# **Investment Summary**

For the month ending 30 September 2025



# **General Market Commentary**

September shrugged off its reputation as the worst performing month of the year with a relatively decent showing across most global markets. This helped mollify angsty investors and validated the ubiquitous fine print that you should never rely on past performance as an indicator of future returns.

Wall Street did the heavy lifting. Labour market data surprised on the downside, with more than 20,000 fewer jobs than expected added in August. Meanwhile, the revelation that jobs growth was overstated by close to a million in the year to March suggested the employment market's been weakening for a while. This was, paradoxically, music to investors' ears given the implications for interest rates.

Indeed, September ushered in America's first rate cut of the year, a cautious quarter-point nudge, described by Chair Jerome Powell as a "risk management cut." Presumably, he was referring to prevailing economic risks, rather than his own precarious position. Either way, expectations should be managed accordingly.

Tech hogged the limelight again, led by Oracle's jaw-dropping 40% leap in a single day and a steady Apple rally on strong iPhone 17 sales. It wasn't all fun and games, though. Tech titans trembled in their trainers when President Trump proposed a US\$100,000 fee for highly-skilled visas, while a batch of new tariffs caused much furrowing of brows around the world. The pesky spectre of a US government shutdown at the end of the month didn't help.

Back home, our local market fared well, though it lagged the US thanks to our chronic lack of tech names. Rising food prices bit deeper into household budgets, while GDP data showed the economy shrinking more than expected in the June quarter. Still, a late-month flurry of merger and acquisition activity (here's looking at you, Restaurant Brands) gave the market a sugar hit just in time for the closing bell.

Across the ditch, Australian stocks were among the few underperformers. Early gains from gold miners riding record bullion prices weren't enough to save the index from hotter-than-expected inflation. With August CPI surprising on the upside, the RBA kept rates on hold, leaving investors nursing a September hangover.

Against this backdrop, the S&P 500 finished September up 3.5%, while the tech-focused Nasdaq rose 5.6%. The NZX 50 gained 2.8% over the month, while the ASX 200 dropped by 1.4%.

Meanwhile, the FTSE 100 added 1.8%, a respectable showing given Britain's economic backdrop. Long-term borrowing costs hit their highest since the late '90s, while ballooning public sector debt all but ensures Chancellor Rachel Reeves will wield the tax stick in her November budget.

## GBP and AUD / NZD exchange rate change from 31 August 2025 to 30 September 2025:

| 1 Month to 30/09/2025                   |        |        |      |  |  |  |
|---|--------|--------|------|--|--|--|
| 31/08/2025 30/09/2025 % change over mon |        |        |      |  |  |  |
| GBP / NZD                               | \$2.30 | \$2.32 | 1.1% |  |  |  |
| AUD / NZD                               | \$1.11 | \$1.14 | 2.7% |  |  |  |

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|---|--------|--------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 30/09/2024 30/09/2025 % change over yea |        |        |       |  |  |  |  |
| GBP / NZD                               | \$2.11 | \$2.32 | 10.1% |  |  |  |  |
| AUD / NZD                               | \$1.09 | \$1.14 | 4.8%  |  |  |  |  |

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

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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.

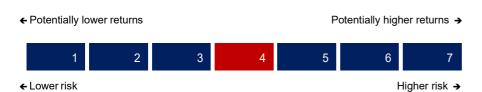
# **NZD Conservative Fund**



### **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.

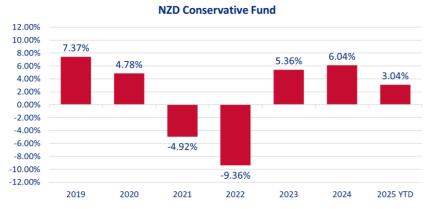
#### Risk indicator for the NZD Conservative Fund



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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 30 September 2025).



See the below performance figures for the NZD Conservative Fund as at 30 September 2025. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

| PIR Tax Rate | Month | Quarter | 12-months | 3-year | 5-year | Inception |
|--------------|-------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 28%          | 1.43% | 3.08%   | 4.60%     | 4.92%  | -0.08% | 1.65%     |
| 0%           | 1.68% | 3.54%   | 5.45%     | 5.79%  | -0.23% | 1.94%     |

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

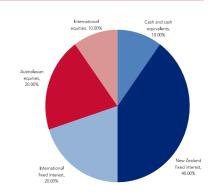
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### **Target asset allocation**



## **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%

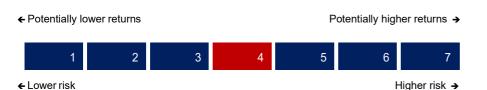
# **NZD Growth Fund**



#### **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.

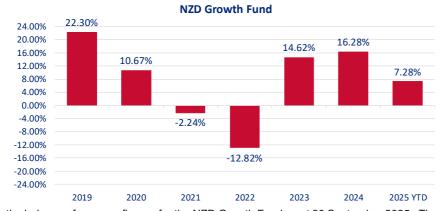
#### Risk indicator for the NZD Growth Fund



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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 30 September 2025).



