



# Squirrel Investment Funds

**Annual Report** 

For the accounting period ending 31 March 2024

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#### 1. Details of scheme

- Name: Squirrel Investment Funds ("Scheme")
- Type: Managed Investment Scheme
- Manager: FundRock NZ Limited ("we", "us", "our")
- Supervisor: Public Trust
- Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS"): The latest PDS is dated 4 September 2023. The offer is open for applications.
- Fund Updates: The latest fund update for the one fund in the Scheme was dated 30 April 2024 and was for the period ended 31 March 2024.
- The financial statements, including the auditor's report, for the Scheme for the year ending 31 March 2024 have been lodged on the Disclose Register.

## 2. Information on contributions and scheme participants

The number of managed investment products on issue at 1 April 2023 was one. The number of managed investment products on issue at 31 March 2024 was one. This fund, and the units on issue, was:

Managed Investment Product	Number of units on issue at 1 April 2023	Number of units on issue at 31 March 2024	
Squirrel Monthly Income Fund	5,639,486	9,962,783	

#### 3. Changes relating to the scheme

## **Changes to the Trust Deed**

There have been no material changes to the trust deed over the accounting period.

#### Changes to the terms of the offer of the Funds

On 4 September 2023 the PDS was amended as follows:

- The investment objective of the Squirrel Monthly Income Fund was amended to reflect a new performance benchmark – being to outperform the 1 Year New Term Deposit Rate (>\$10k) by a margin of 2.00% after fees and before tax over a 1 year period.
- The estimated annual fund charge for the Squirrel Monthly Income Fund was increased from 1.70% to 2.00%.
- The minimum suggested investment timeframe for the Squirrel Monthly Income Fund was decreased from 2 years to 1 year.
- The platform service margin range changed from 0.50%-2.95% p.a. to "0.85% p.a. on home loans to 4.75% p.a. on personal loans".
- The estimated Squirrel Wholesale Funds' blended platform service margin changed from 1.05% p.a. to 1.45% p.a.

There have been no other material changes to the terms of the offer over the accounting period.

## Changes to the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO)

On 4 September 2023 the SIPO was amended as follows:

 The investment objective of the Squirrel Monthly Income Fund was amended to reflect a new performance benchmark – being to outperform the 1 Year New Term Deposit Rate (>\$10k) by a margin of 2.00% after fees and before tax over a 1 year period.

There were no other material changes to the SIPO over the accounting period.

#### **Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions entered into during the accounting period that were not on arm's-length terms.

#### 4. Other information for particular types of managed funds

The following table provides the application and redemption unit prices of the managed investment products at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2024:

Managed Investment Product	Unit prices 31/3/23		Unit prices 31/3/24	
	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit
Squirrel Monthly Income Fund	1.0107	1.0107	1.0075	1.0075

#### 5. Changes to persons involved in the scheme

#### Manager

FundRock NZ Limited was the manager of the Scheme throughout the accounting period. On 30 June 2023, Ian Russon resigned as a director (and chairperson) of the FundRock NZ Limited Board. On 1 July 2023, Hugh Stevens joined the Board as a director and chairperson. There were no other changes to directors and key personnel throughout the accounting period.

On 6 April 2023, the manager changed its name to FundRock NZ Limited from Implemented Investment Solutions Limited.

## **Supervisor**

Public Trust was the supervisor of the Scheme throughout the accounting period. Public Trust does not have directors pursuant to the Companies Act 1993 but has board members pursuant to the Public Trust Act 2001. There were no changes to the directors of the supervisor.

#### Administration Manager and securities registrar

Adminis NZ Limited ('Adminis') was the administration manager and the securities registrar of the Scheme throughout the accounting period.

## **Investment Manager**

Squirrel Money Limited ('Squirrel') was the investment manager of the Scheme throughout the accounting period. Squirrel was also the distributor of the Scheme with responsibility for promoting the Scheme and managing client relationships.

## **Custodian**

Adminis was the custodian of the Scheme throughout the accounting period.

#### <u>Auditor</u>

KPMG was the auditor of the Scheme throughout the accounting period.

#### 6. How to find further information

Further information relating to the Scheme and the managed investment products (including the Trust Deed, Scheme Establishment Deed, financial statements, SIPO, PDS and other material information document) is available on the offer register and the scheme register at <a href="https://www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz">www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</a>. A copy of information on the offer register or scheme register is available on request to the Registrar of Financial Service Providers.

You can also obtain the following information free of charge:

Information	How to obtain
Fund information relevant to you	You can inspect documents we hold that
	are relevant to you, and other documents
	that are legally required to be provided to
	you, at our offices during normal business
	hours, or request an extract of those
	documents, by written request to us.
Fund updates	Once available, the fund updates for the
	funds in the scheme will be publicly
	available from our website
	(https://www.fundrock.com/fundrock-
	new-zealand/) and can be requested from
	us.

You can find general information about the Scheme, our management team, and us on our website.

## 7. Contact details and complaints

Contact details

The manager can be contacted at:

FundRock NZ Limited Level 2, Woodward House 1 Woodward Street PO Box 25003 Wellington 6140

Attention: Michael Courtney – General Manager, FundRock NZ

Telephone: (04) 499 9654 Email: <a href="mailto:contact@fundrock.com">contact@fundrock.com</a>

Please contact Michael Courtney with any queries or complaints regarding the Scheme.

The supervisor can be contacted at:

General Manager Corporate Trustee Services Public Trust Private Bag 5902 Wellington 6140

Telephone: 0800 371 471

Email: <a href="mailto:CTS.Enquiry@PublicTrust.co.nz">CTS.Enquiry@PublicTrust.co.nz</a>

Adminis provides securities registrar services and can be contacted at:

Level 1 125 Featherston Street PO Box 2555 Wellington 6140

Telephone: 04 909 7655

## **Complaints**

Any complaints or problems with the investment should be directed to us (using our contact details above) for resolution through our internal dispute resolution process.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint to us, you may refer the matter to the supervisor for resolution through its internal dispute resolution process:

Call: 0800 371 471 during normal business hours
Write to: General Manager Corporate Trustee Services
Public Trust
Private Bag 5902
Wellington 6140

The supervisor is a member of an approved dispute resolution scheme operated by Financial Services Complaints Limited ('FSCL') - A Financial Ombudsman Service. If your complaint to the supervisor has not been resolved, you can refer it to FSCL by phoning 0800 347 257 or writing to:

Financial Services Complaints Limited - A Financial Ombudsman Service PO Box 5967 Wellington 6145

Telephone: 0800 347 257 Email: <a href="mailto:complaints@fscl.org.nz">complaints@fscl.org.nz</a>

The FSCL scheme is an independent external ombudsman and dispute resolution service that has been approved by the Minister of Consumer Affairs under the Financial Service Providers (Registration and Dispute Resolution) Act 2008. FSCL will not charge a fee to any complainant to investigate or resolve a complaint.

If your complaint is not able to be resolved through our internal dispute resolution process or that of the supervisor you may refer your complaint to the dispute resolution scheme operated by the Insurance and Financial Services Ombudsman, an approved dispute resolution scheme under the Financial Service Providers (Registration and Dispute Resolution) Act 2008. We are a registered financial service provider and member of this scheme. The Insurance and Financial Services Ombudsman's service is provided at no cost to you (the scheme will not charge a fee to any complainant to investigate or resolve a complaint). The contact details for the dispute resolution scheme is:

Insurance and Financial Services Ombudsman Level 2, Solnet House 70 The Terrace PO Box 10-845 Wellington 6140

Telephone: 0800 888 202

Email: info@ifso.nz