

# FUND UPDATE

## MERCER GROWTH FUND MERCER KIWISAVER SCHEME

Quarter ending 30 September 2017

This fund update was first made publicly available on: 30 October 2017.

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS UPDATE?

This document tells you how the Mercer Growth fund has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. Mercer (N.Z.) Limited prepared this update in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013.

This information is not audited and may be updated.

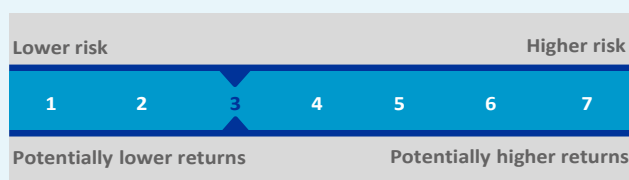
### DESCRIPTION OF THIS FUND

Invests mainly in growth assets such as shares, real assets and alternative assets with only a limited amount in cash and fixed interest. May be suitable for investors wanting to invest mostly in growth assets who are comfortable accepting more volatile returns than those expected from the Balanced fund with a view to achieving higher longer-term returns.

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Total value of the fund       | \$56,780,460     |
| Number of members in the fund | 2,638            |
| Date the fund started         | 18 February 2015 |

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF INVESTING?

**Risk indicator for the Mercer Growth 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/investment-kickstarter](http://www.sorted.org.nz/tools/investment-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.

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 30 September 2017. 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.

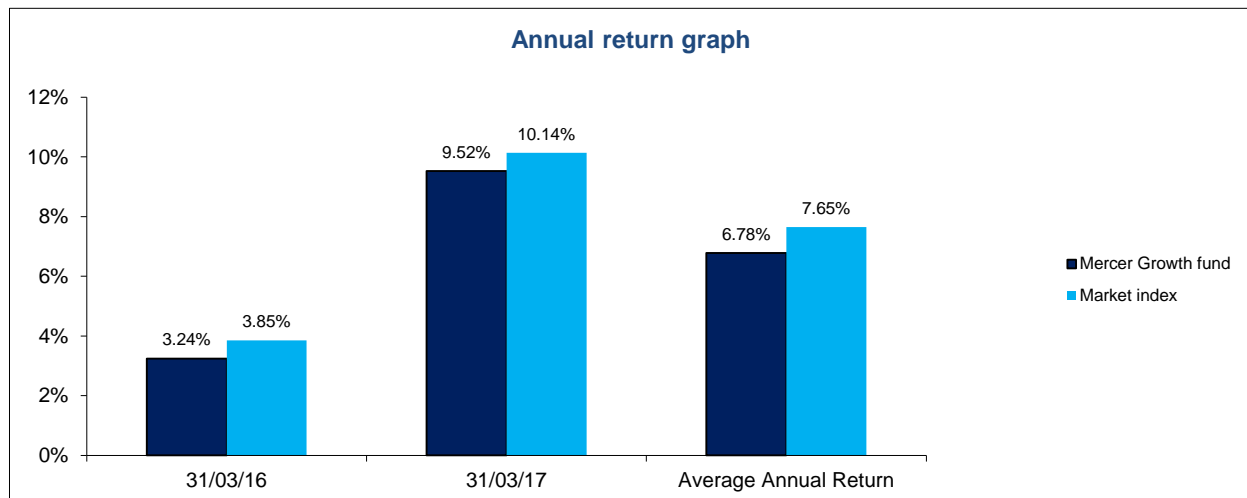
See the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) for more information about the risks associated with investing in this fund.

† A combination of actual fund returns and market index returns have been used to determine the risk indicator as the fund commenced operation on 18 February 2015. The risk indicator may therefore provide a less reliable indicator of the potential future volatility of the fund. For the five year period ending 30 September 2017 market index returns have been used up to 28 February 2015 with actual fund returns used for the balance of the period to 30 September 2017.

