

# Fund Update

For the quarter ended 31 December 2023

- InvestNow KiwiSaver Scheme
- InvestNow Mercer Ethical Leaders Hedged Global Fixed Interest Index Fund

This fund update was first made publicly available on: 13 February 2024

## What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the InvestNow Mercer Ethical Leaders Hedged Global Fixed Interest Index Fund has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. FundRock NZ 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

Objective: aims to provide a return that closely matches the return of the Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Global Aggregate SRI Select ex-Fossil Fuels Index, fully hedged to the New Zealand dollar.

Strategy: provides exposure to a passively managed international fixed interest portfolio.

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Total value of the fund       | \$617,529.62   |
| Number of members in the fund | 78             |
| The date the fund started     | 5 October 2020 |

## What are the risks of investing?

Risk indicator for the InvestNow Mercer Ethical Leaders Hedged Global Fixed Interest Index Fund<sup>1</sup>.

|                             |   |   |                              |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| ⇐ Potentially lower returns |   |   | Potentially higher returns ⇒ |   |   |   |
| 1                           | 2 | 3 | 4                            | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| ⇐ Lower risk                |   |   | Higher risk ⇒                |   |   |   |

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 <https://sorted.org.nz/>.

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.

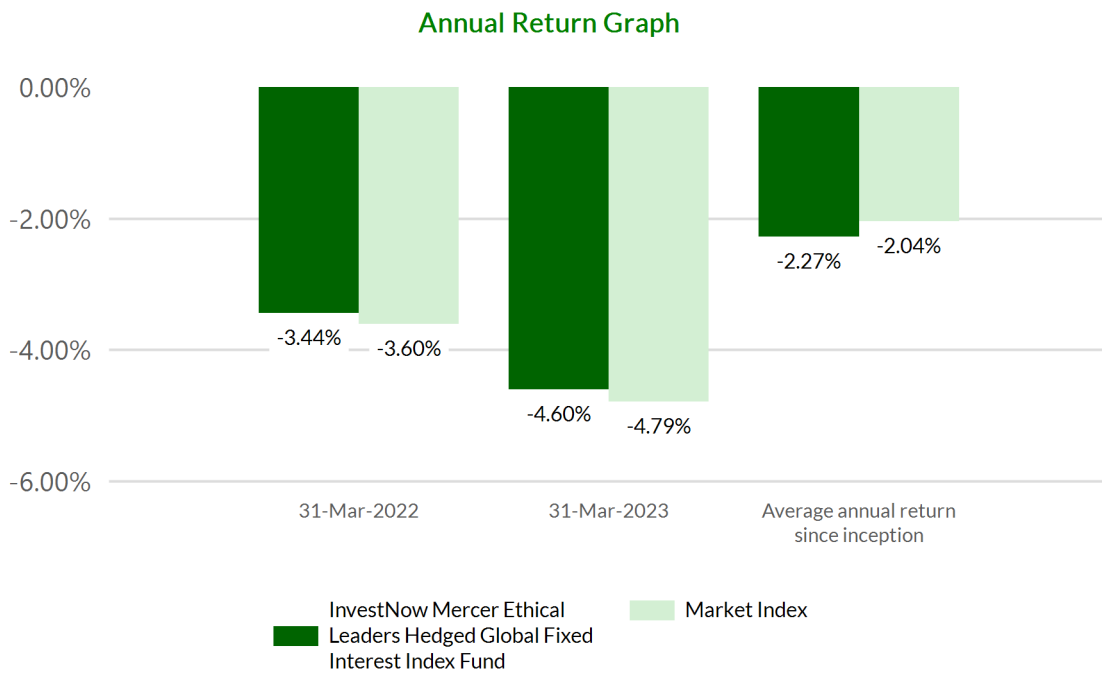
This risk indicator is not a guarantee of a fund's future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for 5 years to 31 December 2023. While risk indicators are usually relatively stable, they do shift from time to time. The risk indicator will continue to be updated in future fund updates.

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

## How has the fund performed?

|  | Past year |
|--|-----------|
| Annual return (after deductions for charges and tax)                   | 3.91%     |
| Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)            | 5.77%     |
| Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax) | 6.59%     |

The market index return is the Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Global Aggregate SRI Select ex-Fossil Fuels Index, fully hedged to the New Zealand dollar. This has been the market index since the inception of the fund. Additional information about the market index is available on the offer register at <https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz>.



