

NZFUNDS

NZ Funds KiwiSaver Scheme

Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE NZ FUNDS KIWISAVER SCHEME

The NZ Funds KiwiSaver Scheme (Scheme) is registered as a KiwiSaver scheme under the Financial Market Conduct Act 2013 (FMC Act). The manager of the Scheme is New Zealand Funds Management Limited (NZ Funds, our, us or we). The supervisor of the Scheme is The New Zealand Guardian Trust Company Limited (Supervisor).

The Scheme offers four investment options for you to choose from: three funds (the Income Strategy, the Inflation Strategy and the Growth Strategy) and a lifecycle investment option (the LifeCycle Process).

The investment objective for each Strategy can be summarised as follows:

STRATEGY	SUMMARY OBJECTIVE
 Income	Provide an exposure to income-orientated assets
 Inflation	Mitigate the impact of inflation
 Growth	Grow your investment

In addition to the individual Strategies, the Scheme also includes the LifeCycle Process. Under the LifeCycle Process, a Member's investment is automatically allocated across the three Strategies in the Scheme each year, depending on their age. The portion of their investment allocated to each Strategy will change over time. When they are younger, a Member's investment will be largely in the Growth Strategy. As the Member gets closer to retirement, more of their investment will automatically be allocated to the Inflation Strategy and the Income Strategy.

The LifeCycle Process is the default investment option. However, a Member may choose to opt out of the LifeCycle Process at any time and choose their own Strategy allocations (called the MemberChoice Process).

More information on the LifeCycle Process and each Strategy is included in the Scheme's Product Disclosure Statement (PDS). This document should be read in conjunction with the PDS.

2. PHILOSOPHY AND OVERVIEW

NZ Funds is a wealth management specialist. We define wealth management as helping New Zealanders achieve their investment goals. We believe the most reliable way for New Zealanders to do this is through the integration of financial advice and investment management (see section 5 'Investment process' for more information).

Our approach to wealth management aims to provide each Member with a financial strategy to achieve their investment goals and regular access to financial advisers to help them make informed financial decisions.

The NZ Funds KiwiSaver Scheme is designed to provide Members with access to shares, bonds, other securities and a range of global investment specialists.

In managing the assets of each Strategy and to seek to meet its stated objectives, NZ Funds' investment team (Investment Team) uses an active investment management approach. Our active investment management approach seeks to maintain a balance between preserving Member's capital and growing their wealth in a manner that is consistent with each Strategy's objective.

The LifeCycle Process is designed to ensure that a Member's investment is allocated in a manner that is consistent with their investment timeframe at all times.




Our active investment approach ensures Members are exposed to both active and passively managed investments and that their capital is diversified across New Zealand and international investment markets. This is discussed further in section 4 'Investment approach'.

3. STRATEGY APPROACH

Strategy objectives

The table below sets out the investment objective and strategy, permitted investments, anticipated primary investments, minimum suggested investment timeframe and economic exposure limits, for each of the Strategies.

The Strategies are designed and managed to seek to meet Member objectives instead of to solely meet or exceed the returns of a single asset class index, such as New Zealand bonds or global shares.

FUND NAME	OBJECTIVE	PERMITTED INVESTMENTS	INVESTMENT STRATEGY SUMMARY	ANTICIPATED PRIMARY INVESTMENTS	MINIMUM SUGGESTED INVESTMENT TIMEFRAME	ECONOMIC EXPOSURE LIMIT*
<p>The Strategies are able to invest in a wide range of assets and do not have a target investment mix. They may be invested in permitted investments in any proportion. The anticipated primary investments are noted below. In gaining exposure to assets, the Strategies use derivatives. See the PDS for more information.</p>						
 Income Strategy	To provide exposure to income-orientated assets using an active investment management approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash and cash equivalents New Zealand fixed interest International fixed interest Foreign currency Alternative securities 	Over time, it is anticipated that the Strategy will hold a significant exposure to cash and cash equivalents, international fixed interest and/or New Zealand fixed interest.	Primarily international fixed interest	2 years+	300% (i.e. 3 times the Strategy's net asset value)
 Inflation Strategy	To mitigate the impact of inflation on your investment over the medium and/or long-term by investing in income-orientated assets and growth-orientated assets using an active investment management approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash and cash equivalents New Zealand fixed interest International fixed interest Australasian equities International equities Listed property Foreign currency Commodities Alternative securities 	Over time, it is anticipated that the Strategy will hold a diversified range of assets expected to include cash and cash equivalents, New Zealand fixed interest, international fixed interest, Australasian equities, international equities, and/or commodities.	Primarily a diversified range of inflation-sensitive assets	5 years+	300% (i.e. 3 times the Strategy's net asset value)
 Growth Strategy	To grow your investment over the long-term by investing in income-orientated assets and growth-orientated assets using an active investment management approach.		Over time, it is anticipated that the Strategy will hold a significant exposure to Australasian equities, international equities, and/or alternative securities.	Primarily Australasian and international equities	10 years+	No limit

* Economic exposure is a measure developed and used by NZ Funds to illustrate a Strategy's total exposure. For more information on economic exposure, see the 'Other Material Information' document on the offer register at www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose.

