# **Investment Summary**

For the month ending 31 December 2024



# **General Market Commentary**

While most global markets enjoyed a bumper 2024 overall, the much-anticipated "Santa Claus rally" failed to materialise in the final month of the year, as uncertainty around Trump's policy plans and continued economic and geo-political risks frayed nerves.

The US economy looked anything but weak, with annualised third quarter growth revised up to 3.1% - meaning GDP has grown by more than 2% in eight of the last nine quarters. The labour market remained resilient, too, while consumers felt confident enough to up their spending across a range of goods and services in November.

Paradoxically, this was not overly welcome news for investors, who fretted about the implications for inflation and a premature pause in the interest rate cutting cycle. The Federal Reserve didn't exactly allay these fears. While it eased rates by another 0.25% in December as expected, it sounded a note of caution for the year ahead, signalling only two more cuts instead of the forecast four.

Meanwhile, our domestic economy remains in the doldrums, with revised economic growth indicating much deeper-than-expected recessions in both the second and third quarters of 2024. Investors fled from equities in the immediate aftermath of this recessionary revelation, but didn't stay away for long. Auckland International Airport's \$1.3 billion stock sale also moved markets during the month, as investors freed up cash from elsewhere to participate.

Australia continued to battle a largely stagnant economic backdrop, though avoided an all-out recession. However, a stubbornly robust jobs market doused any nascent hopes that the RBA would change its tune and start lowering borrowing costs in the near future. Meanwhile, commodity-related shares bore the brunt of sluggish data out of China, while a retreat from property and bank stocks led markets lower still. Investors regained their festive spirit in the final days of the year, but it wasn't enough to claw back earlier losses.

Against this backdrop, the S&P 500 finished December down -2.5%, while the tech-focused Nasdaq eked out a 0.5% gain. The NZX 50 also managed to finish ahead (just), gaining 0.3%, while the ASX 200 ended -3.3% lower. The UK's FTSE 100 also finished in the red, down -1.4%. The UK economy shrank for the second month in a row in October as activity virtually ground to a halt amid ongoing shock waves from the Labour Government's budget.

### GBP and AUD / NZD exchange rate change from 30 November 2024 to 31 December 2024:

1 Month to 31/12/2024						
30/11/2024 31/12/2024 % change over mon						
GBP / NZD	\$2.15	\$2.24	4.2%			
AUD / NZD	\$1.10	\$1.11	0.9%			

## GBP and AUD / NZD exchange rate change from 31 December 2023 to 31 December 2024:

	1 Year to 31/12/2024							
31/12/2023 31/12/2024 % change over year								
	GBP / NZD	\$2.01	\$2.24	11.4%				
	AUD / NZD	\$1.08	\$1.11	2.8%				

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.

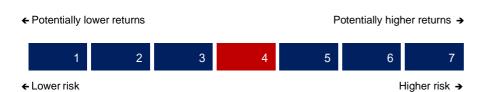
# **NZD Conservative Fund**



### **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.

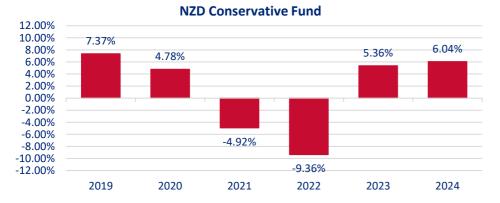
#### Risk indicator for the NZD Conservative Fund



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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 2024 to 31 December 2024).



See the below performance figures for the NZD Conservative Fund as at 31 December 2024. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	0.22%	1.52%	6.04%	0.42%	0.18%	1.36%
0%	0.30%	1.54%	6.89%	0.70%	0.20%	1.55%

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

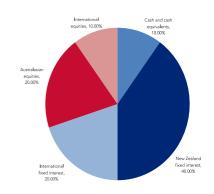
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### **Target asset allocation**



## **Underlying Fund Managers**

**Simplicity NZ Limited** is a leading investment manager located in NZ, with over NZ\$6 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\$10 billion of funds under management.

Mercer (N.Z.) Limited is part of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc with a global investment network, managing approximately NZ\$500 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%

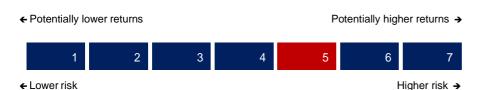
# **NZD Growth Fund**



#### **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.

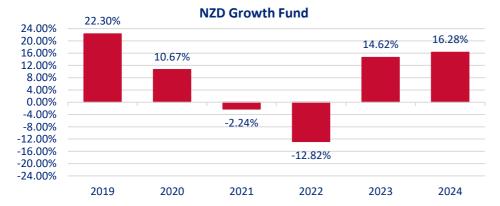
#### Risk indicator for the NZD Growth Fund



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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 2024 to 31 December 2024).