This shows the return after fund charges and tax for each year ending 31 March since the fund started. The last bar shows the average annual return since the fund started, up to 31 December 2023.

**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 InvestNow Mercer Ethical Leaders Hedged Global Fixed Interest Index Fund are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2023 these were:

|   | % of net asset value<br>(including GST) |
|---|---|
| <b>Total fund charges<sup>ii</sup></b>      | 0.47%                                   |
| <b>Which are made up of:</b>                |   |
| Total manager and administration charges    | 0.47%                                   |
| <b>Including:</b>                           |   |
| Manager's basic fee                         | 0.36%                                   |
| Other management and administration charges | 0.11%                                   |

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds). See the PDS for the InvestNow KiwiSaver Scheme Global Fixed Interest Funds on the offer register at <https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz> for more information about those fees.

### Example of how this applies to an investor

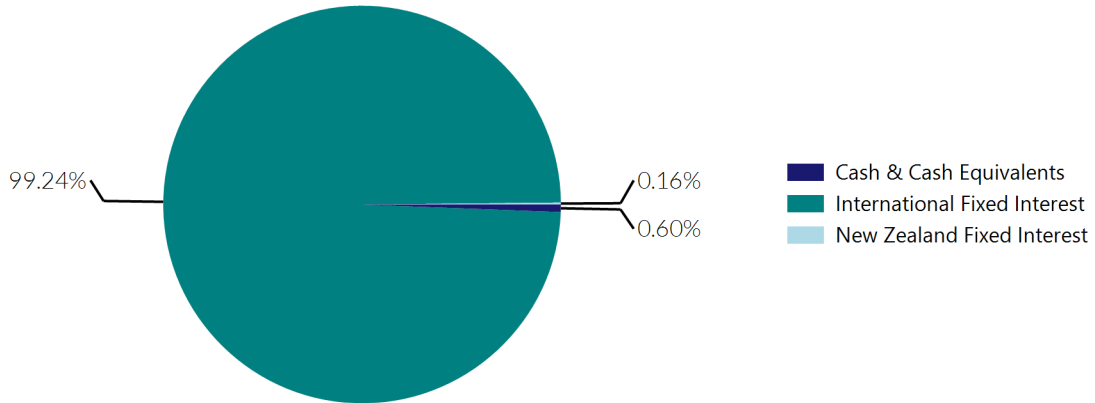
Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

Anthony 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, Anthony received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$577 (that is 5.77% of his initial \$10,000). This gives Anthony a total return after tax of \$391 for the period.

### What does the fund invest in?

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

Actual Investment Mix



The fund is fully hedged back to the New Zealand dollar.

Target Asset Mix



## Top 10 investments

|   | Name   | % of Fund net assets | Type                         | Country | Credit Rating |
|---|--|----------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | Mercer Ethical Leaders Hedged Global Fixed Interest Index Fund | 100.00%              | International fixed Interest | NZ      | #N/A          |

The top 10 investments make up 100.00% of the net asset value of the fund.

## Key Personnel

| Name            | Current position            | Time in current position | Previous or other current position                   | Time in previous or other current position |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Mike Heath      | Investment Committee Member | 3 Years 9 Months         | General Manager, InvestNow                           | 5 Years 9 Months                           |
| Anthony Edmonds | Investment Committee Member | 3 Years 9 Months         | Director, FundRock NZ and InvestNow                  | 13 Years 1 Months                          |
| Anthony Sowerby | Investment Committee Member | 3 Years 9 Months         | Head of Investment Management Oversight, FundRock NZ | 2 Years 3 Months                           |
| Jason Choy      | Investment Committee Member | 1 Years 5 Months         | Senior Portfolio Manager, FundRock NZ and InvestNow  | 1 Years 7 Months                           |

## Further information

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the InvestNow KiwiSaver Scheme Global Fixed Interest Funds, and some additional information from the offer register at <https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz>.

## Notes

- A combination of actual fund returns and market index returns have been used to determine the risk indicator as the fund has not been operating for the required five years. The risk indicator may therefore provide a less reliable indicator of the fund's future volatility. Market index returns have been used until October 2020 and fund returns thereafter.
- Total fund charges reflects the fees and expenses incurred by the underlying fund in which the InvestNow Mercer Ethical Leaders Hedged Global Fixed Interest Index Fund invests. This information has been sourced from the underlying fund manager in relation to the underlying fund's actual costs as a percentage of the average net asset value of the underlying fund.