Strategy structure

The Strategies currently invest in a series of wholesale unit trusts managed by NZ Funds which hold investments. These investments may include directly held securities and/or investments in funds, managed by either NZ Funds or external specialist investment managers selected by NZ Funds.

This investment structure means that a review of a Strategy's investments will predominantly occur at the underlying wholesale trust level, having regard to the relevant Strategy's objective and risk profile. The Strategies also currently invest directly in cash and cash equivalents, and derivatives. The Strategies are authorised to invest directly in other assets as well.

4. INVESTMENT APPROACH

We take an active investment approach to managing each Strategy. Our active approach is designed to enable us to better meet the Member orientated objectives of each Strategy and to take advantage of investment opportunities as they arise.

Dynamic asset allocation

As part of our active investment management approach each Strategy's asset allocation is dynamic (able to change over time) rather than strategic (a fixed allocation over time). The Investment Team selects each Strategy's asset allocation at any time, based on their investment knowledge and/or research, with reference to each Strategy's investment objective and risk profile. Securities, currencies, commodities, derivatives and/or specialist investment managers can be used to achieve a desired Strategy asset allocation.

Wide investment mandates

In managing each Strategy, we take a wide variety of actions and are not constrained by a benchmark (or target) asset allocation or range. The actions we take include, but are not limited to:

- altering the proportion invested in each security or asset class;
- altering the manner in which a Strategy is exposed to each security or asset class;
- investing directly or indirectly;
- using derivatives and/or any resulting leverage;
- using collective investment vehicles;
- using specialist investment managers;
- applying hedging; or
- taking short positions.

Use of specialist investment managers

External specialist investment managers may be appointed where NZ Funds considers that the manager's investment approach will help meet the objectives of the Strategies. These specialist investment managers will complement NZ Funds' own investment skills and can provide members with a diversity of approaches.

The selection of specialist investment managers is subject to due diligence and an approval process. In addition, all specialist investment managers are regularly monitored and reviewed. This review process includes consideration of the manager's performance, portfolio composition, and statistical measures of effectiveness.

The specialist investment managers used are expected to change over time as part of NZ Funds' active investment management approach. The current specialist investment managers can be found on our website at www.nzfunds.co.nz.

Risks of an active approach

The way in which our active investment management approach is implemented may change over time as, by way of example, the nature of the investment opportunities we may be seeking to gain exposure to changes. This may result in the Strategies being constructed with different combinations of investments, underlying specialist investment managers and investment strategies. In order to allow these changes to occur, each Strategy has a wide investment mandate.

Our active investment management approach and wide investment mandates means an investment in the Scheme is subject to different risks (which may be considered higher risks) than a non-active investment management approach. As a result, our active investment management approach may cause the returns and capital stability of a Strategy to significantly differ from the returns and capital stability of the underlying asset classes utilised.

5. INVESTMENT PROCESS

Collaborative process

NZ Funds takes a collaborative approach to investment management and believes investment performance is a collectively achieved outcome. Each Strategy is assigned one or more portfolio managers who are responsible for overseeing the daily management of the Strategy. Investment decisions, with some exceptions, are primarily made through a series of internal investment meetings attended by the Investment Team.

These meetings enable portfolio managers and investment analysts to present investment research and thinking in a way that encourages wide participation in, and peer review of, investment decisions.

Investment tools and techniques

In managing investments NZ Funds uses a wide range of investment tools and techniques including, for example, economic and financial modelling, quantitative screens and technical indicators. In using these tools and techniques, NZ Funds may consider, amongst other factors, investment themes, valuation metrics, mean reversion and/or momentum.

In seeking to mitigate the downside NZ Funds invests with managers which have the potential to profit from asset price declines, such as trend following managers; managers who specialise in being short shares; and derivative and option specialists. NZ Funds may also actively reduce a Strategy's exposure to an asset class, or macro hedge a Strategy's exposure by investing additional funds in an offsetting asset class. While designed to mitigate the downside, these downside-orientated managers, tools and techniques may not be successful in mitigating the downside and, in some circumstances, may instead add to a Strategy's losses.

