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Conservative Balanced Fund



Fund description

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

Market Review

The Conservative Balanced Fund holds a broad range of investments, both in New Zealand and overseas. Over the month, the fund returned 1.4%, with the best performance coming from its international equities (share) investments.

International shares, which make up around 20% of the fund, did well as a result of improving global economic growth, good corporate earnings and news of wide sweeping US tax reforms. The three major US share market indices hit record highs, as did the New Zealand share market.

The fund has a significant weighting to fixed interest (bonds), which makes up around 45% of its holdings. We have been cautious on bonds, as interest rates look set to move higher and, generally, bonds do not do well in a rising interest rate environment. Despite this, the fund's bond holdings delivered gains for investors and its exposure to corporate bonds was beneficial as economic backdrop continues to be supportive for company growth in New Zealand, and because they offer an additional level of income.

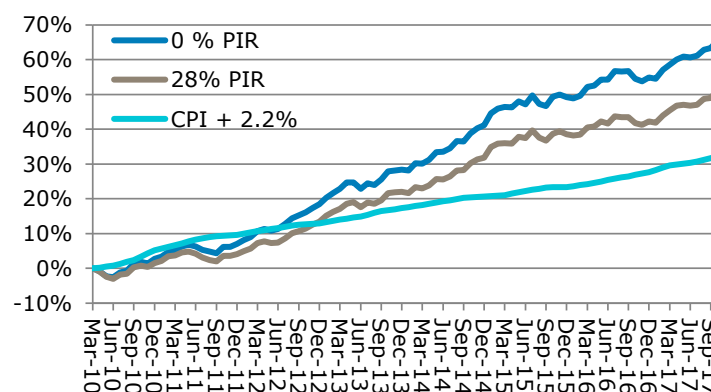
Our outlook is unchanged. Bonds may continue to struggle as we expect global interest rates to move higher, and so we hold a modest underweight exposure. While we believe share markets will continue to do well, we hold a neutral weighting, as we recognise they have had a strong run and are looking a bit expensive.

Fund performance

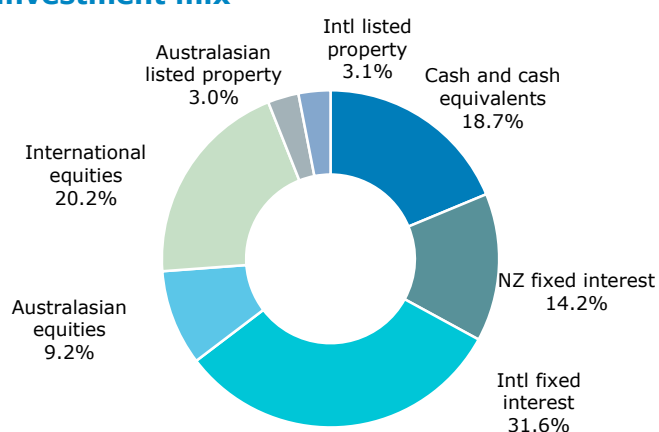
	1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Since Inception
0% PIR	1.4%	2.8%	3.4%	7.2%	6.0%	7.4%	6.9%
28% PIR	1.5%	2.9%	3.1%	6.8%	5.1%	6.3%	5.6%

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. Performance for periods longer than one year are annualised.

Fund performance since inception

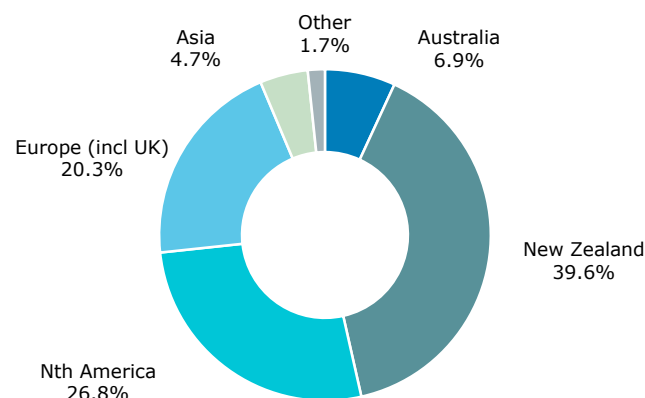


Actual investment mix



The actual 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.

