

# ANZ INVESTMENT FUNDS

## BALANCED GROWTH FUND

### ABOUT THIS FUND

The Balanced Growth Fund invests mainly in growth assets (equities, listed property and listed infrastructure), with some exposure to income assets (cash and cash equivalents and fixed interest). The fund may also invest in alternative assets.

### YOUR INVESTMENT TEAM

Your money is looked after by a highly experienced investment management team with a focus on long-term performance.

Find out more about our investment team at [anz.co.nz/investmentteam](https://anz.co.nz/investmentteam)

### RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

We're strong advocates of responsible investing (also known as sustainable investing). Responsible investing means when we're considering whether to invest in a company, we don't just look at their financial performance. We also look at their environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance, because we believe these factors have a big impact on long-term returns.

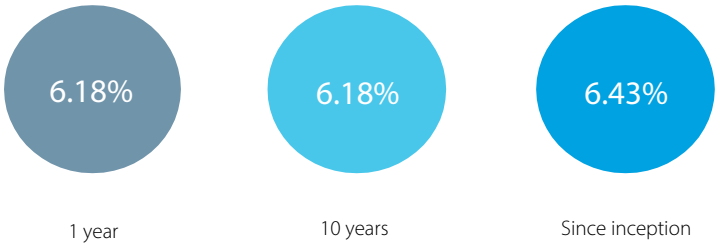
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### THIS FUND AT A GLANCE

Size of the fund	\$556.4m
Number of holdings	4,876
Fund start date	April 2010
Suggested minimum investment timeframe	6 years
Annual fund charge	1.02%
Minimum contribution	\$1
Minimum balance	\$1
Minimum withdrawal	
- regular	\$100
- one-off	\$500

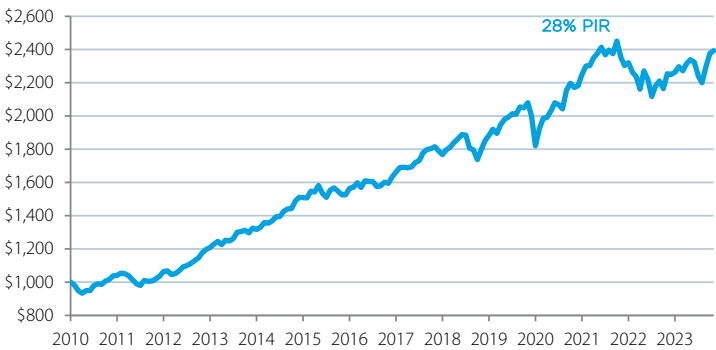
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### HOW THIS FUND HAS PERFORMED



PIR (tax rate)	1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10 yrs
0%	0.54%	10.21%	3.00%	7.12%	3.16%	6.32%	7.10%
17.5%	0.65%	9.32%	2.54%	6.53%	2.97%	5.87%	6.53%
28%	0.72%	8.79%	2.27%	6.18%	2.86%	5.60%	6.18%

### Fund performance since inception



Performance is shown after fees and tax, at the highest prescribed investor rate (PIR) at the time of the performance, unless stated. Performance for periods longer than one year are annualised.

### AWARDS, RATINGS AND CERTIFICATIONS



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MARKET AND FUND REVIEW

Global equity markets had a mixed start to the year, with indices in the US continuing their good run, while some Asian and European markets ended the month lower.

In the US, the S&P 500 Index and the NASDAQ 100 Index both rose to all-time highs, finishing the month up 1.6% and 1.9% respectively. Communications services was the best-performing sector, followed by technology and financials. Financials were in favour after some US banks reported better-than-expected fourth quarter earnings. Meanwhile, in Europe, the Euro Stoxx ended the month in positive territory, its third straight month of gains, while in the UK, the FTSE 100 fell after the pace of inflation unexpectedly rose in December, meaning early interest rate cuts are looking less likely.

Down under, New Zealand and Australian share markets also finished the month with gains, with the NZX 50 up 0.9% and the ASX 200 up 1.2%. Much of the recent strength in Australia's share market can be attributed to the strong performance of the energy sector, while it got a further boost after inflation slowed sharply to 4.1% in the final quarter of 2023, down from 5.4%. The one outlier was China, with the Shanghai Composite down 6.3% after a Hong Kong judge ordered the liquidation of embattled property giant Evergrande, putting more pressure on the country's property market.

