



WESTPAC NEW ZEALAND STAFF SUPERANNUATION SCHEME DEFENSIVE FUND FUND UPDATE for the Scheme year ended 30 June 2024

This fund update was first made publicly available on 24 September 2024.

What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Defensive Fund (**Fund**) has performed and what fees were charged. This document will help you to compare the Fund with other funds. Westpac New Zealand Staff Superannuation Scheme Trustee Limited, the Scheme's trustee, 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

The Fund invests in assets with a low-to-moderate risk of negative returns and with moderate fluctuations in returns. It is unlikely to achieve high returns. The investment return objective aims to maintain the real value of investments over the short-to-medium term. The specific investment objective is to achieve a return, after tax and investment expenses, as measured by the increase in the unit price, that matches or exceeds the rate of inflation over each rolling five-year period.

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Total value of the Fund | \$34,937,669 |
| Number of investors in the Fund | 799 |
| The date the Fund started | 1 October 1996 |

What are the risks of investing?

Risk indicator for the 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 www.sorted.org.nz/tools/investor-profiler.

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 the five-year period to 30 June 2024. 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.

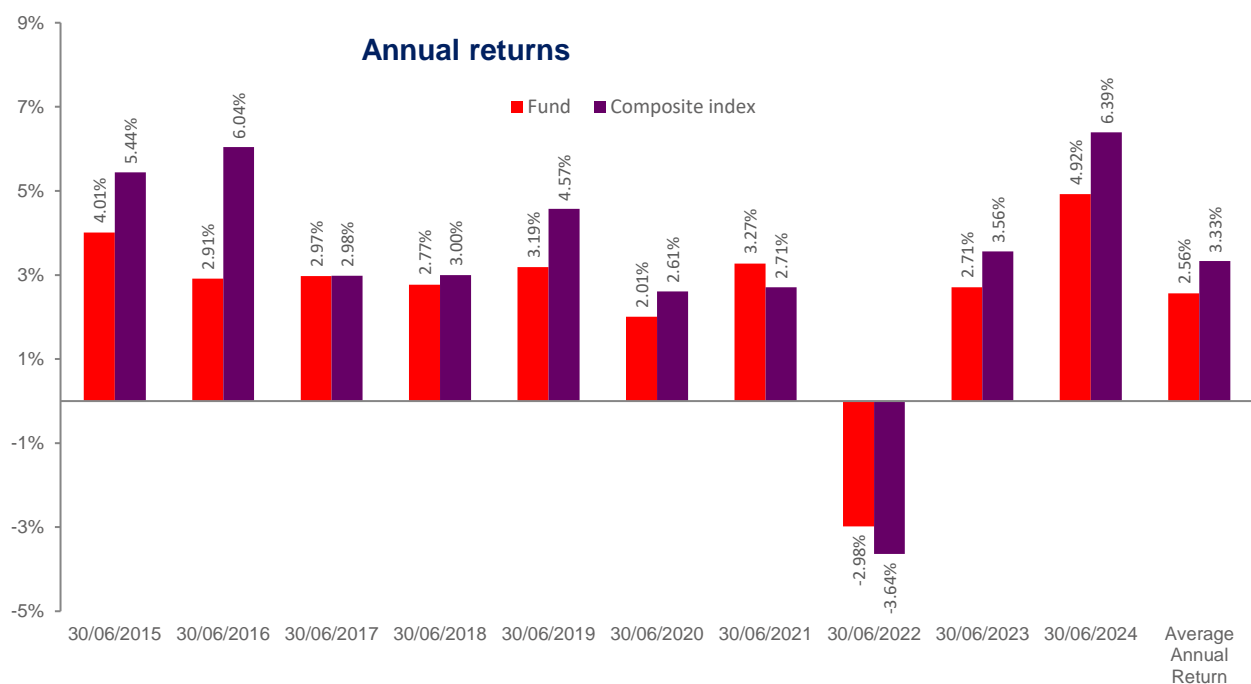
See the Scheme's product disclosure statement for more information about the risks associated with investing in the Fund.

