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## Equity Selection Fund

### Fund description

Invests mainly in New Zealand and Australian equities. Investments may include equities in companies that are listed or intend to list on the New Zealand or Australian stock exchanges, and cash and cash equivalents.

### Market and fund review

The fund gained 2.03% in July. New Zealand markets posted modest gains in July, underperforming some global counterparts after negative sentiment around the announcement that Rio Tinto would be closing the Tiwai Point aluminum smelter by August 2021, resulting in the loss of more than 2,000 jobs. Despite the modest underperformance, the benchmark NZX 50 is more than 40% off its March lows. For the month, the NZX 50 gained 2.4%, its fourth-consecutive winning month.

In Australia, the ASX 200 underperformed, ending the month up 0.5%. There was some negative sentiment in the country after a second wave of COVID-19 cases began popping up in Victoria.

The fund saw strong gains from its overweight position in Mainfreight Limited, which finished July up around 20%. The rally came after the company announced its pre-tax profit for the 17 weeks ending July 26 more than doubled thanks to strong gains in the Australian market. It had been a tough start to the year for the logistics company as the COVID-19 outbreak saw shipping volumes decline, but July's rally saw shares in the company hit their highest level of 2020.

Another strong contributor was the fund's holding of cancer-diagnostics company Pacific Edge Limited. In July, the company received an investment of more than \$20 million from ANZ Investments. In a statement, Pacific Edge Chairman Chris Gallaher said the investment "will accelerate our commercial progress and allows us to execute on our future growth opportunities."

Elsewhere, the fund's underweight position in Auckland Airport Limited benefited fund performance after the company said it expects to take up to a \$90 million profit hit in 2020, mainly from costs incurred from terminating projects and declines in retail rental revenue.

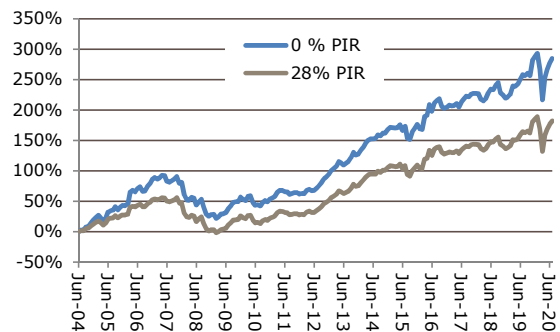
Holding back gains was the fund's position in Pushpay Holdings Limited. After a stellar 2020, shares in the company eased off record highs but still remain well higher since the beginning of the year.

### Fund performance

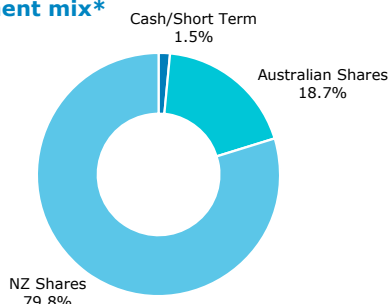
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At 0% PIR Tax	2.0%	9.6%	-2.1%	7.6%	6.5%	7.1%	8.7%
At 28% PIR Tax	2.0%	9.6%	-2.4%	6.9%	5.9%	6.2%	6.7%

Performance is after fund fees and stated PIR. The 28% PIR return series shows returns at the highest PIR at the time of the performance. The fund became a PIE fund on 1 October 2007. Performance of the 0% PIR prior to this date has been recalculated on a before tax basis. Performance of the 28% PIR prior to this date are reflective of the tax regime for that period. Performance for periods longer than one year are annualised.

### Fund performance since launch



### Actual investment mix\*



\* The actual investment mix of this fund is based on:

- the cash and cash equivalents,
- Australian and New Zealand equity assets

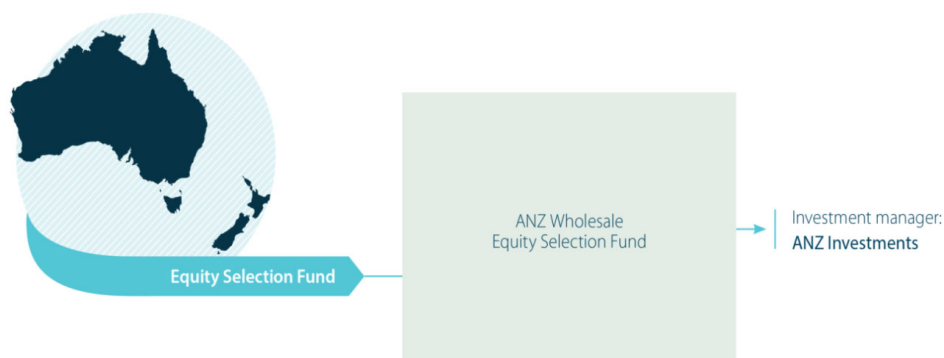
held by both the fund itself and the underlying fund in which the fund invests.

### Top 5 Holdings

1	a2 Milk Company Ltd.	9.4%
2	Mainfreight Ltd.	9.0%
3	Spark NZ Ltd.	6.4%
4	Sanford Ltd.	5.7%
5	Contact Energy Ltd.	4.4%
<b>Total Top 5 Holdings</b>		<b>34.9%</b>
<b># of Share Holdings</b>		<b>27</b>

## Equity Selection Fund

### Current fund structure



### Additional fund details

#### Minimum transaction size

Lump sum withdrawals	\$500
Regular withdrawals	\$100

#### Fees

Annual fund charge	1.29%
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#### Launch date

1 July 2004

#### Detailed fund information

[Guide and product disclosure statement](#)

#### Forms to alter your investment

[See form section of product disclosure statement](#)

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