

Fund Update For the quarter ended 30 September 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 | \$1,079,994 | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| The date the fund started | 4 April 2023 | | |

What are the risks of investing? See note 1

Risk indicator for the ACI Balanced Strategy.

| \Diamond | Potentially lower returns | | | | Potentially higher returns \Rightarrow | | |
|------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|--|-------------|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| ⇔ | ⇐ Lower risk Higher risk ➡ | | | | | 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 <u>https://sorted.org.nz/</u>.



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 30 Sep 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) | 15.41% |
| Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax) | 17.03% |
| Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax | 18.50% |

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 <u>https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</u>.

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% |



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 https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz for more information about those fees.

Example of how this applies to an investor

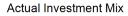
Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

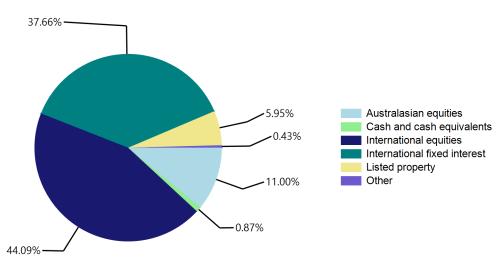
Anthony had \$10,000 in the fund at the start of the year and did not make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Anthony received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$1,703 (that is 17.03% of his initial \$10,000). This gives Anthony a return after tax of \$1,541 for the year.



What does the fund invest in?

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



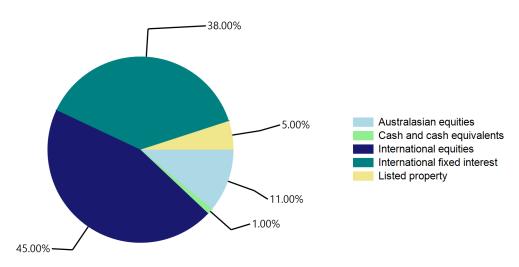


Foreign currency exposure was 61.00% hedged to New Zealand dollars as at 30 September 2024

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 65.50%.

Target Investment Mix



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Top 10 investments

| | Asset Name | % of Fund net assets | Туре | Country | Credit Rating (if applicable) |
|----|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Dimensional Global Bond Sustainability Trust NZD Class | 26.91% | International fixed interest | NZ | |
| 2 | Dimensional 2 Year Sustainability Fixed Int NZD Class | 10.75% | International fixed interest | NZ | |
| 3 | Dimensional Emerging Markets Sustainability Trust AUD | 9.34% | International equities | AU | |
| 4 | Smartshares NZ Core Equity Trust | 8.33% | Australasian equities | NZ | |
| 5 | Dimensional Global Real Estate Trust NZD Hedged Class | 4.98% | Listed property | NZ | |
| 6 | Apple Inc | 1.68% | International equities | US | |
| 7 | Nvidia Corp | 1.62% | International equities | US | |
| 8 | Meta Platforms Inc | 0.74% | International equities | US | |
| 9 | Amazon Com Inc | 0.62% | International equities | US | |
| 10 | Microsoft Corp | 0.60% | International equities | US | |
| | | | | | |

The top 10 investments make up 65.57% 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 Limitec | 12 years 2 I months | Chief Executive Officer, Stewart Financial Group Limited | 22 years 9 months |
| Rory O'Neill | Director, Stewart Group Asset Management Limitec | 1 years 11 I 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 <u>https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</u>.



Notes

1. 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 on 31 March 2024, historical fee information is not available.