

# **Fund Update**

# For the quarter ended 31 December 2024

- ACI Funds
- ACI Balanced Strategy

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# What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the ACI Balanced Strategy has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. FundRock 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**

Objective: To achieve a rate of return (net of fees but before tax) of at least 3.125% per annum above inflation (as measured by Statistics New Zealand's Consumer Price Index) over rolling five-year periods.

Strategy: Blend of the ACI Conservative Fund and ACI Growth Fund. The strategy invests mainly in growth assets but includes some income assets.

Total value of the fund	\$1,280,331		
The date the fund started	4 April 2023		

## What are the risks of investing? See note 1

Risk indicator for the ACI Balanced Strategy.

<ul> <li>Potentially lower returns</li> </ul>				Potentially higher returns ⇒			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						Hiç	gher risk ⇒

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 <a href="https://sorted.org.nz/">https://sorted.org.nz/</a>.



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 a fund's future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for 5 years to 31 Dec 2024. 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)	11.87%
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	12.79%
Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	15.25%

The market index return is a composite of benchmark index returns, weighted for the fund's target asset allocation. The benchmark indices used for each asset class are defined in the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO). This has been the market index since the inception of the fund.

Additional information about the market index is available on the offer register at <a href="https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz">https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</a>.

### What fees are investors charged? See note 2

Investors in the ACI Balanced Strategy are charged fund charges which are:

	% of net asset value (inc. GST)
Total fund charges	1.25%
Which are made up of:	
Total manager and admin charges (inc. GST)	1.25%
Including:	
Manager's basic fee (inc. GST)	1.25%
Other management and administration charges	0.00%
Total performance-based fees	0.00%

Manager's basic fee includes an estimate of the charges incurred in the underlying funds in which the fund invests. The estimate incorporates information provided by the underlying fund manager as well as information sourced from the Underlying Fund's disclosure documents.



Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds). See the PDS for the ACI Balanced Strategy on the offer register at <a href="https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz">https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</a> for more information about those fees.

# Example of how this applies to an investor See note 3

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

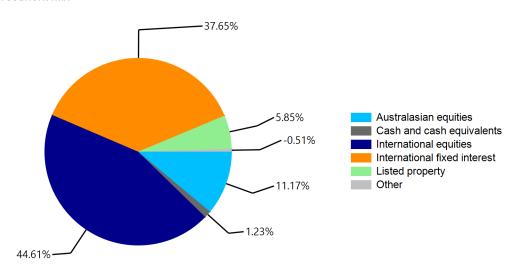
Anthony had \$10,000 in the fund at the start of the year and did not make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Anthony received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$1,279 (that is 12.79% of his initial \$10,000). This gives Anthony a return after tax of \$1,187 for the year.



#### What does the fund invest in?

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

#### Actual Investment Mix

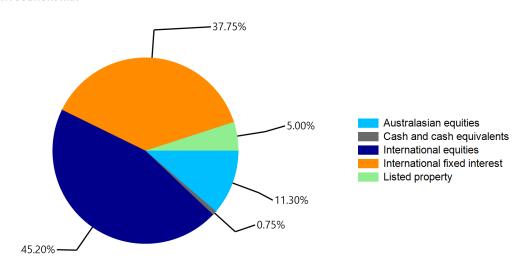


Foreign currency exposure was 61.00% hedged to New Zealand dollars as at 31 December 2024

Note: "Other" includes Derivatives

The strategy aims to hedge 100% of foreign currency exposures in the underlying international fixed-interest assets, 100% of property exposure and 50% of the underlying international equity assets. Currency exposure in Australian equities and Emerging Markets equities is unhedged. The overall target hedging ratio of the portfolio is 65%.

### Target Investment Mix





# **Top 10 investments**

1Dimensional Global Bond Sustain Trust Aud Class26.87%International fixed interestAU2Dimensional Two Year Sustain Fixed Interest Trust10.78%International fixed interestAU3Dimensional Emerging Markets Sustainability Trust AUD9.07%International equitiesAU4Smartshares NZ Core Equity Trust8.56%Australasian equitiesNZ5Dimensional Global Real Estate Trust NZD Hedged Class4.97%Listed propertyNZ6Nvidia Corp1.84%International equitiesUS7Apple Inc1.84%International equitiesUS8Cash at Bank (BNZ)1.23%Cash and cash equivalentsNZ9Amazon Com Inc0.78%International equitiesUS10Meta Platforms Inc0.76%International equitiesUS		Asset Name	% of Fund net assets	Туре	Country	Credit Rating (if applicable)
Fixed Interest Trust  Dimensional Emerging Markets Sustainability Trust AUD  Smartshares NZ Core Equity Trust  Dimensional Global Real Estate Trust NZD Hedged Class  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ	1		26.87%	International fixed interest	AU	
Sustainability Trust AUD  Smartshares NZ Core Equity Trust  MZ  Dimensional Global Real Estate Trust NZD Hedged Class  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  Minternational equities  NZ  Listed property  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  NZ  N	2		10.78%	International fixed interest	AU	
Trust  5 Dimensional Global Real Estate Trust NZD Hedged Class  6 Nvidia Corp  1.84% International equities  7 Apple Inc  1.84% International equities  US  8 Cash at Bank (BNZ)  1.23% Cash and cash equivalents  NZ  9 Amazon Com Inc  0.78% International equities  US	3		9.07%	International equities	AU	
Trust NZD Hedged Class 4.97% Listed property NZ	4		8.56%	Australasian equities	NZ	
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10 Meta Platforms Inc 0.76% International equities US	9	Amazon Com Inc	0.78%	International equities	US	
	10	Meta Platforms Inc	0.76%	International equities	US	

The top 10 investments make up 66.70% of the net asset value of the fund.

# **Key Personnel**

Name	Current position	Time in current position	Previous or other current position	Time in previous or other current position
Nicholas Stewart	Director, Stewart Group Asset Management Limited	12 years 5 months	Chief Executive Officer, Stewart Financial Group Limited	12 years 9 months
Rory O'Neill	Director, Stewart Group Asset Management Limited	2 years 2 months	General Manager, Stewart Financial Group Limited	7 years 4 months

## **Further information**

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the ACI Funds, and some additional information from the offer register at <a href="https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz">https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</a>.



#### **Notes**

- A combination of actual returns and market index returns have been used to determine the risk indicator as the strategy has not been operating for the required five years. Market index returns have been used until 30 April 2023 and strategy returns thereafter. The risk indicator may therefore provide a less reliable indicator of the strategy's future volatility.
- 2. As the strategy has not completed a full scheme year as at 31 March 2024, historical fee information is not available.
- As the fund has not existed for a full year, figures in this example are based on returns from the date of the first fund contribution (4 April 2023).