

## Simplicity Investment Funds

Balanced Investment Fund

Fund update

This update was first made publicly available on 13 February 2018



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Quarter ending 31 December 2017

## What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Simplicity Balanced Investment Fund (Balanced Fund) has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. Simplicity NZ Limited 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

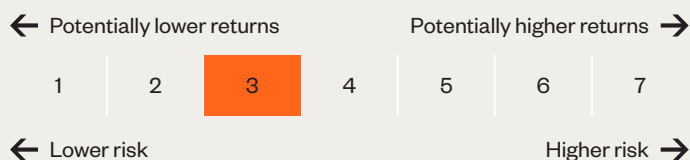
The Balanced Fund provides investors with an exposure to a mix of growth and income assets. As a result, the return from the Fund is likely to be lower over the longer term (10 years or more) than the Growth Fund, but the value of its investments is likely to fluctuate more than the Conservative Fund.

Total value of the fund	\$ 17,861,173
Number of investors	-
The date the fund started	3 April 2017

## What are the risks of investing?

Risk indicator for the Balanced Fund<sup>1</sup>:

### Risk indicator



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 <https://www.sorted.org.nz/guides/kiwisaver-which-fund-suits>

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 the fund's future performance. As the fund has not been in existence for five years, the risk indicator is based on five year information including actual performance figures since 3 April 2017, and market returns data for the period prior to that date. As a result of this, the risk indicator may provide a less reliable indicator of the potential future volatility of the fund. 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?

PAST YEAR

Annual return (after deductions for charges and tax)	Not applicable
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	Not applicable
Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	12.50%

The market index annual return is a composite index, calculated using the return of each asset class index the fund invests in, weighted by the fund's benchmark asset allocation. See the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO) for details of the fund's benchmark asset allocation and the asset class indices.

Additional information about the market index is available on the Disclose Register:

<http://www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose>

## What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the Balanced Fund are charged fund charges. Based on the PDS dated 18 May 2017, these are expected to be:

Total fund charges	0.31%
Which are made up of	
Total management and administration charges	0.31%
Including:	
Manager's basic fee	0.30%
Other management and administration charges	0.01%
Total performance-based fees	0.00%
Other charges	Dollar amount per investor
Administration Fee	\$30 per year



Investors are not charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds).

## Example of how this applies to an investor

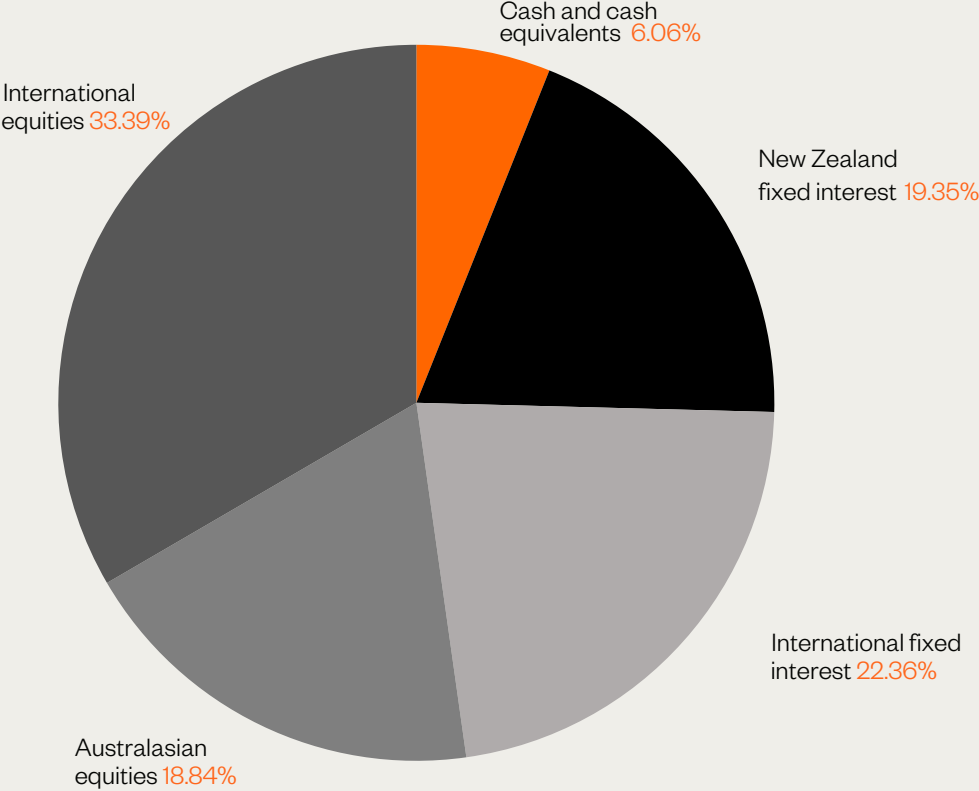
Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

