion in assets under management.

## **Key facts**

### Inception date:

24 December 2018

# **Underlying Investment Managers:**

Vanguard Investments Australia Limited, BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited

## Supervisor:

Public Trust

### Fund type:

Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

### Licenscd Manager:

Lifetime Asset Management Limited

Estimated annual fund charge: 1.19%

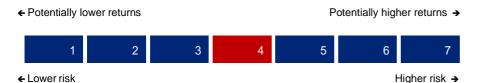
# **GBP Conservative Fund**



## **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 Global Aggregate Corporate Index, 100% hedged to GBP; 5% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT UK Index; and 30% MSCI World FSG Screened Net GBP.

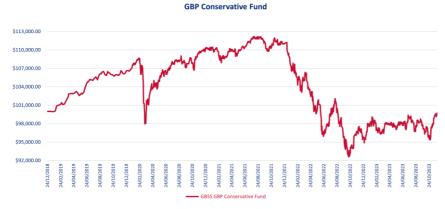
## **Risk indicator for the GBP Conservative Fund**



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## **Investment performance**

The chart below illustrates the performance of £100,000 invested in the GBP Conservative Fund from inception on 24 December 2018 to 30 November 2023. The chart shows cumulative investment performance after fees, and tax (at 28%):



The below performance figures for the GBP Conservative Fund as at 30 November 2023. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	4.22%	1.22%	2.20%	2.52%	-0.05%
0%	4.32%	1.50%	2.78%	3.67%	1.03%

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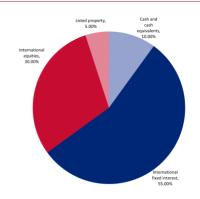
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## **Target asset allocation**



# **Underlying Investment Manager**

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## **Key facts**

## Inception date:

24 December 2018

# **Underlying Investment Manager:**

BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited

### Supervisor:

Public Trust

### Fund type:

Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

# Licenscd Manager:

Lifetime Asset Management Limited

Estimated annual fund charge: 1.14%

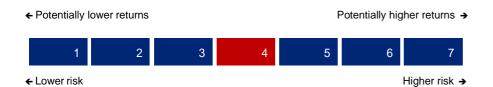
# **GBP Balanced Fund**



## **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), comprising: 5% Markit iBoxx GBP Liquid Investment Grade Ultrashort Index; 45% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index, 100% hedged to GBP; 5% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT UK Index; and 45% MSCI World ESG Screened Index Net GBP.

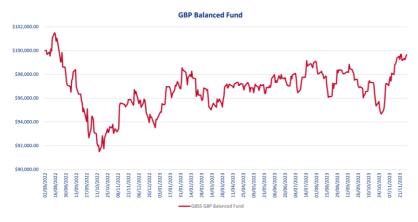
### Risk indicator for the GBP Balanced Fund



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



The below performance figures for the GBP Balanced Fund as at 30 November 2023. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	1-year	Inception
28%	4.62%	1.30%	2.83%	3.02%	-0.27%
0%	4.72%	1.58%	3.41%	4.18%	0.84%

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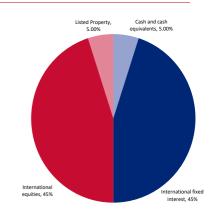
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## **Key facts**

### Inception date:

1 August 2022

### **Underlying Investment Manager:**

BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited

## Supervisor:

Public Trust

# Fund type:

Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

# Licensed Manager:

Lifetime Asset Management Limited

Estimated annual fund charge: 1.19%

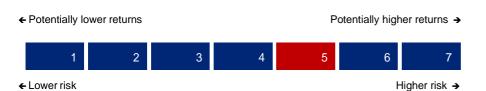
# **GBP Growth Fund**



## **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 Global Aggregate Corporate Index, 100% hedged to GBP; 7% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT UK Index; and 78% MSCI World ESG Screened Index Net GBP.

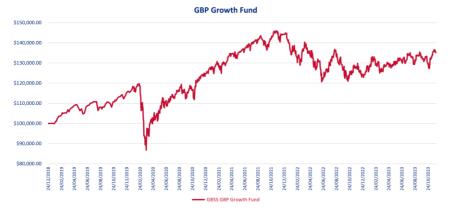
### Risk indicator for the GBP Growth Fund



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PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	6-months	12-months	Inception
28%	5.43%	1.60%	4.71%	4.57%	6.39%
0%	5.53%	1.89%	5.31%	5.75%	7.53%

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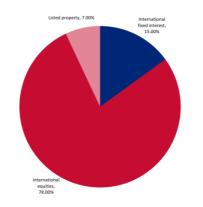
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