How has the fund performed?

| | Average over past 5 years | Past year |
|---|---------------------------|-----------|
| Annual return (after deductions for charges and tax) | 1.95% | 4.92% |
| Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax) | 2.46% | 6.52% |
| Composite of market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax) and peer group index annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax) (composite index) | 2.27% | 6.39% |

The market index return used from 1 November 2021, and the composite market and peer group index used for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 October 2021, together reflect a composite of benchmark index returns, weighted for the fund's target asset allocation.

See Note 1 on page 5 for additional information about the composite index which included a peer group index for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 October 2021.



This shows the return after fund charges and tax for each of the last 10 years ending 30 June. The last bar shows the average annual return for the last 10 years, up to 30 June 2024.

The Fund's returns are shown after deductions for fund charges and tax. The composite index returns are a composite of market index returns (before any deductions for fund charges and tax) and peer group index returns (after deductions for fund charges but before tax).

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

What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the Fund are charged fund charges. In the year to 30 June 2024, these were:

| | Percentage of net asset value |
|--|--|
| Total fund charges | 0.24% |
| Which are made up of: | |
| Total management and administration charges | 0.24% |
| Including - | |
| Manager's basic fee | 0.24% |
| Other management and administration charges | 0.00% |
| Total performance-based fees | 0.00% |
| Other charges | Dollar amount per investor or description of how charge is calculated |
| | n/a |

There are no performance fees for any of the funds in the Scheme.

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, fees for investment fund switching (beyond the two free switches per Scheme year) or fees relating to a withdrawal to support a home purchase). See the Scheme's product disclosure statement for more information about these fees.

All fees are exclusive of GST (if any).

Example of how this applies to an investor

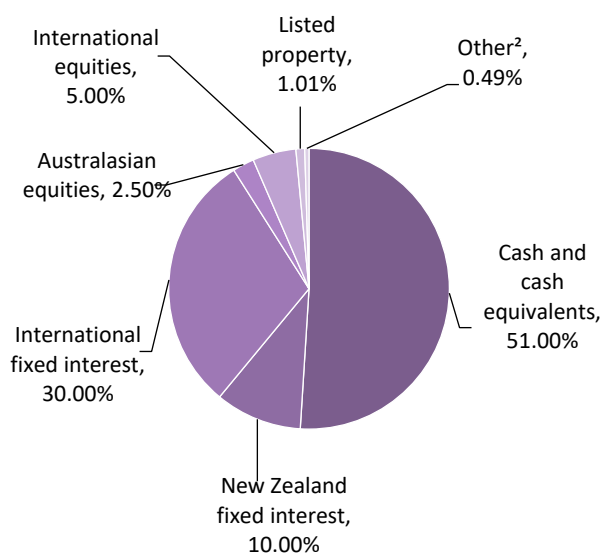
Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

Mary 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, Mary received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$652 (that is 6.52% of her initial \$10,000). Mary also paid \$0.00 in other charges. This gives Mary a total return after tax of \$492 for the year.

What does the fund invest in?

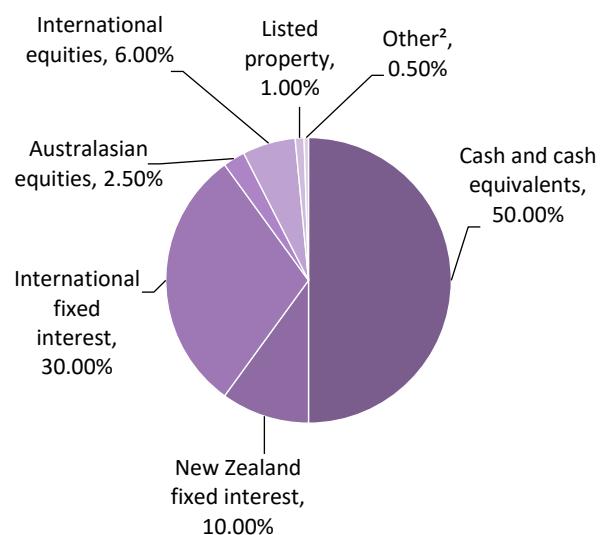
Actual investment mix at 30 June 2024

This shows the types of assets the Fund invests in.



