

ASB Investment Funds

Balanced Fund

Fund Update for the quarter ending 31 December 2019

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What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Balanced Fund has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. ASB Group Investments Limited prepared this update in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. This information is not audited and may be updated.

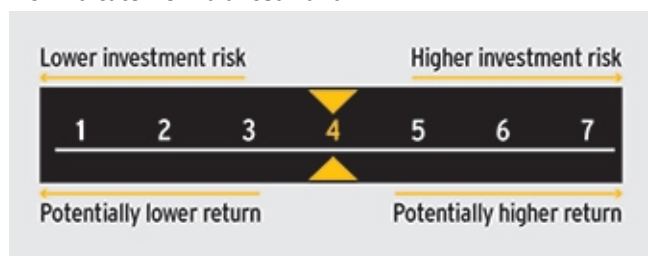
Description of this fund

To provide moderate to high total returns with a negative return expected less than one in every five years. We manage asset allocation and currency hedging over the medium to long term relative to the target investment mix. We focus on cost effective management. The Balanced Fund invests in income and growth assets with a target investment mix of 40% income assets and 60% growth assets.

Total value of the fund	\$377,133,726
Number of investors in the fund	2,578
The date the fund started	11/10/2007

What are the risks of investing?

Risk indicator for Balanced 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 <http://www.sorted.org.nz/tools/investor-kickstarter>

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.

The risk indicator is not a guarantee of a fund's future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for a 5 year period to 31 December 2019. 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.

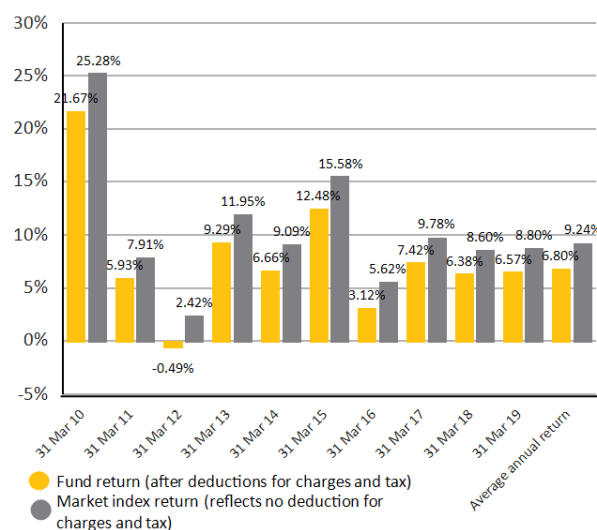
The risk indicator may not be a reliable indicator of the risk or returns that a fund is likely to experience in the future. For example, the risk indicator may be different if it was based on returns over a longer period.

How has the fund performed?

	Average over past five years	Past year
Annual return (after deductions for charges and tax)	7.19%	15.38%
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	8.27%	16.58%
Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	9.49%	18.13%

The market index return is the target investment mix asset allocation weighted sum of the asset class market index return, where the target investment mix and asset class market indices are each as described in the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO). Additional information about the market index is available on the offer register at disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz (search for ASB Investment Funds).

Annual return graph



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 December 2019.

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

Returns in this update are after tax at the highest prescribed investor rate (PIR) of tax for an individual New Zealand resident. Your tax may be lower.

What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the Balanced Fund are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2019 these were:

	% of net asset value
Total fund charges¹	1.15%
Which are made up of:	
Total management and administration charges	1.15%
Including:	
Manager's basic fee	1.10%
Other management and administration charges	0.05%
Total performance-based fees	0.00%
Other charges	Description of how charge is calculated
Contribution fee ²	0.45% - paid on amounts invested

¹Total fund charges are exclusive of GST.

²The contribution fee was removed from 25 July 2019.

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds). See the ASB Investment Funds PDS for more information about those fees.

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

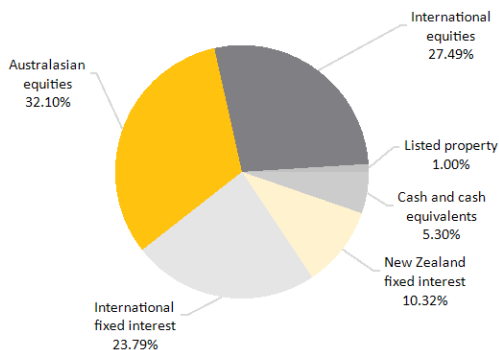
Example of how this applies to an investor

Jason 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, Jason received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$1,538.00 (that is 15.38% of his initial \$10,000). Jason also paid \$0.00 in other charges. This gives Jason a total return after tax of \$1,538.00 for the year.

What does the fund invest in?

Actual investment mix

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



Target investment mix

This shows the mix of assets that the fund generally intends to invest in.

Cash and cash equivalents	4.00%
New Zealand fixed interest	15.00%
International fixed interest	21.00%
Australasian equities	29.00%
International equities	26.00%
Listed property	5.00%
Unlisted property	0.00%
Commodities	0.00%
Other	0.00%

Currency hedging

As at 31 December 2019 the fund's exposure to assets denominated in foreign currencies was 62%, of which 88% was hedged. This means the fund's unhedged foreign currency exposure was 7% of the net asset value of the fund. More information on our currency hedging model can be found in the SIPO on the offer register at disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz (search for ASB Investment Funds).

Top 10 investments

Name	Percentage of net asset value of the fund	Type	Country	Credit rating (if applicable)
1 Westpac Money Market Deposit Account NZD	2.20%	Cash and cash equivalents	New Zealand	A-1+
2 ASB Bank Account NZD	2.13%	Cash and cash equivalents	New Zealand	A-1+
3 Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Corporation Ltd	2.10%	Australasian equities	New Zealand	
4 A2 Milk Co Ltd	1.87%	Australasian equities	New Zealand	
5 Auckland International Airport Ltd	1.35%	Australasian equities	New Zealand	
6 Spark New Zealand Ltd	1.31%	Australasian equities	New Zealand	
7 Ryman Healthcare Ltd	1.11%	Australasian equities	New Zealand	
8 Meridian Energy Ltd	1.03%	Australasian equities	New Zealand	
9 Commonwealth Bank of Australia	0.96%	Australasian equities	Australia	
10 CSL Ltd	0.85%	Australasian equities	Australia	

The top 10 investments make up 14.91% of the fund.

Key personnel

This shows the directors and employees who have the most influence on the investment decisions of the fund.

Name	Current position	Time in current position	Previous or other position	Time in previous or other position
1 Nigel Annett	Investment Committee member	5 years, 9 months	Executive GM Corporate Banking, ASB Bank (current position)	1 year, 2 months
2 Jonathan Beale	Investment Committee member	5 years, 4 months	General Manager Wealth & Insurance Distribution, ASB Bank (current position)	0 years, 2 months
3 Adam Boyd	Investment Committee member	3 years, 7 months	Executive GM Private Banking, Wealth & Insurance, ASB Bank (current position)	3 years, 7 months
4 Graeme Edwards (not named in previous fund update)	Investment Committee Chairman	0 years, 2 months	Investment Committee member	8 years, 0 months
5 John Smith	Investment Committee member	8 years, 7 months	Head of Asset Management; and Acting General Manager Private Banking, Wealth & Insurance Product, ASB Bank (current position)	7 years, 7 months; 0 years, 1 month

Further information

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for ASB Investment Funds, and some additional information from the offer register at disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz (search for ASB Investment Funds).

Notes

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