See the below performance figures for the NZD Growth Fund as at 30 September 2025. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

| PIR Tax Rate | Month | Quarter | 12-months | 3-year | 5-year | Inception |
|--------------|-------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 28%          | 3.07% | 6.88%   | 12.60%    | 12.27% | 5.70%  | 7.71%     |
| 0%           | 3.28% | 7.25%   | 13.68%    | 13.32% | 6.33%  | 8.44%     |

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

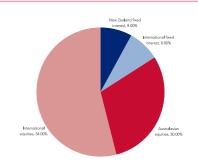
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# **Key facts**

# 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%

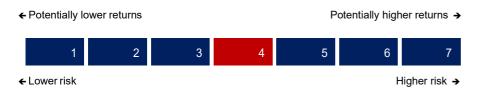
# **AUD Balanced Fund**



### **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

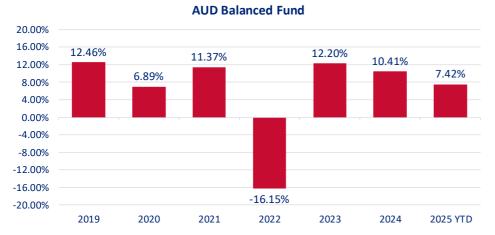
## **Risk indicator for the AUD Balanced Fund**



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 30 September 2025).



See the below performance figures for the AUD Balanced Fund as at 30 September 2025. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

| PIR Tax Rate | Month | Quarter | 12-months | 3-year | 5-year | Inception |
|--------------|-------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 28%          | 1.02% | 3.47%   | 7.39%     | 11.16% | 5.92%  | 6.11%     |
| 0%           | 1.11% | 3.76%   | 8.59%     | 12.40% | 7.08%  | 7.26%     |

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

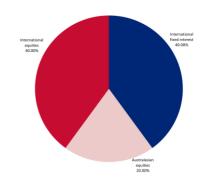
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### **Target asset allocation**



# **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%

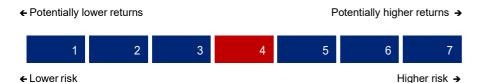
# **GBP Conservative Fund**



## **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

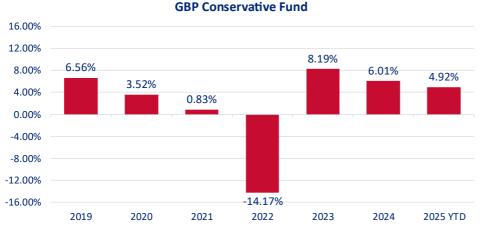
## **Risk indicator for the GBP Conservative Fund**



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#### **Investment performance**

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See the below performance figures for the GBP Conservative Fund as at 30 September 2025. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

| PIR Tax Rate | Month | Quarter | 12-months | 3-year | 5-year | Inception |
|--------------|-------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 28%          | 1.72% | 3.18%   | 5.31%     | 6.98%  | 1.28%  | 2.07%     |
| 0%           | 1.81% | 3.47%   | 6.50%     | 8.19%  | 2.40%  | 3.18%     |

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

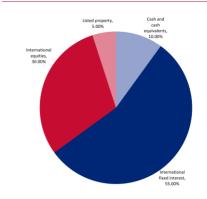
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## **Target asset allocation**



# **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%

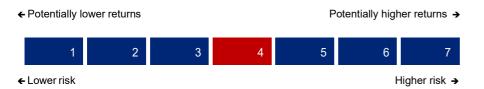
# **GBP Balanced Fund**



## **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.

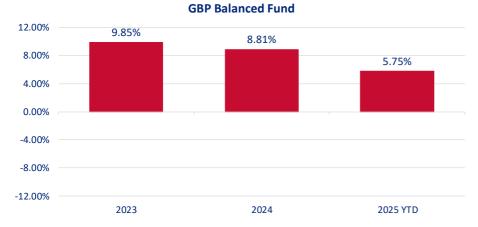
## Risk indicator for the GBP Balanced Fund



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## **Investment performance**

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See the below performance figures for the GBP Balanced Fund as at 30 September 2025. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

| PIR Tax Rate | Month | Quarter | 12-months | 3-year | 5-year | Inception |
|--------------|-------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 28%          | 2.14% | 4.36%   | 7.50%     | 8.71%  | -      | 5.66%     |
| 0%           | 2.24% | 4.65%   | 8.72%     | 9.94%  | -      | 6.85%     |

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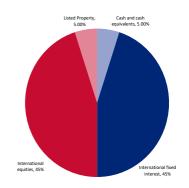
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## **Key facts**

## Inception date:

1 August 2022

#### **Underlying Investment Manager:**

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#### Supervisor:

Public Trust

# Fund type:

Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

# Licensed Manager:

Lifetime Asset Management Limited

Estimated annual fund charge: 1.19%

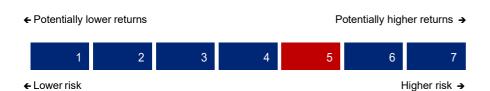
# **GBP Growth Fund**



### **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 | 12-months | 3-year | 5-year | Inception |
|--------------|-------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 28%          | 3.03% | 6.53%   | 11.12%    | 12.13% | 8.38%  | 8.40%     |
| 0%           | 3.13% | 6.83%   | 12.38%    | 13.40% | 9.58%  | 9.58%     |

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualized

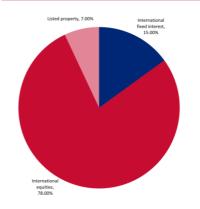
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