

# Fund Update

For the quarter ended 30 September 2024

- **Aurora KiwiSaver Scheme**
- **Aurora Balanced Strategy**

This fund update was first made publicly available on: 29 October 2024

## What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Aurora 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 deliver returns exceeding the CPI by 3.4% per annum before fees and tax, over a suggested investment timeframe of 6+ years.

**Strategy:** Diversified strategy aiming to provide a balance between stability of returns and growth, by investing in a mix of income and growth assets. The underlying portfolio is actively managed and includes cash, fixed interest, infrastructure, Australasian equities, and international equities. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and sustainability considerations are integrated into portfolio decision making. The strategy invests 40% in the Aurora Conservative Fund and 60% in the Aurora Growth Fund.

<b>Total value of the fund</b>	\$14,044,277
<b>The date the fund started</b>	21 August 2023
<b>Number of members in the fund</b>	607

## What are the risks of investing?<sup>See note 1</sup>

Risk indicator for the Aurora Balanced Strategy.

⇐	Potentially lower returns			Potentially higher returns			⇒
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
⇐	Lower risk			Higher 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 <https://sorted.org.nz/>.

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)	13.28%
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	14.97%
Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	17.13%

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

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

## What fees are investors charged?

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

	% of net asset value (inc. GST)
<b>Total fund charges</b>	1.40%
Which are made up of:	
Total manager and admin charges (inc. GST)	1.40%
Including:	
Manager's basic fee (inc. GST)	1.40%
Other management and administration charges	0.00%
<b>Other charges</b>	<b>Dollar amount per investor</b>
Member fee	\$36.00

The strategy invests 40% in the Aurora Conservative Fund and 60% in the Aurora Growth Fund. The fees are based on how much the investment option invests in each of the funds and how much they charged.

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 Aurora 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

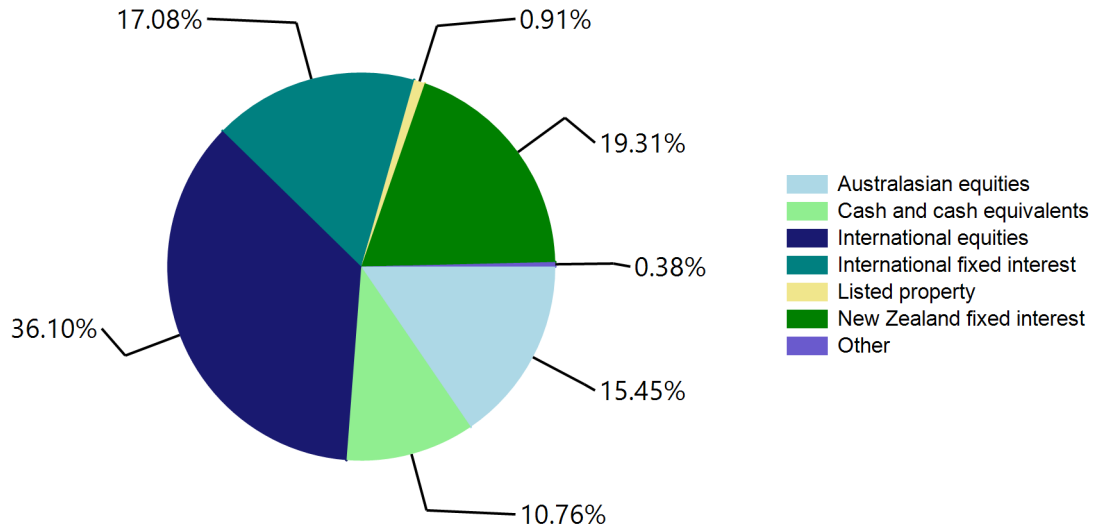
Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

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 \$1,497 (that is 14.97% of his initial \$10,000). Anthony also paid \$36 in other charges. This gives Anthony a return after tax of \$1,292 for the year.

## What does the fund invest in?

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

Actual Investment Mix

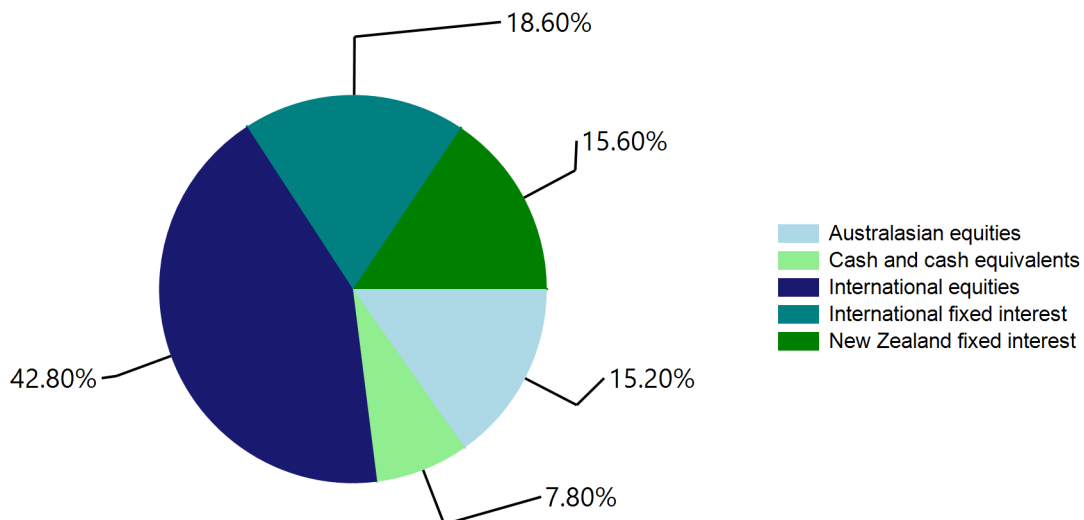


Foreign currency exposure was 74.20% hedged to New Zealand dollars as at 30 September 2024

Note: 'Other' includes Forward currency contracts.

International equities include infrastructure-related securities.

Target Investment Mix



## Top 10 investments

	Asset Name	% of Fund net assets	Type	Country	Credit Rating (if applicable)
1	Affirmative Global Impact Bond Fund - Class A	17.08%	International fixed interest	AU	
2	Mercer Macquarie NZ Fixed Interest PIE	16.76%	New Zealand fixed interest	NZ	
3	Mercer Macquarie NZ Cash Fund	9.98%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	
4	Mint Australasian Equity Fund	9.07%	Australasian equities	NZ	
5	Kernel NZ 50 ESG Tilted Fund	6.12%	Australasian equities	NZ	
6	PCG Diversified New Zealand Private Debt Fund	2.56%	New Zealand fixed interest	NZ	
7	Mahindra & Mahindra Limited	1.01%	International equities	IN	
8	Apple Inc	0.89%	International equities	US	
9	Watsco Inc	0.88%	International equities	US	
10	Nvidia Corp	0.86%	International equities	US	

The top 10 investments make up 65.20% 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
George Steele	Operations Lead	2 years 6 months	Compliance Officer	11 months
Ian Coates	General Manager, Aurora Capital	2 years 7 months	Head of KiwiSaver, Aurora Financial	2 years
Sean Henaghan	CIO & Director, Aurora Capital	3 years 5 months	CIO & Director, Multi-Asset Group, AMP Capital	5 years
Thomas McRobie	Investment Analyst, Aurora Capital	3 years 5 months	Financial adviser, Aurora Financial	2 years 1 month

## Further information

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the Aurora KiwiSaver Scheme, and some additional information from the offer register at <https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz>.

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## 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 31 August 2023 and actual returns thereafter. The risk indicator may therefore provide a less reliable indicator of the strategy's future volatility.