Target investment mix

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



Top 10 investments at 30 June 2024

| Asset name | % of fund net asset | Type | Country | Credit rating |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| US 5YR Note | 1.97% | International fixed interest | US | AA+ |
| US 2YR Note | 1.96% | International fixed interest | US | AA+ |
| BOC Call Account | 0.97% | Cash and cash equivalents | NZ | A+ |
| US Long Bond Future | 0.87% | International fixed interest | US | AA+ |
| Westpac FRN 06/07/2026 | 0.83% | Cash and cash equivalents | NZ | AA- |
| CCB FRN 02/11/26 | 0.80% | Cash and cash equivalents | NZ | A+ |
| US 10YR Note | 0.76% | International fixed interest | US | AA+ |
| Rabobank FRN 16/06/2025 | 0.75% | Cash and cash equivalents | NZ | A+ |
| Rabobank FRN 16/03/2026 | 0.72% | Cash and cash equivalents | NZ | A+ |
| Westpac 45 day Notice Deposit | 0.71% | Cash and cash equivalents | NZ | AA- |

The total value of the above individual assets is 10.34% of the net asset value of the Fund.

Currency Hedging

Some of the asset classes in the Fund have exposure to foreign currencies. As at 30 June 2024, the actual currency hedging is as follows (all % figures below are on a before tax basis):

- International fixed interest – 98% hedged (benchmark 100%)
- Australasian equities – 69% hedged (benchmark 70%)
- International equities – 54% hedged (benchmark 51%)
- Listed property (Australasian) – 105% hedged (benchmark 100%)
- Listed property (International) – 139% hedged (benchmark 139%)
- Listed infrastructure – 101% hedged (benchmark 100%)

See the statement of investment policy and objectives for more details on the Scheme's currency hedging strategy.

Key personnel

| Name | Current position | Time in current position | Previous or other current position | Time in previous or other current position |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--|
| Jack Sutherland ³ | Head of Investment Strategy, Australia - Investments, WTW | 0 years and 8 months | Associate Director, Investment Strategy – Investments, WTW | 6 years and 6 months |
| Anna Boyle | Portfolio Manager - Sector Funds, BT Funds Management (NZ) Ltd | 2 years and 1 month | Investment Manager, Trust Investment Management Limited | 1 year and 2 months |
| Bruce Kerr | Chairman, Westpac New Zealand Staff Superannuation Scheme Trustee Limited | 8 years and 2 months | Chairman of Trustees, Westpac New Zealand Staff Superannuation Scheme | 16 years and 5 months |
| Philip Houghton-Brown | Head of Investment Solutions, BT Funds Management (NZ) Ltd | 3 years and 10 months | Chief Investment Officer, Mercer (N.Z.) Limited | 3 years and 7 months |

Further information

You can also obtain this information, the product disclosure statement for the Scheme and some additional information from the offers register at disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz.

The Scheme's statement of investment policy and objectives is available from the schemes register at disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz.

Notes

1. The annual return on the composite index (including relevant market indices and peer group index) has been used in the following ways, because there is no appropriate market index for the Fund as a whole:
 - o *How has the fund performed?:* In the table relating to how the Fund has performed and in the bar graph. A composite index may be a less reliable indicator of performance than an appropriate market index. The composite index has been used for the period from 1 July 2017 to 31 October 2021. The return for the peer group index used in the composite index and reflected in the table and bar graph is net of fund charges and trading expenses (if any) but before tax. Imputation credits are included in the composite index. Additional information about the peer group index and market index is available on the offers register at discloseregister.companiesoffice.govt.nz.
2. Represents interests in a fund that invests in listed infrastructure assets.
3. Jack Sutherland was not named in the 30 June 2023 Fund Updates for the Scheme.