Strategy construction

As part of NZ Funds' active investment management, asset classes, assets and specialist investment managers, are selected based on NZ Funds' analysis of those assets which will, in its opinion, in combination with the other assets in the Strategy, help to achieve the objectives of the Strategy.

In constructing the Strategies, NZ Funds considers different scenarios and projects how investments may react in those scenarios. NZ Funds may also consider historical volatility and correlations during both normal and stressed investment environments. NZ Funds may revisit the assumptions used periodically as economic and market conditions change.

6. INVESTMENT OVERSIGHT

Overview

NZ Funds has policies, procedures and controls to cover the investment function.

Strategy management decisions are subject to daily transparency through our proprietary investment monitoring system. Regular meetings are held to cover:

- investment research and portfolio management;
- investment guidelines and SIPO compliance; and
- overall investment governance.

Our investment strategy review and monitoring process commences with the Research & Portfolio Meeting which monitors security research and portfolio management. The minutes of these meetings are tabled at the Investment Committee meeting.

The Investment Guidelines Meeting monitors compliance with the internal investment guidelines and this SIPO (see below for more information on the role of the investment guidelines). Any material matters arising from these meetings are tabled at the Investment Committee meeting.

Overall responsibility for investment strategy review and monitoring rests with the Investment Committee under delegated authority from the NZ Funds Board. The Investment Committee meets approximately six weekly to review investment matters, which include (but are not limited to) the investment component of NZ Funds' risk register, investment counterparty risk, liquidity risk, redemption risk, stress testing, and the minutes of internal investment related meetings. The Investment Committee minutes are included as a standing item at the NZ Funds Board meeting.

6. INVESTMENT OVERSIGHT (CONTINUED)

The NZ Funds Board meets approximately six weekly. In addition to the Investment Committee minutes and associated reports, the NZ Funds Board reviews NZ Funds' risk register which summarises the major risks and controls (including those related to investment management) at each meeting and at special meetings convened for that purpose.

Investment guidelines

NZ Funds has developed internal investment guidelines as part of its investment management processes, which assist in the oversight of each Strategy. These guidelines are designed to help ensure that each Strategy invests in accordance with its investment objective and risk profile.

As part of NZ Funds' active investment management approach, the guidelines may require amendment from time to time. Guidelines, and any changes to them, must be approved by the Investment Committee and ratified by the NZ Funds Board. The guidelines can only be amended after prior notice to the Supervisor.

Investment performance

The Investment Committee is responsible for monitoring and reviewing investment performance and reports to the NZ Funds Board.

Strategy performance is monitored through NZ Funds' proprietary investment monitoring system. The system generates a daily attribution report which includes daily, month to date and yearly performance reports for each Strategy and individual investments held by the Strategies.

Investment performance reports are prepared and are reviewed by the Investment Committee. Long-term performance is also monitored on a rolling two year, five year, seven year, 10 year and since inception basis.

Performance is measured on an absolute basis (after fees and expenses), against term deposits as well as relative to each Strategy's market index. The comparative market index for each Strategy is listed in the Appendix.

We measure performance against market indices for the purposes of regulatory reporting only and they do not represent benchmark indices. For the purposes of the quarterly Fund Updates, these indices are reported gross, without the deduction of any fees or Member tax.

7. INVESTMENT POLICIES

NZ Funds has investment policies and procedures to support its investment governance framework. The key policies are summarised below. Each of these policies (except where otherwise noted below) is approved by the relevant Board subcommittee and the NZ Funds Board, and any material change to a policy requires the approval of the relevant Board subcommittee and the NZ Funds Board. The policies are administered by the relevant Board subcommittee and any material issues are reported through to the NZ Funds Board.

Trade allocation policy

NZ Funds' trade allocation policy applies to the trading of securities that are directly managed by NZ Funds. It requires that when allocating trades, no Strategy receives preferential treatment over another by requiring that all trades involving more than one Strategy be allocated on a predetermined basis. The trade allocation policy is administered by the Investment Committee.

Trade execution policy

NZ Funds' trade execution policy applies to the trading of securities that are directly managed by NZ Funds. It requires that all trades are entered with approved counterparties, and that the list of approved counterparties is regularly reviewed. The trade execution policy is administered by the Investment Committee.