Ben had \$10,000 in the fund when the fund started on 3 April 2017 and did not make any further contributions. At 31 December 2017, Ben received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$566 (that is 5.66% of his initial \$10,000). Ben also paid \$22.50 in other charges. This gives Ben a total return after tax of \$543.50 for the period.

## What does the fund invest in?

This shows the types of assets that the fund invests in.

### Actual investment mix



## Target investment mix

Cash and cash equivalents	2%	International equities	36%
New Zealand fixed interest	21%	Listed property	0%
International fixed interest	21%	Unlisted property	0%
Australasian equities	20%	Commodities	0%



## Top 10 investments

Asset Name	% of fund net assets	Type	Country	Credit rating
Vanguard Int Shares Select Exclusion Fund Hedged NZD	33.39%	International Equities	AU	N/A
Vanguard International Fixed Interest Index Fund	22.36%	International Fixed Interest	AU	N/A
Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund	8.78%	Australasian Equities	AU	N/A
Cash on call	7.79%	Cash & Cash Equivalents	NZ	A-1+
LGFA bond 5.0% 15 March 2019	2.47%	New Zealand Fixed Interest	NZ	AA+
New Zealand govt bond 4.5% 15 April 2027	2.13%	New Zealand Fixed Interest	NZ	AA+
LGFA bond 6.0% 15 May 2021	1.75%	New Zealand Fixed Interest	NZ	AA+
New Zealand govt bond 5.5% 15 April 2023	1.64%	New Zealand Fixed Interest	NZ	AA+
LGFA bond 5.5% 15 April 2023	1.46%	New Zealand Fixed Interest	NZ	AA+
ASB Bank bond 4.4225% 25 February 2020	1.41%	New Zealand Fixed Interest	NZ	AA-

The top ten investments make up 83.18% of the fund. All international investments are 100% New Zealand dollar hedged.

## Key personnel

Name	Current position	Term	Previous position	Term
Sam Stubbs	Managing Director, Simplicity	1 year and 9 months	Chief Executive Officer, TOWER Investments	5 years and 1 month
Joy Marslin	Director, Simplicity	1 year and 1 month	Head of Private Wealth Management, Westpac NZ	3 years and 7 months
Kirsty Campbell	Director, Simplicity	1 year and 6 months	Head of Supervision, Financial Markets Authority	1 year and 6 months
Reuben Halper	Director, Simplicity	9 months	Agency Lead, Google New Zealand (current)	2 years and 3 months
Shamubeel Equb	Director, Simplicity	7 months	Economics Consultant, Sense Partners (current)	1 year and 6 months

## Further information

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the Simplicity Investment Funds and some additional information from the offer register at <http://www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose>

## Notes

1. As the fund started on 3 April 2017, actual returns for the fund are not available until then. To calculate the risk indicator for the five-year period ending 31 December 2017, market index returns have been used up to 31 March 2017 and the actual fund returns for the balance of the period. As a result of those market returns, the risk indicator may provide a less reliable indicator of the potential future volatility of the fund.