Country allocation



Top 10 Holdings

1	NZ Govt Stock 5.0% 2019	2.1%
2	NZ Govt Stock 6.0% 2021	1.5%
3	NZ Govt Stock 5.5% 2023	1.1%
4	US 10Y Note Future Dec 2017	1.0%
5	NZ Govt Stock 3.0% 2020	0.9%
6	BNZ RCD 12/12/2017	0.8%
7	ASB RCD 17/01/2018	0.8%
8	ANZ FRN 22/03/2019	0.7%
9	NZ Govt Stock 4.5% 2027	0.7%
10	BNZ RCD 10/01/2018	0.7%

Total Top 10 Holdings	10.3%
# of other holdings	1589

Asset class performance (before fund fees and tax)

	1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	3yrs	5yrs
Cash and cash equivalents	0.2%	0.6%	1.3%	2.7%	3.1%	3.3%
NZ Fixed Interest	0.6%	1.2%	2.4%	2.7%	5.6%	4.4%
International Fixed Interest	0.4%	0.9%	1.3%	1.3%	4.7%	4.9%
Australasian listed property	-0.1%	1.2%	3.3%	4.0%	11.3%	12.6%
International listed property	-0.4%	0.0%	2.6%	6.0%	6.3%	10.9%
Australasian equities	5.6%	8.4%	8.2%	18.0%	9.0%	12.5%
International equities (unhedged)	6.9%	13.8%	11.0%	31.4%	15.5%	17.9%

Performance by asset class shows the performance of the underlying wholesale strategies in which the fund invests. Asset allocation decisions, hedging, fees and other factors will influence the return received by the fund. Performance for periods longer than one year are annualised.

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Target investment mix and ranges

Asset Class Mix	Target	Range	Aggregate Ranges
Cash and cash equivalents	15.0%	0-35%	50-80
NZ fixed interest	15.0%	0-30%	
International fixed interest	35.0%	20-50%	
Australasian listed property	3.0%	0-16%	20-50
International listed property	3.0%		
Australasian equities	9.0%	0-24%	
International equities	20.0%	5-35%	
Other (inc alternatives)	0.0%	0-10%	
Total	100.0%		

Hedging levels

	Benchmark hedging rate	Current hedging
Cash and cash equivalents	No foreign currency exposure	n/a
NZ fixed interest	No foreign currency exposure	n/a
International fixed interest	Benchmark 100% hedged	100%
Australasian listed property	Benchmark 100% hedged	100%
International listed property	Benchmark 100% hedged	100%
Australasian equities	Benchmark 50% AUD hedged (range of 0-100%)	50%
International equities	Benchmark 65% hedged (range of 0-100%)	70%

Underlying investment managers

Cash and cash equivalents	ANZ Investments
NZ fixed interest	ANZ Investments
International fixed interest	Vanguard Investments Australia Limited
Australasian listed property	ANZ Investments
International listed property	CBRE Clarion Securities
Australasian equities	ANZ Investments, Arnhem Investment Management
International equities	The Franklin Equity Group, MFS Institutional Advisors, LSV Asset Management, Vontobel
Currency	ANZ Investments

Launch date 15 April 2010	Minimum transaction amounts Lump sum payments \$500 Regular payments \$50	Detailed fund information Guide and product disclosure statement (PDS)
Contact information 0800 736 034 service@anzinvestments.co.nz www.anz.co.nz	Lump sum withdrawals \$500 Regular withdrawals \$100	Forms to alter your investment See form section of the guide and PDS
	Fees Annual fund charge 1.29%	

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