New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme



Fund update for the Balanced option Year ended 31 March 2023

This update was first made publicly available on 23 June 2023.

What is the purpose of this update?

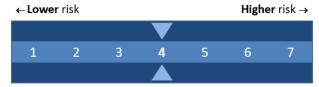
This document tells you how the Balanced option has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. FireSuper Trustee Limited has prepared this update in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. This information is not audited and may be updated.

Description of this fund

The Balanced option invests in a targeted 58.5:41.5 split of growth assets (such as shares) and income assets (such as fixed income and cash). It is constructed with an expectation of providing a long-term (10 years plus) return after tax and investment expenses of approximately 2.5-3% p.a. above inflation. There is a reasonably small risk (approximately one in 100 years) of a member losing more than 20% after inflation in any year, with a likelihood of a negative return of (currently) one year in every four.

Total value of the fund	\$298,942,371	
Number of investors in the fund	1235	
The date the fund started	1 October 2008	

What are the risks of investing? Risk indicator for the Balanced option



← Potentially **lower** returns Potentially **higher** returns →

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.

To help you clarify your own attitude to risk, you can seek financial advice or work out your risk profile at www.sorted.org.nz/tools/investor-kickstarter.

Note that even the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment, and there are other risks that are not captured by this rating.

This risk indicator is not a guarantee of a fund's future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for the five-year period to 31 March 2023. While risk indicators are usually relatively stable, they do shift from time to time. The risk indicator will continue to be updated in future fund updates.

See the product disclosure statement (PDS) for more information about the risks associated with investing in this fund.

How has the fund performed?

	Average over past 5 years	Past year
Annual return	3.96%	-4.97%
(after deductions for charges and tax)		
Annual return	4.35%	-5.59%
(after deductions for charges but before tax)		
Market index annual return	4.97%	-5.00%
(reflects no deduction for charges and tax)		

The market index annual return is based on the strategic asset allocation-weighted benchmark index return, where the benchmark indices are defined in the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives.

Additional information about the market index is available on the offer register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz.



This shows the return after fund charges and tax for each of the last 10 years ending 31 March. The last bar shows the average annual return for the last 10 years, up to 31 March 2023.

Important: This does not tell you how the fund will perform in the future.

What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the Balanced option are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2023 these were:

	% of net asset value
Total fund charges	0.57%
Which are made up of:	
Total management and administration charges	0.57%
Including -	
Manager's basic fee	0.00%
Other management and administration charges	0.57%
Total performance-based fees	0.00%
Other charges	Dollar amount per investor or description of how
	charge is calculated
Administration fee	\$0.00 per annum

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, withdrawing from or switching funds). See the PDS for the New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme on the offer register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz for more information about those fees.

Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

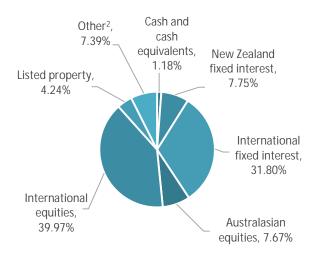
Example of how this applies to an investor

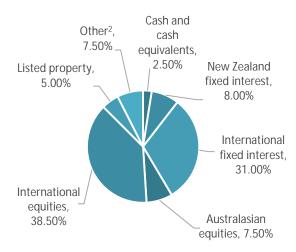
Mary had \$10,000 in the fund at the start of the year and did not make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Mary incurred a loss after fund charges were deducted of \$559 (that is -5.59% of her initial \$10,000). Mary also paid \$0 in other charges. This gives Mary a total loss after tax of \$497 for the year.

What does the fund invest in?

Actual investment mix
This shows the type of assets that the fund invests in

Target investment mix
This shows the mix of assets that the fund generally intends to invest in





Top 10 Investments

Asset name	% of fund	Туре	Country	Credit rating
	net assets			(if applicable)
Russell Investments Global Fixed				
Interest Fund	31.80%	International fixed interest	NZ	N/A
Mercer Hedged Overseas Shares				
Index Portfolio	20.32%	International equities	NZ	N/A
Mercer Overseas Shares Index				
Portfolio	15.13%	International equities	NZ	N/A
First Sentier Global Listed				
Infrastructure Fund	7.39%	Other ²	NZ	N/A
ANZ High Grade Bond Fund	4.63%	New Zealand fixed interest	NZ	N/A
Mercer Emerging Markets				
Portfolio	4.52% .	International equities	NZ .	N/A
ANZ Wholesale International		·		
Property Securities Fund	4.24% .	Listed property	NZ .	N/A
Salt Core NZ Shares Fund	3.90%	Australasian equities	NZ	N/A
Harbour Australasian Equity Fund				
WUT	3.79%	Australasian equities	NZ	N/A
ANZ Sovereign Bond Fund	3.12%	New Zealand fixed interest	NZ	N/A

The total value of the top 10 individual assets is 98.84% of the net asset value of the fund.

Currency hedging

The target foreign currency exposure is equal to approximately 50% of the international equities exposure. Foreign currency exposure is not actively managed at a strategic level. However, at an asset class and sub-asset class level, both market movements and, where applicable, active positions taken by the underlying fund managers can result in deviations away from the target level. The resultant foreign currency exposure would normally be expected to sit within a range of 40-60% of the international equities exposure.

Key personnel

Name	Current position	Time in current position	Previous or other current position (if relevant)	Time in previous or other position
Denis James Fitzmaurice	Board Member of New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme	16 years 6 months		
Andrew Roland Johnson	Licensed Independent Trustee Director	4 years 0 months	Head of Asset Consulting (NZ), Russell Investments	3 years 8 months
Angela Hauk-Willis	Board Member of New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme	4 years 10 months		
Guy Maxwell Fisher	Head of Investment Consulting, Russell Investments	1 year 9 months	Senior Consultant, Russell Investments	2 years 8 months
David Kandziora ³	Senior Relationship Manager, Russell Investments	2 years 10 months	Partner, Three Sixty Capital Partners	3 years 0 months

Further information

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme, and some additional information from the offer register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz or on the Documents & Forms page of www.firesuper.org.nz. or by calling the scheme helpline 0800 MY SUPER (0800 69 78737).

Notes

- 1. The bar graph shows fund returns after the deduction of fees and tax, while the market index returns are shown before any fees or tax are deducted.
- 2. Other includes global listed infrastructure.
- 3. David Kandziora has not been named in a previous fund update for the fund.