# **Investment Summary**

For the month ending 31 July 2025



# **General Market Commentary**

Global markets were largely upbeat in July, as the looming deadline for jacked-up tariffs prompted a flurry of diplomatic deal-making. The E.U. managed to wrangle a 50% discount to take their base tariff to 15%, averting a trade war between two economic behemoths that represent over a third of world trade. Meanwhile, China and the US agreed to disagree for a few more weeks.

US markets scaled record heights during the month against an ostensibly hearty economic backdrop, with consumer spending and business confidence up and jobless claims down. Investors cheered the potential stimulus promised by Trump's colossal tax and spending Bill, apparently happy to kick the multi-trillion-dollar price tag can down the road for now.

Second-quarter reporting season kicked off with a series of tech-sector triumphs as Microsoft, Meta and Apple delivered hefty earnings beats. This came on the back of Al darling Nvidia becoming the world's first company to reach a market cap of \$4 trillion. Pharmaceuticals had a tougher time after President Trump snuck into their DMs to suggest they slash their prices in the US.

Investors were slightly more subdued at home as the economy continued to limp towards recovery. The Reserve Bank kept rates on hold, as expected. However, lower-than-expected inflation in the June quarter rekindled hopes of a further cut in August. Absent any significant broader catalysts (and due to our relatively small market), news on large individual stocks tended to move the needle. Infratil's inclusion in the Australian blue-chip index lifted the market one day, while downbeat updates from Synlait Milk and Mainfreight dragged on performance the next.

Australia's Reserve Bank also kept interest rates steady, surprising financial pundits who thought softening inflation and an uncertain growth trajectory provided enough ammunition for it to pull the trigger. The doves were emboldened by a notable labour market wobble later in the month, with just 2,000 jobs added in June compared to the 20,000 expected, and the lowest quarterly inflation reading in almost four years. The RBA is expected to rethink its choices in August.

Against this backdrop, the S&P 500 finished July up 2.2%, while the tech-focused Nasdaq rose 3.7%. The NZX 50 gained 1.8% over the month, while the ASX 200 finished 2.4% ahead. Meanwhile, the UK's FTSE 100 ended July up 4.2% in a surprise bit of outperformance that was at odds with its recent economic narrative. The UK economy shrank in May for the second month in a row and annual inflation climbed to 3.6% in June, its highest in more than a year.

#### GBP and AUD / NZD exchange rate change from 30 June 2025 to 31 July 2025:

1 Month to 31/07/2025						
30/06/2025 31/07/2025 % change over mont						
GBP / NZD	\$2.25	\$2.24	-0.5%			
AUD / NZD	\$1.08	\$1.09	1.1%			

## GBP and AUD / NZD exchange rate change from 31 July 2024 to 31 July 2025:

1 Year to 31/07/2025							
31/07/2024 31/07/2025 % change over year							
GBP / NZD	\$2.16	\$2.24	3.8%				
AUD / NZD	\$1.10	\$1.09	-0.6%				

The exchange rates are sourced from Reuters (<u>https://www.reuters.com/markets/currencies/</u>)

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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.

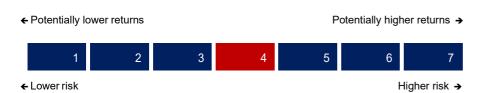
# **NZD Conservative Fund**



#### **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.

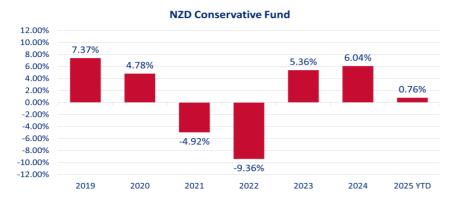
#### Risk indicator for the NZD Conservative Fund



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## **Investment performance**

The chart below shows the fund return after fund charges and tax (at 28%) for each full calendar year the fund has been in existence. The last bar shows the performance of the current calendar year to date (1 January 2025 to 31 July 2025).



