

# Fund Update

# For the quarter ended 31 March 2024

- Foundation Series Funds
- Foundation Series Hedged US 500 Fund

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#### What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Foundation Series Hedged US 500 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: The fund's objective is to perform broadly in line with the return of its investment benchmark before fees and tax over the long-term. The fund aims to have all foreign currency exposure hedged to the New Zealand dollar. The fund's investment benchmark is the Morningstar US Target Market Exposure TR Hedged NZD Index.

Strategy: The fund aims for high long-run returns by investing in an Exchange-Traded Fund ('ETF') that invests in shares of the largest companies listed on stock markets in the United States.

Total value of the fund	\$NZ 2,609,278
The date the fund started	5 February 2024

# What are the risks of investing?<sup>1</sup>

Risk indicator for the Foundation Series Hedged US 500 Fund.

$\leftarrow$	Potentially lower returns			Potentially	ırns 🖒	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$\langle \Box$	Lower risk				Highe	er 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 <a href="https://www.sorted.org.nz">www.sorted.org.nz</a>

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 March 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 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)	Not Applicable
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	Not Applicable
Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	29.30%

The market index return is the Morningstar US Target Market Exposure TR Hedged NZD. 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 www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz.

# What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the Foundation Series Hedged US 500 Fund are charged fund charges which are:

% of net asset value
(including GST)
0.03%
0.03%
0.03%
0.00%

The charges outlined above represent the fees charged within the ETFs (external management fees) and have been estimated based on information in the ETFs' disclosure documents. Note that the fees within the ETFs are not tax deductible.

Investors are charged each time they buy (entry fee) or sell (exit fee) units in the fund. These fees are charged to cover the costs of the underlying brokerage, foreign currency exchange, transaction fees and investment management service fees associated with investing in the underlying investments. Current entry and exit fees are 0.50%.

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds). See the Core Equity Funds PDS for the Foundation Series Funds on the offer register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz for more information about those fees.

# Example of how this applies to an investor

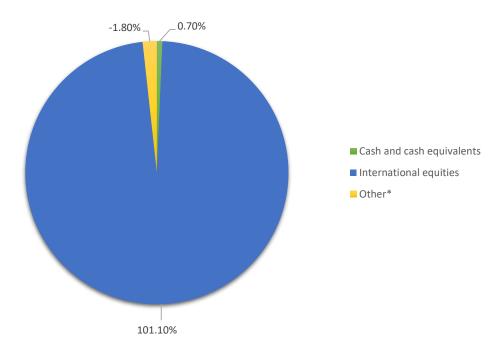
Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

Anthony had \$10,000 in the fund when the fund received its first contribution, 5 February 2024 and did not make any further contributions. He is charged an entry fee of 0.50%. This brings starting value of his investment to \$9,950. At the end of the period to 31 March 2024, Anthony received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$623 (that is 6.26% of his initial \$9,950 after entry fee). This gives Anthony a total return after tax of \$636 for the period.

# What does the fund invest in?

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

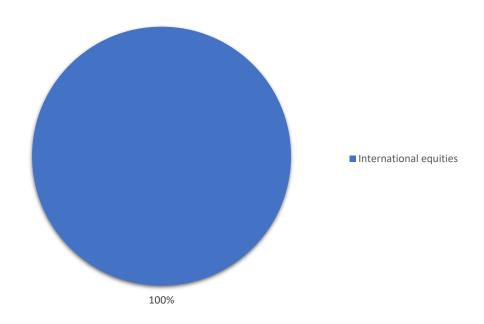
## **Actual investment mix**



<sup>\*</sup>Other includes currency contracts.

Foreign currency exposure was 99.44% hedged to New Zealand dollars as at 31 March 2024.

# **Target investment mix**



Top 10 investments<sup>3</sup>

		% of fund net assets	Туре	Country	Credit rating (if applicable)
1	Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	101.10%	International equities	US	
2	IB Margin (Foundation)	3.39%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	
3	Cash at Bank (BNZ)	0.72%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	AA-

The top 10 investments make up 105.21% of the net asset value 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 current position	Time in previous or other current position
Mike Heath	Investment Committee Member	4 years 0 months	General Manager, InvestNow	6 years 0 months
Anthony Edmonds	Investment Committee Member	4 years 0 months	Director, FundRock NZ and InvestNow	13 years 4 months
Anthony Sowerby	Investment Committee Member	4 years 0 months	Head of Investment Management Oversight, FundRock NZ	2 years 6 months
Jason Choy	Investment Committee Member	1 years 8 months	Senior Portfolio Manager, FundRock NZ and InvestNow	1 years 10 months

## **Further information**

You can also obtain this information, the Core Equity Funds PDS for the Foundation Series Funds, and some additional information from the offer register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz.

#### **Notes**

- 1 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. Market index returns have been used until 29 February 2024 and fund returns thereafter. The risk indicator may therefore provide a less reliable indicator of the fund's future volatility.
- <sup>2</sup> As the fund only started accepting contributions on 5 February 2024, historical fee information is not available.
- 3 The top 10 assets add up to more than 100% of NAV as the fund also has liabilities which offsets these assets.