See the below performance figures for the NZD Growth Fund as at 31 December 2024. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	0.15%	4.96%	16.28%	5.13%	4.68%	7.44%
0%	0.23%	5.13%	17.37%	5.95%	5.29%	8.12%

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

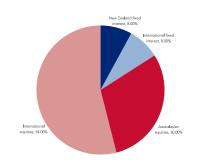
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## **Key facts**

## Inception date:

24 December 2018

### **Underlying Investment Managers:**

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# Supervisor:

Public Trust

# Fund type:

Multi-rate Portfolio Investment Entity

## Licensed Manager:

Lifetime Asset Management Limited

# Estimated annual fund charge: 1.09%

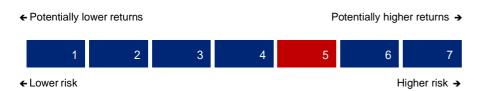
# **AUD Balanced Fund**



## **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.

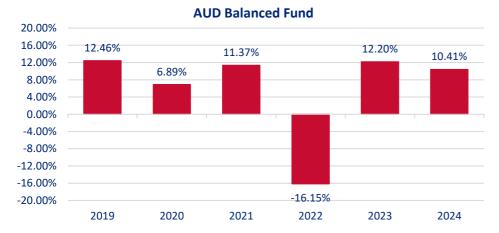
## **Risk indicator for the AUD Balanced Fund**



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 2024 to 31 December 2024).



See the below performance figures for the AUD Balanced Fund as at 31 December 2024. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	-1.40%	-0.03%	10.41%	1.27%	4.34%	5.63%
0%	-1.31%	0.25%	11.66%	2.40%	5.49%	6.77%

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

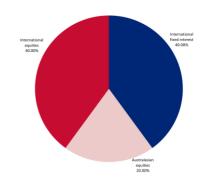
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## **Target asset allocation**



## **Underlying Fund Managers**

# Vanguard Investments Australia Limited.

The Vanguard Group, Inc is the world's second largest investment manager with over US\$8 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

#### Licensed Manager:

Lifetime Asset Management Limited

Estimated annual fund charge: 1.19%

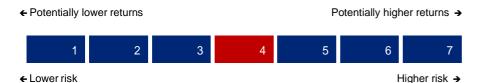
# **GBP Conservative Fund**



## **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.

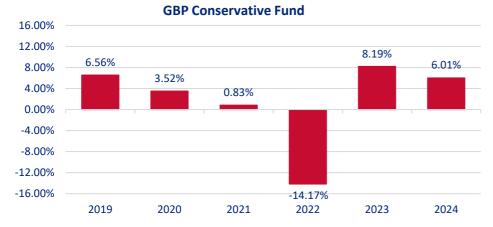
## **Risk indicator for the GBP Conservative Fund**



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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 2024 to 31 December 2024).



See the below performance figures for the GBP Conservative Fund as at 31 December 2024. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	-1.19%	0.38%	6.01%	-0.52%	0.54%	1.51%
0%	-1.09%	0.66%	7.22%	0.60%	1.66%	2.62%

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

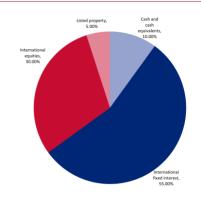
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## **Target asset allocation**



# **Underlying Fund Manager**

BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited. BlackRock, Inc is the world's largest global investment manager with over US\$9 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%

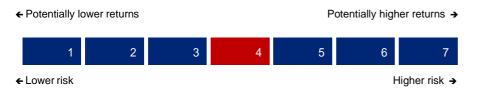
# **GBP Balanced Fund**



## **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.

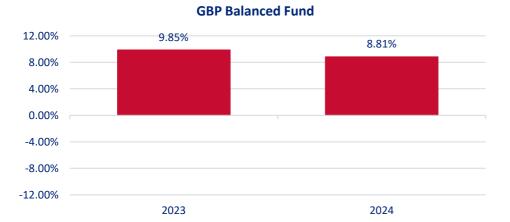
## **Risk indicator for the GBP Conservative Fund**



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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 2024 to 31 December 2024).



See the below performance figures for the GBP Balanced Fund as at 31 December 2024. The returns are after fees and after taxes:

PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	-1.16%	1.66%	8.81%	-	-	5.02%
0%	-1.06%	1.95%	10.06%	-	-	6.19%

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised

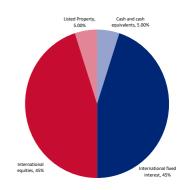
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## **Key facts**

## 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%

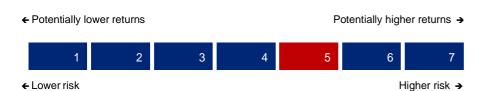
# **GBP Growth Fund**



## **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.

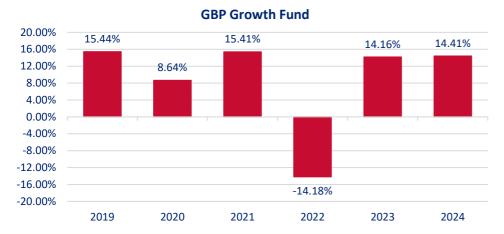
#### Risk indicator for the GBP Growth Fund



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PIR Tax Rate	Month	Quarter	12-months	3-year	5-year	Inception
28%	-1.08%	4.39%	14.41%	3.88%	7.04%	8.36%
0%	-0.98%	4.68%	15.72%	5.07%	8.22%	9.54%

Returns for periods longer than one year are annualized

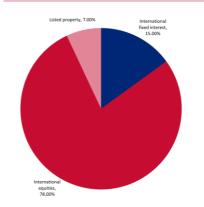
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