## HOW HAS THE FUND PERFORMED?

|  | Past year |
|--|-----------|
| <b>Annual return</b><br><i>(after deductions for charges and tax)</i>                    | 10.71%    |
| <b>Annual return</b><br><i>(after deductions for charges but before tax)</i>             | 11.74%    |
| <b>Market index annual return</b><br><i>(reflects no deductions for charges and tax)</i> | 10.20%    |

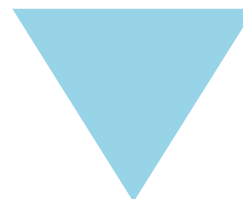
The market index return is the strategic asset allocation weighted benchmark index return, where the benchmark indices are defined in the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives. Additional information about the market index is available on the offer register.



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 30 September 2017. Note that market indices reflect no deduction for charges and tax.

**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 Mercer Growth fund pay fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2017 these were:

|  | % of net asset value              |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL FUND CHARGES</b>                          | 1.07%                             |
| Which are made up of:                              |                                   |
| <b>TOTAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION CHARGES</b> | 1.07%                             |
| Including:   |                                   |
| Manager's basic fee                                | 0.77%                             |
| Other management and administration charges*       | 0.30%                             |
| <b>TOTAL PERFORMANCE BASED FEES</b>                | 0.00%                             |
| <b>OTHER CHARGES</b>                               | <b>Dollar amount per investor</b> |
| Membership Fee                                     | \$30.00 <sup>1</sup>              |

\*Note: Included within 'Other management and administration charges' are performance-based fees charged by external managers of underlying funds that the fund invested into which totalled 0.23%. Over the past five years, for similar funds operated by Mercer, performance based fees have averaged 0.07%. Performance-based fees are subject to market movements and external manager performance and the amount of these fees for any given period may materially differ from those disclosed for the year 31 March 2017.

These are not included in the line 'Total Performance Based Fees' as this line relates to direct charges from the manager.

Investors are not currently charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds). See the Mercer KiwiSaver scheme PDS for more information about Scheme fees. Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

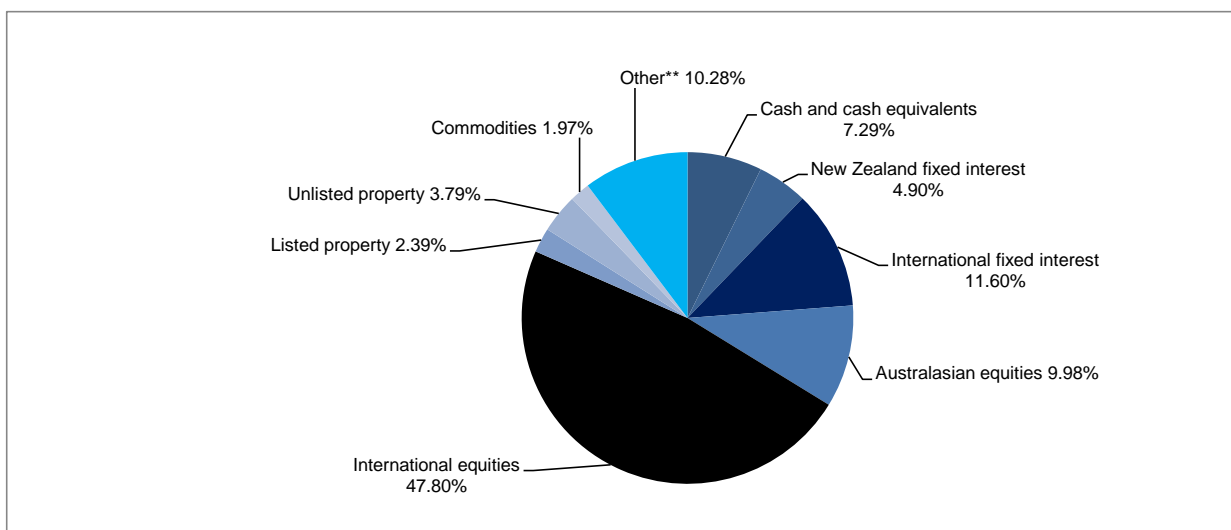
## EXAMPLE OF HOW THIS APPLIES TO AN INVESTOR

Ben had \$10,000 in the fund at the start of the year and didn't make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Ben received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$1071.00 (10.71% of his initial \$10,000). Ben also paid \$30.00 in other charges. This gives Ben a total return after tax of \$1041.00 for the year.

## WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

### Actual investment mix

This shows the types of assets that the fund invests in.<sup>2</sup>



\*\*Includes listed and unlisted infrastructure assets and alternatives

## 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   | 5.00%  |
| International fixed interest | 16.00% |
| Australasian equities        | 12.00% |
| International equities       | 44.00% |
| Listed property              | 3.50%  |
| Unlisted property            | 3.50%  |
| Commodities                  | 2.00%  |
| Other*                       | 10.00% |

\*Includes listed and unlisted infrastructure assets and alternatives

## TOP 10 INVESTMENTS

| Name   | % of fund net assets | Type                         | Country     | Credit rating (if available) |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1 ANZ Wholesale Sovereign Bond Fund                          | 4.80%                | New Zealand fixed interest   | New Zealand | NA                           |
| 2 AMP Capital Investors NZ Cash Fund                         | 4.71%                | Cash and cash equivalents    | New Zealand | NA                           |
| 3 BNP New Zealand Dollar Custodial Account Growth Portfolio  | 1.96%                | Cash and cash equivalents    | New Zealand | NA                           |
| 4 Challenger Harris Global Sovereign Bond Trust              | 1.85%                | International fixed interest | Australia   | NA                           |
| 5 Fidelity Select Global Small Cap Fund                      | 1.72%                | International equities       | Australia   | NA                           |
| 6 Blackrock Global Enhanced Emerging Markets Fund - E Class  | 1.62%                | International equities       | Australia   | NA                           |
| 7 First State Investments Global Listed Infrastructure Fund  | 1.42%                | Other**                      | New Zealand | NA                           |
| 8 Robeco Global Credit                                       | 1.20%                | International fixed interest | Australia   | NA                           |
| 9 Macquarie True Index Emerging Market Fund                  | 1.08%                | International equities       | Australia   | NA                           |
| 10 Macquarie True Index Emerging Markets Value Weighted Fund | 1.07%                | International equities       | Australia   | NA                           |

\*\*An investment in a fund that is primarily comprised of listed infrastructure assets.

The top 10 investments make up 21.43% of the fund.

### Currency hedging

Currency hedging can apply to some of the asset classes this fund invests in. The level of currency hedging for global shares is managed between 0% and 100% and may change over time depending on Mercer's view of the relative strength (or weakness) of the New Zealand dollar. Other global assets classes (Global Fixed Interest and Real Assets), target a 100% net of tax hedge to the New Zealand dollar. Refer to the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives for more information which is available from [www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose](http://www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose).

## 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/other position                                | Time in previous/other position |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Ross Butler                | Chairman - Mercer (N.Z) Ltd   | 4 years<br>9 months      | Chairman - Mercer Investment Nominees (NZ) Ltd         | 2 years                         |
| Martin Lewington           | CEO - Mercer (N.Z.) Ltd   | 8 years<br>7 months      | Head of Investments - Mercer (N.Z.) Ltd                | 3 years<br>8 months             |
| Philip Houghton-Brown      | Chief Investment Officer - New Zealand, Mercer (N.Z.) Ltd             | 5 years<br>2 months      | Chief Investment Officer - Onepath (NZ) Ltd            | 5 years<br>3 months             |
| Philip Graham <sup>3</sup> | Deputy Chief Investment Officer - Pacific, Mercer Australia (Pty) Ltd | 6 years<br>2 months      | Senior Portfolio Strategist Mercer Australia (Pty) Ltd | 4 years<br>2 months             |

## FURTHER INFORMATION

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the Mercer KiwiSaver scheme and some additional information from the offer register at [www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose](http://www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose).

## NOTES

1. Membership fees are the fixed dollar charges for membership of the scheme. A lower membership fee may apply for some investors.
2. For asset allocation reporting purposes cash retained for liquidity management at a sector level is assigned to the asset class to which it relates to and is not separately identified.
3. For the quarter ending September 2017, Philip Graham has also held the role of Acting Chief Investment Officer – Pacific, Mercer Australia (Pty) Ltd.

### Got any questions?

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