

# Fund Update for the Growth Fund Year ended 31 March 2025

This Fund Update was first made publicly available on 26 June 2025.

# What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Growth Fund has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. Dairy Industry Superannuation Scheme Trustee 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

The Growth Fund invests in 80% growth assets (equities and real assets) and 20% income assets (fixed interest and cash). The investment objective for the Growth Fund is to achieve average returns of 2.75% p.a. over rolling 15-year periods after tax, investment-related fees and inflation (NZ CPI).

Total value of the fund	\$270,276,513
Number of investors in the fund	3006
The date the fund started	1 April 2003

# What are the risks of investing?

### **Risk indicator for the Growth Fund**



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>www.sorted.org.nz/tools/investor-profiler</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.

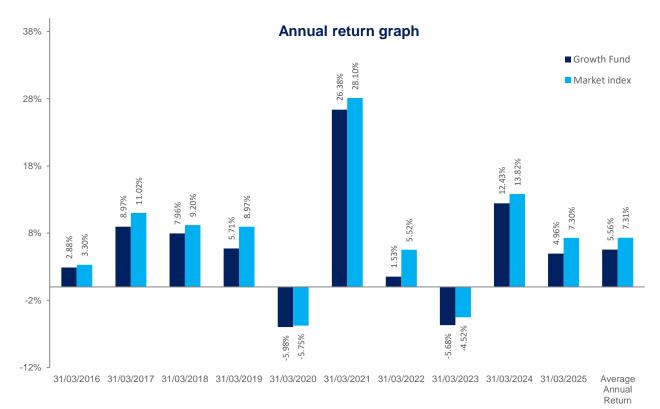
This risk indicator is not a guarantee of a fund's future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for the five year period to 31 March 2025. While risk indicators are usually relatively stable, they do shift from time to time. The risk indicator will continue to be updated in future fund updates.

See the product disclosure statement (PDS) for more information about the risks associated with investing in the fund.

# How has the fund performed?

	Average over	Past year
	past 5 years	
Annual return	7.39%	4.000
(after deductions for charges and tax)	7.39%	4.96%
Annual return	7,96%	5.39%
(after deductions for charges but before tax)	7.5070	5.5570
Market index annual return	9.52%	7 200/
(reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	9.52%	7.30%

The market index return is the strategic asset allocation weighted benchmark index return, where the benchmark indices are defined in the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives.



Further information about the market index is available on the offer register at <u>www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</u>.

This shows the return after fund charges and tax for each of the last 10 years ending 31 March. The last bar shows the average annual return for the last 10 years, up to 31 March 2025.

Important: This does not tell you how the fund will perform in the future.

# What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the Growth Fund are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2025 these were:

Total fund charges	1.18%1
Which are made up of:	
Total management and administration charges	1.18%1
Including -	
Manager's basic fee	0.00%
Other management and administration charges	1.18%1
Total performance-based fees	0.00%
Other charges	Dollar amount per investor or description of how charges is calculated
N/A	N/A

#### % of net asset value

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds). See the 'Fees' section of the 'Other Material Information' document on the offer register at <u>www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</u> for more information about those fees.

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

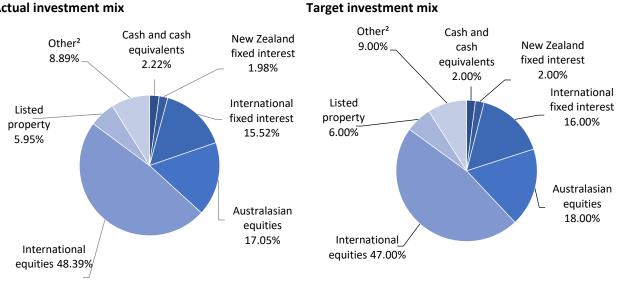
### Example of how this applies to an investor

Mary 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, Mary received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$539 (that is 5.39% of her initial \$10,000). Mary paid \$0.00 in other charges. This gives Mary a total return after tax of \$496 for the year.

# What does the fund invest in?

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

#### **Actual investment mix**



# **Top 10 investments**

Asset name	% of fund net asset value	Туре	Country	Credit rating
Mercer Hedged Overseas Shares Plus Fund	23.15%	International equities	NZ	N/A
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Russell Investments Global Fixed Interest Fund – NZDH	10.72%	International fixed interest	NZ	N/A
Mercer Listed Infrastructure Fund	8.89%	Other <sup>2</sup>	NZ	N/A
Nikko AM Wholesale Core Equity Fund	8.56%	Australasian equities	NZ	N/A
Harbour Australasian Equity Fund	8.49%	Australasian equities	NZ	N/A
Mercer Emerging Markets Fund	6.13%	International equities	NZ	N/A
Mercer Macquarie Global Listed Real Estate Fund	5.95%	Listed property	NZ	N/A
Salt Sustainable Global Fixed Income Opportunities Fund	4.81%	International fixed interest	NZ	N/A
Mercer Macquarie NZ Cash Fund	1.14%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	N/A

The total value of the above 10 individual assets is 96.95% of the net asset value of the fund.

# **Currency hedging**

Currency hedging can apply to some of the asset classes this fund invests in. At 31 March 2025, the level of currency hedging for international equities was 47.9%. The level is managed between 40% and 60% and may change over time.

Other global assets classes (international fixed interest and real assets), target a 90-110% net of tax hedge to the New Zealand dollar. For more information refer to the statement of investment policy and objectives which is available from <u>www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</u> and the Documents and Forms page of <u>www.dairysuper.co.nz</u>.

# **Key personnel**

Name	Current position	Time in current position	Previous or other current position	Time in previous or other current position
Padraig	Chief Investment Officer,	2 years and	Head of Real Estate (Pacific), Mercer	11 years and
Brown	Mercer (N.Z.) Limited	8 months	(Australia) Limited	0 months
Neil Cannell	Investment Consultant, Mercer	11 years and 5 months	Advisor, The Treasury	2 years and 5 months
Bruce Kerr	Licensed Independent Trustee	10 years and 3 months	Professional Trustee (Current position)	24 years and 3 months
Tim McGuinness	Chair of Trustee Board	18 years and 4 months	Professional Trustee (Current position)	19 years and 0 months
Robert Kavanagh	Head of Portfolio Management NZ, Mercer (N.Z.) Limited	11 years and 0 months	Vice President - Account Management PIMCO Australia Pty Limited	7 years and 0 months

# **Further information**

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the Dairy Industry Superannuation Scheme, and some additional information from the offer register at <u>www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</u> or on the Documents & forms page of <u>www.dairysuper.co.nz</u> or by calling the Scheme helpline 0800 355 900.

### Notes

- 1. Insurance premiums make up 0.55% of the charges, with the balance being made up of the other types of fees and expenses in the Scheme's PDS.
- 2. This category consists of Global Listed Infrastructure assets.