See the below performance figures for the NZD Conservative Fund as at 31 July 2025. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	0.80%	2.79%	3.14%	2.82%	-0.42%	1.35%
0%	0.87%	2.90%	3.94%	3.37%	-0.58%	1.59%

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

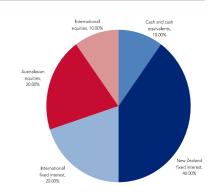
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#### **Target asset allocation**



### **Underlying Fund Managers**

**Simplicity NZ Limited** is a leading investment manager located in NZ, with over NZ\$8 billion under management.

Harbour Asset Management Limited is a proven fund manager with approximately NZ\$19 billion of funds under management.

**Smartshares Limited** is New Zealand's only issuer of ETFs listed on the NZX Main Board, with over NZ\$12 billion of funds under management.

Mercer (N.Z.) Limited is part of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc with a global investment network, managing approximately US\$600 billion.

## **Key facts**

## Inception date:

24 December 2018

## **Underlying Investment Managers:**

Simplicity NZ Limited, Harbour Asset Management Limited, 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%

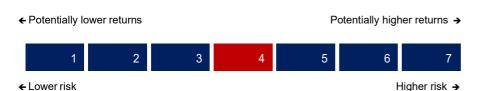
## **NZD Growth Fund**



#### **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.

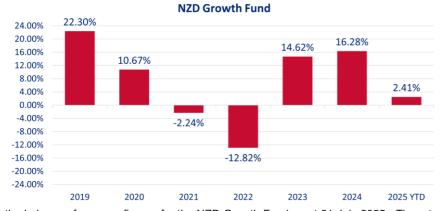
#### Risk indicator for the NZD Growth Fund



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#### **Investment performance**

The chart below shows the fund return after fund charges and tax (at 28%) for each full calendar year the fund has been in existence. The last bar shows the performance of the current calendar year to date (1 January 2025 to 31 July 2025).



See the below performance figures for the NZD Growth Fund as at 31 July 2025. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	2.03%	8.43%	7.97%	9.04%	4.60%	7.15%
0%	2.09%	8.63%	9.56%	9.99%	5.21%	7.85%

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

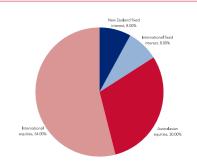
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#### Target asset allocation



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**Mercer (N.Z.) Limited** is part of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc with a global investment network, managing approximately US\$600 billion.

## **Key facts**

## Inception date:

24 December 2018

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

Simplicity NZ Limited, Harbour Asset Management Limited, 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%

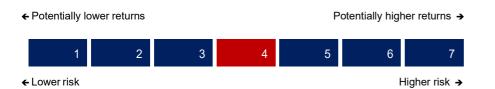
# **AUD Balanced Fund**



#### **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.

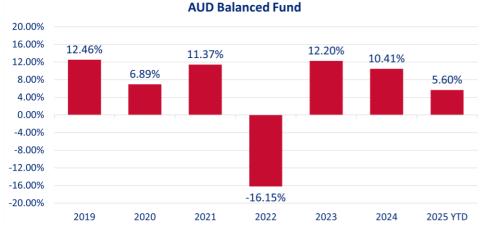
#### Risk indicator for the AUD Balanced Fund



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 shows the fund return after fund charges and tax (at 28%) for each full calendar year the fund has been in existence. The last bar shows the performance of the current calendar year to date (1 January 2025 to 31 July 2025).



See the below performance figures for the AUD Balanced Fund as at 31 July 2025. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	1.72%	7.42%	8.48%	7.53%	5.69%	5.99%
0%	1.81%	7.72%	9.70%	8.73%	6.85%	7.14%

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

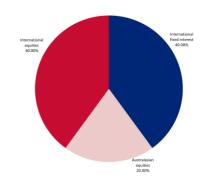
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#### **Target asset allocation**



## **Underlying Fund Managers**

#### Vanguard Investments Australia Limited.

The Vanguard Group, Inc is the world's second largest investment manager with over US\$10 trillion under management.

BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited. BlackRock, Inc is the world's largest global investment manager with over US\$11 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

#### Licensed Manager:

Lifetime Asset Management Limited

Estimated annual fund charge: 1.19%

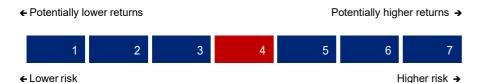
# **GBP Conservative Fund**



#### **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

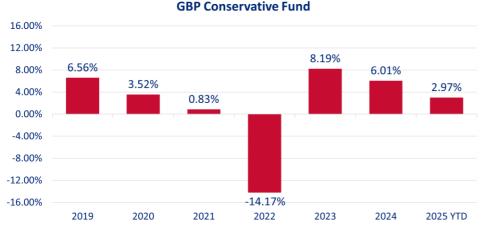
#### **Risk indicator for the GBP Conservative Fund**



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#### **Investment performance**

The chart below shows the fund return after fund charges and tax (at 28%) for each full calendar year the fund has been in existence. The last bar shows the performance of the current calendar year to date (1 January 2025 to 31 July 2025).



See the below performance figures for the GBP Conservative Fund as at 31 July 2025. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	1.26%	4.58%	4.79%	4.02%	0.92%	1.83%
0%	1.35%	4.88%	5.98%	5.20%	2.04%	2.94%

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

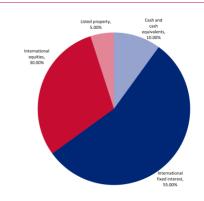
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#### **Target asset allocation**



## **Underlying Fund Manager**

BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited. BlackRock, Inc is the world's largest global investment manager with over US\$11 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 Ireland Limited

#### Supervisor:

Public Trust

#### Fund type:

Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

## Licensed Manager:

Lifetime Asset Management Limited

Estimated annual fund charge: 1.14%

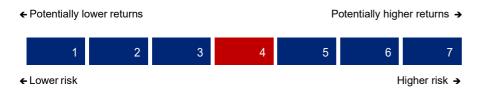
## **GBP Balanced Fund**



#### **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.

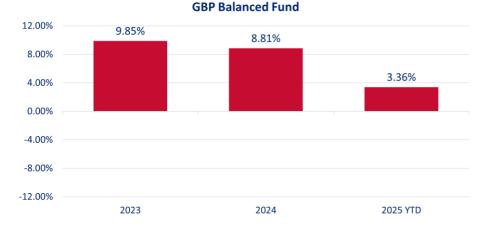
#### Risk indicator for the GBP Balanced Fund



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#### **Investment performance**

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See the below performance figures for the GBP Balanced Fund as at 31 July 2025. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	2.00%	6.51%	6.37%	5.18%	-	5.18%
0%	2.09%	6.82%	7.58%	6.36%	-	6.36%

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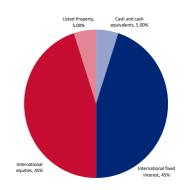
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#### **Key facts**

## 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%

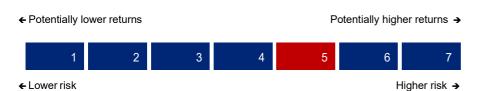
## **GBP Growth Fund**



#### **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.

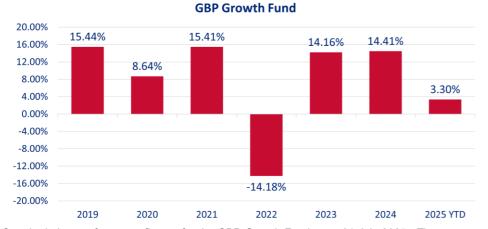
#### Risk indicator for the GBP Growth Fund



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#### **Investment performance**

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See the below performance figures for the GBP Growth Fund as at 31 July 2025. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	3.38%	10.18%	8.28%	8.25%	8.29%	8.13%
0%	3.48%	10.50%	9.51%	9.48%	9.49%	9.31%

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualized

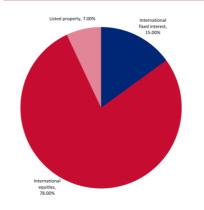
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