

# DAIRY INDUSTRY SUPERANNUATION SCHEME NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

Welcome to the December 2017 newsletter for the Dairy Industry Superannuation Scheme.

This edition provides information on how your investment options are performing and current influences on the world's investment markets, along with other Scheme and retirement news.

The Trustee directors would also like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a very happy Christmas and New Year.



## INVESTMENT NEWS

Recent months have been positive for global investment markets, with all major asset classes gaining ground. Backed by positive economic news, global equity markets showed no real weakness, apart from taking a short breather in August. Fixed interest investments also performed reasonably well during the period, countering signs that the global economy was improving and that central banks might soon start increasing interest rates.

Political news continued to dominate headlines, with tensions between North Korea and the US commanding most attention. Investors are also continuing to keep their eyes on central banks, as hints of official interest rate increases in the near-term surfaced.

In New Zealand, apart from our dollar weakening against all the major currencies, the general election had no real impact on local investment markets. The NZX50 reached record levels during October, while the Reserve Bank of New Zealand appears likely to hold the Official Cash Rate at 1.75% for some time yet.

For more information about factors affecting the Scheme's investment returns go to [www.dairysuper.superfacts.co.nz](http://www.dairysuper.superfacts.co.nz).

Returns for each investment option after tax, fees and expenses							
	Cash	Cash/Conservative	Conservative	Conservative/Balanced	Balanced	Balanced/Growth	Growth
Scheme year to 31 March 2017	1.5%	2.7%	3.9%	5.5%	7.2%	8.1%	9.0%
<b>Periods to 31 October 2017</b>							
Scheme year to date (7 months)*	0.7%	2.2%	3.6%	5.2%	6.7%	7.6%	8.5%
1 year	1.4%	3.6%	5.8%	8.6%	11.4%	13.2%	15.0%
5 years (average pa)	1.9%	3.5%	5.1%	6.8%	8.6%	9.6%	10.6%
10 years (average pa)	2.2%	3.0%	3.8%	4.1%	4.3%	4.4%	4.4%
14 years* (average pa)	3.0%	3.9%	4.9%	5.5%	6.1%	6.5%	6.9%

\*Since 2003, when investment choice was introduced.

Fund returns are determined monthly. Reported returns take into account the effect of compound interest and are rounded to one decimal point.

## SCHEME IMPROVEMENTS

Your September Scheme newsletter introduced the extension to the home withdrawal facility to include members' standard account balances, and improvements to how individual members can make withdrawals.

There has already been strong interest among members to these changes. For example, since 29 September 2017, 26 members have made home purchase withdrawals totalling almost \$1.9 million, with each withdrawal averaging close to \$73,000.

Additional information, including how to make an application, is provided in the Home Purchase Withdrawal Form and Frequently Asked Questions About Home Purchase Withdrawals, which are available at [www.dairysuper.superfacts.co.nz](http://www.dairysuper.superfacts.co.nz).

More details about making regular withdrawals as well as the Individual Member Withdrawal Request form and Individual member fact sheet are available under Documents and forms at [www.dairysuper.superfacts.co.nz](http://www.dairysuper.superfacts.co.nz).

## SCHEME DOCUMENTS UPDATED

The Scheme's product disclosure statement, statement of investment policy and objectives, and other material information document have recently been updated and are now available at [www.dairysuper.superfacts.co.nz](http://www.dairysuper.superfacts.co.nz) and on the [companies.govt.nz/disclose](http://companies.govt.nz/disclose) website.

An updated members' information booklet is also close to completion and will be available early in the new year.

## MEMBER SURVEY NEXT YEAR

The next Scheme survey will be made available for completion by members in February. This survey's objectives are to get your thoughts about the combined annual report and benefit statement format, your preferred methods of communication and your experiences using the helpline and website.

The responses you provide will help us to ensure that the Scheme continues to meet your needs as a convenient and flexible way of saving for your retirement.

We encourage you to complete the survey, which should only take a few minutes of your time. Every member who does so will go into a Prezzy Card draw.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Mercer, the Fund's administration manager, will be closed from Friday 22nd December, reopening after the holiday break on 3rd January.

The help desk will be open throughout the holiday period, apart from on public holidays.



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