Bonds were mostly lower across the board as faster-than-expected inflation in the US and the UK meant early interest rate cuts appear to be less likely, while strong economic data, which underscored the resilience of the US economy also weighed on bond prices.

In New Zealand, bond prices were also lower in January, with the domestic 10-year government bond yield rising to a five-week high early in the month, largely taking its lead from offshore markets. Although economic data showed the pace of inflation had slowed, investors remained cautious about the level on non-tradeable inflation.

While the fund delivered a positive return for investors over the month, its tactical positioning (an overweight to weaker performing international and New Zealand bonds, and an underweight to stronger performing international equities) held back its relative performance. It was also a particularly challenging month for our international government bond manager – whose GDP-weighted approach meant the fund was overweight to UK bonds, which were some of the weakest performers in January. Offsetting some of this however was good company selection within the fund's New Zealand equities and international listed property holdings.

INVESTMENT MIX AND CURRENCY HEDGING

Asset class	Investment mix			Hedging	Underlying fund managers
	Actual	Target	Range		
Cash and cash equivalents	4.82%	6.00%	0.00% - 26.00%	n/a	ANZ Investments
New Zealand fixed interest	9.52%	7.50%	0.00% - 27.50%	n/a	ANZ Investments
International fixed interest	23.21%	21.50%	1.50% - 41.50%	99%	ANZ Investments, Northern Trust, PIMCO Australia
Income assets	37.55%	35.00%	15.00% - 55.00%		
Australasian listed property	3.61%	3.50%	0.00% - 17.50%	98%	ANZ Investments
International listed property	3.99%	4.00%		101%	Resolution Capital
Australasian equities	11.61%	12.00%	0.00% - 32.00%	37%	ANZ Investments, Tyndall AM
International equities	40.88%	43.00%	23.00% - 63.00%	63%	Franklin Equity Group, MFS Institutional Advisors, LSV Asset Management, Vontobel
Other (listed infrastructure)	2.36%	2.50%	0.00% - 10.00%	100%	Maple-Brown Abbott
Other (incl. alternatives)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00% - 15.00%	n/a	n/a
Growth assets	62.45%	65.00%	45.00% - 85.00%		

The actual and target investment mix of this fund is based on the cash and cash equivalents held by the fund, and the asset class of the underlying funds in which the fund invests.

FUND CHARACTERISTICS

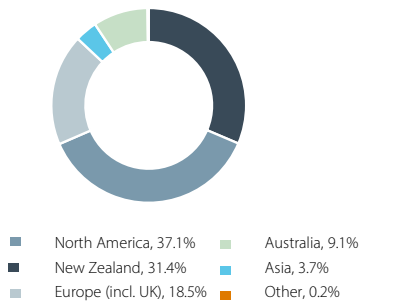
Top 10 growth holdings

Asset name	% of fund
1 eMini S&P 500 (CME) Mar 24	1.0
2 Fisher & Paykel Healthcare	0.9
3 Goodman Group	0.8
4 Visa Inc. Class A	0.7
5 Auckland Int Airport Ltd.	0.7
6 Nestle S.A.	0.6
7 Equinix, Inc.	0.6
8 Spark NZ Ltd.	0.6
9 Infratil Ltd.	0.6
10 ASX SPI 200 (SFE) Mar 24	0.6
Total top 10 growth holdings	7.1

Top 10 income holdings

Asset name	% of fund
1 Euro Bund (EUR) Mar 24	2.1
2 NZ Govt 3.5% 14/04/2033	0.8
3 3M SOFR (CME) Mar 24	0.8
4 NZ Govt 4.5% 15/04/2027	0.6
5 NZ Govt 3.0% 20/04/2029	0.5
6 Euribor (IFEU) Mar 25	0.5
7 Euribor (IFEU) Mar 24	0.5
8 NZ Govt 2.0% 15/05/2032	0.5
9 NZ Govt 0.25% 15/05/2028	0.5
10 NZ Govt 2.75% 15/04/2025	0.5
Total top 10 income holdings	7.3

Geographic allocation



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