Investment guidelines policy

NZ Funds' investment guidelines policy applies to the administration and monitoring of the investment limits set out in this SIPO and those set out in the investment guidelines used as part of the investment management process. It requires that all portfolios are managed in accordance with the limits set out in this SIPO and in the investment guidelines, and describes the process for changing these limits. It also describes the internal process for dealing with a break of a SIPO limit or investment guideline. The investment guidelines policy is administered by the Investment Committee.

7. INVESTMENT POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Settlement and cash management policy

NZ Funds' settlement and cash management policy applies to the settlement of investments and cash management transactions made by NZ Funds. It requires that all settlement and cash management transactions comply with the Trust Deeds and internal investment guidelines, and are authorised for payment by a NZ Funds' staff member with the appropriate level of authority. The settlement and cash management policy is administered by the Business Risk Committee.

Valuation and pricing policy

NZ Funds' valuation and pricing policy applies to the valuation and pricing of the Strategies and the underlying wholesale trusts in which the Strategies invest. It requires that valuation and pricing is accurate, equitable and complies with the Trust Deeds. The policy sets out procedures for the valuation of assets and determination of unit prices. NZ Funds has also established procedures for reporting and resolving any pricing errors or non-compliance with pricing methodologies. The valuation and pricing policy is administered by the Business Risk Committee.

Conflicts of interest policy

NZ Funds' conflicts of interest policy applies to the identification and management of actual or potential conflicts of interest. It requires that all conflicts of interest be reported to NZ Funds' compliance team and managed in an appropriate manner. The policy is complemented by NZ Funds' personal holdings policy (which includes a prohibition against employees holding or trading in securities unless otherwise permitted by the policy or as approved by the NZ Funds Board) and NZ Funds' related party transactions policy (discussed below). The conflicts of interest policy is approved by the NZ Funds Board and any material change to the policy requires the approval of the NZ Funds Board. The policy is administered by NZ Funds' compliance team and any material issues are reported through to the NZ Funds Board.

Responsible investment policy

NZ Funds' responsible investment policy applies to the selection of securities for inclusion in the Strategies and requires that the investment research and management process includes consideration of environmental, social and governance matters. The policy requires that no fund managed by NZ Funds, and no discrete mandate managed on behalf of NZ Funds by an underlying investment manager, will hold securities issued by 'red flag' companies in the controversial weapons and global norms sectors. It also requires that the policy be communicated to the underlying investment managers appointed to manage non-discrete (or pooled) mandates (while acknowledging that NZ Funds cannot obligate these underlying investment managers to comply with the policy). The policy also details the process for obtaining an exemption from its application. The responsible investment policy is administered by the Investment Committee.

Related party transactions policy

NZ Funds' related party transactions policy applies to all related party transactions (as defined under the FMC Act). The policy sets out processes for identifying related party transactions and ensures that these transactions are conducted in accordance with the rules on related party transactions that apply to managed investment schemes under the FMC Act. The related party transactions policy is administered directly by the NZ Funds Board. Therefore, any changes to the policy must be approved by the NZ Funds Board.

8. SIPO REVIEW

The NZ Funds Board is responsible for the SIPO and ensuring that the SIPO is followed. The SIPO will be reviewed by the NZ Funds Board annually. An ad hoc review will occur where there is a material change in the investment policy or objectives of a Strategy, where there is a material change to the Product Disclosure Statement, or where considered appropriate by the NZ Funds Board.

NZ Funds may make changes to the SIPO at any time after consulting with the Supervisor. A description of any material changes to the SIPO will be included in the Scheme's annual report. Where required by the Trust Deed or law, Members will receive prior notice of material changes.

This SIPO takes effect from 20 September 2017. The most current version of the SIPO is available on the scheme register at www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose.

GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Alternative securities	Asset classes not usually accessed by retail investors, for example, private equity, venture capital and hedge funds. These tend to be asset classes where valuation and liquidity may be uncertain and returns may be volatile. Includes derivatives on alternative securities.
Asset class	These are the available asset classes that the Strategies may invest in. Not all Strategies can invest in all asset classes. The asset classes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash and cash equivalents • New Zealand fixed interest • International fixed interest • Australasian equities • International equities • Listed property • Foreign currency • Commodities • Alternative securities
Australasian equities	Shares listed on New Zealand or Australian stock exchanges and derivatives on Australasian equities.
Cash and cash equivalents	Cash, or other assets that can be readily converted into cash, including bank term deposits and short term debt securities.
Commodities	A product which is, for example, agricultural, mineral or energy related, and is interchangeable with another product of the same type, and which may be bought or sold directly or indirectly through derivatives.
Debt securities	Debt securities are securities issued by an entity to enable it to borrow money. They are usually accompanied by an offering document which sets out the terms of the loan, for example, the period of time before repayment and the interest rate payable if applicable. Debt securities cover a wide range of issuing entities and security types. Debt securities also include, but are not limited to, loans, floating rate securities and zero-coupon bonds. And include derivatives on debt securities. Debt securities held by a Strategy may be secured or unsecured over the assets of the borrower and may be subordinated, meaning that the Strategy be repaid or receive interest only after other creditors of the borrower have been paid.
Derivative	A financial instrument the value of which is derived from changes in the value of another asset (for example, a share market index, a commodity, a bond, or a currency). Examples of derivatives include futures, options, forwards and swaps.
Economic exposure	Economic exposure is a measure developed by NZ Funds to illustrate the aggregate exposure that a Strategy has to the various asset classes it is invested in.
Foreign currency	Active currency positions implemented by holding non-NZD cash, foreign currency derivatives and/or the dollar value of any unhedged international assets.
Growth-orientated assets	Investments where the return is expected to be made up predominantly of capital gains and losses over the investment period and/or investments where the expected yield or return of capital is relatively high. Shares are usually referred to as growth-orientated assets.

GLOSSARY (CONTINUED)

TERM	DEFINITION
Income-orientated assets	Investments where the return is expected to be made up predominantly of interest income. Cash and cash equivalents and fixed interest are usually referred to as income-orientated assets.
Inflation-sensitive assets	Investments where the return is expected to have a relationship to changes in the rate of inflation (for example, inflation linked bonds, or shares in companies which have pricing power in an inflationary environment).
International equities	Shares listed on stock exchanges (other than New Zealand or Australian stock exchanges) and derivatives on international equities.
International fixed interest	Debt securities issued outside New Zealand and derivatives on international fixed interest.
Investment Committee	The NZ Funds Investment Committee that reports to the NZ Funds Board.
Listed property	Shares listed on stock exchanges which own or invest in property, buildings or land, and derivatives on listed property.
Member	A member of the Scheme.
Net asset value	The value of the assets of a Strategy, less any liabilities.
New Zealand fixed interest	Debt securities issued in New Zealand and derivatives on New Zealand fixed interest.
NZ Funds	New Zealand Funds Management Limited.
Scheme	NZ Funds KiwiSaver Scheme.
Specialist investment manager	An external manager selected by NZ Funds who may manage a portfolio of securities directly held by a Wholesale Trust or an underlying fund in which a Wholesale Trust invests and derivatives on specialist investment managers.
Supervisor	The New Zealand Guardian Trust Company Limited.
Trust Deed	The amended and consolidated trust deed for the Scheme dated 12 October 2016.
Wholesale Trusts	A series of wholesale unit trusts managed by NZ Funds into which the Strategies invest.

APPENDIX

Income Strategy

- 50% S&P/NZX Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index Total Return; and
- 50% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index Hedged USD

Inflation Strategy

- 30% S&P/NZX Bank Bills 90 Day Total Return;
- 25% S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Index Gross with Imputation;
- 10% S&P/ASX Accumulation 200 Index; and
- 35% MSCI All Countries World Daily TR Net Local Currency

Growth Strategy

- 70% MSCI All Countries World Daily TR Net Local Currency;
- 20% S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Index Gross with Imputation; and
- 10% S&P/ASX Accumulation 200 Index

LifeCycle Process: age 40

- 3.0% S&P/NZX Bank Bills 90 Day Index Total Return;
- 2.5% S&P/NZX Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index Total Return;
- 2.5% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index Hedged USD;
- 19.5% S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Index Gross with Imputation;
- 9.5% S&P/ASX Accumulation 200 Index; and
- 63% MSCI All Countries World Daily TR Net Local Currency

LifeCycle Process: age 55

- 18.9% S&P/NZX Bank Bills 90 Day Index Total Return;
- 2.5% S&P/NZX Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index Total Return;
- 2.5% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index Hedged USD;
- 22.15% S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Index Gross with Imputation;
- 9.5% S&P/ASX Accumulation 200 Index; and
- 44.45% MSCI All Countries World Daily TR Net Local Currency

LifeCycle Process: age 65

- 15.9% S&P/NZX Bank Bills 90 Day Index Total Return;
- 15% S&P/NZX Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index Total Return;
- 15% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index Hedged USD;
- 16.65% S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Index Gross with Imputation;
- 7.0% S&P/ASX Accumulation 200 Index; and
- 30.45% MSCI All Countries World Daily TR Net Local Currency

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