



Market commentary

Global equities rebounded in April, finishing near record highs despite ongoing Iran conflict headlines. Strong US Q1 earnings, particularly in large technology firms, supported a risk-on stance, with Technology and Communication Services delivering the strongest returns. Cyclical sectors also performed well, while the Energy sector lagged. Portfolio performance was driven by AI-linked holdings, including semiconductor names and Alphabet, while pharmaceutical stocks underperformed due to pricing pressure and sector rotation.

NZ interest rates were broadly stable in April, with only modest movements and reduced volatility. The RBNZ remains focused on medium-term inflation and is signalling patience, despite a near-term inflation spike from energy prices. Markets are reassessing the likelihood and timing of further OCR increases, with uncertainty still high. Elevated inflation may persist, but weaker growth should temper tightening. For cash and term deposit exposures, current higher yields remain supportive, though expectations for aggressive rate hikes have eased.

All returns are in local currency terms unless stated.

Fund performance

	Average over past 5 years	Past year
Annual return (after deductions for charges and a PIR tax rate of 28%)	4.77%	13.54%
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	5.23%	14.40%
Market index annual return* (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	5.53%	14.75%

*The market index comprises the benchmark index returns of each of the asset classes weighted by their benchmark asset allocations. Refer to the SIPO for more information on the market index for this Fund.

Key fund facts

Objective: The Balanced Fund aims to provide a medium level of return over the medium to long term. It is suitable for investors who are prepared to accept a medium level of risk.

Description: The Balanced Fund is an internationally diversified fund that mainly invests in growth assets (e.g. shares) with a moderate allocation to income assets (e.g. bonds).

Minimum recommended investment timeframe	7 years
Target allocation	60% growth assets / 40% income assets
Inception date	1 October 2007
Annual fund charges (estimated % of net asset value)	0.99%
Risk indicator	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Potentially lower returns Potentially higher returns </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> 1 Lower risk </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> 2 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> 3 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> 4 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> 5 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> 6 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> 7 Higher risk </div> </div>

Investment managers

JBWere

Investment manager for the Scheme and International equities, Australasian equities, and Cash asset classes.

Harbour
ASSET MANAGEMENT

Investment manager for the International fixed interest asset class.

amova
Asset Management

Investment manager for the New Zealand fixed interest asset class.

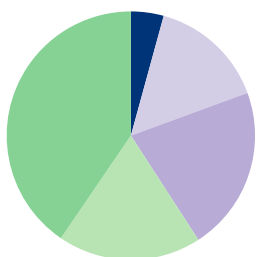


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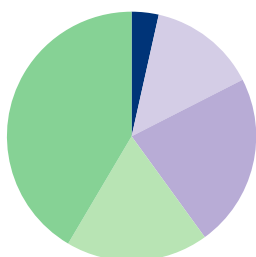
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Actual asset allocation as at 31 March 2026



■ Cash and cash equivalents	4.26%
■ New Zealand fixed interest	15.16%
■ International fixed interest	21.43%
■ Australasian equities	18.68%
■ International equities	40.47%

Target asset allocation



■ Cash and cash equivalents	3.50%
■ New Zealand fixed interest	14.00%
■ International fixed interest	22.50%
■ Australasian equities	18.50%
■ International equities	41.50%

Top 10 investments as at 31 March 2026

No	Asset name	% of fund net assets	Type	Country	Credit rating (If Applicable)
1	Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund	21.43%	International fixed interest	NZ	
2	Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd	3.09%	Australasian equities	NZ	
3	JBWere Premium Custody Call Account - NZD	2.42%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	
4	Infratil Ltd	2.34%	Australasian equities	NZ	
5	Apple Inc	1.78%	International equities	US	
6	Nvidia Corp	1.67%	International equities	US	
7	Auckland International Airport Ltd	1.44%	Australasian equities	NZ	
8	Alphabet Inc Class A	1.35%	International equities	US	
9	Microsoft Corp	1.31%	International equities	US	
10	Meridian Energy Limited	1.20%	Australasian equities	NZ	

The total value of the above investments as a percentage of the net asset value of the Balanced Fund is 38.03%.

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