

# **Fund update**

# Mercer Global Shares Fund Mercer Investment Funds

#### **Quarter ending 30 September 2023**

This fund update was first made publicly available on: 30 October 2023

## What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Mercer Global Shares 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**

The fund invests in international shares listed on share markets around the world by using investment managers from around the world which are combined in a multi-manager fund. Environmental, Social and Governance characteristics are integrated into the underlying investment managers' investment processes where applicable. The fund aims to provide a Gross Return<sup>1</sup> above the return of the MSCI All Country World ex Tobacco Index with net dividends reinvested (69% gross hedged to the New Zealand dollar) on a rolling three year basis.

Total value of the fund \$27,017,350

The date the fund started 13 December 1994

# What are the risks of investing?

#### Risk indicator for the Mercer Global Shares 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 5 years to 30 September 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.

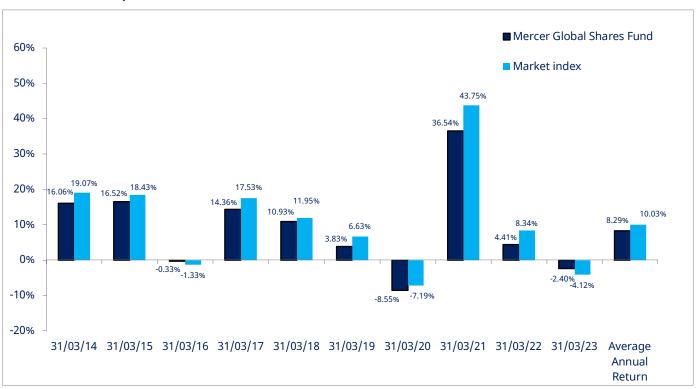
See the product disclosure statement (PDS) for more information about the risks associated with investing in this fund.

## How has the fund performed?

	Average over past 5 years	Past year
Annual return <sup>2</sup>	5.44%	16.24%
(after deductions for charges and tax)		
Annual return <sup>2</sup>	6.19%	18.58%
(after deductions for charges but before tax)		
Market index annual return <sup>2</sup>	7.15%	17.66%
(reflects no deduction for charges and tax)		

The market index annual return is based on the MSCI All Country World ex Tobacco Index with net dividends reinvested (50% hedged to NZD on a net after tax basis, based on the current maximum PIR). Additional information about the market index is available on the offer register at **www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz.** 

#### **Annual Return Graph<sup>3</sup>**



This shows the return after fund charges and tax for each of the last 10 years ending 31 March. The last bar shows the average annual return for the last 10 years, up to 30 September 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 Mercer Global Shares Fund are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2023 these were:

	% of net asset value
Total fund charges	1.30%
Which are made up of:	
Total management and administration charges	1.30%
Including:	
Manager's basic fee (excluding GST <sup>4</sup> )	1.00%
Other management and administration charges (including GST)	0.30%
Total performance based fees	0.00%

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 Mercer Global Shares Funds on the offer register at **www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz** for more information about those 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**

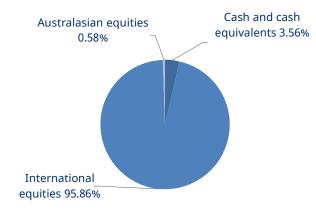
Ben had \$10,000 in the fund at the start of the year and did not make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Ben received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$1,624.00 (that is 16.24% of his initial \$10,000). Ben also paid \$0.00 in other charges. This gives Ben a total return after tax of \$1,624.00 for the year.



#### What does the fund invest in?

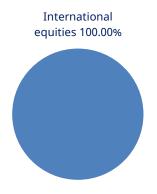
#### **Actual investment mix**

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



#### **Target investment mix**

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



**Top 10 Investments** 

Top to investments						
Name	% of fund net assets	Туре	Country	Credit rating (if available)		
AMP Future Directions Emerging Markets Share Fund	10.84%	International equities	Australia	NA		
Microsoft Corporation	4.78%	International equities	United States	NA		
Apple Inc	3.85%	International equities	United States	NA		
Facebook Inc USD Class A	3.12%	International equities	United States	NA		
Nvidia Corporation	2.48%	International equities	United States	NA		
TotalEnergies SE	2.44%	International equities	France	NA		
Alphabet Inc Cap Class C	2.37%	International equities	United States	NA		
UnitedHealth Group Inc Stock	1.56%	International equities	United States	NA		
Amazon Inc	1.54%	International equities	United States	NA		
Novo Nordisk Ordinary Shares Class B	1.44%	International equities	Denmark	NA		

The top 10 investments make up 34.42% of the fund.

#### **Currency management**

The fund targets a position of being 50% hedged to the New Zealand dollar (on a net of tax basis) with the hedges based on the currency weights of the underlying index. Currency hedges are normally rebalanced monthly but may be adjusted intra-month for significant cash flows. See the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives on the scheme register at **www.discloseregister.companiesoffice.govt.nz** for more information about currency management.

Hedging coverage, on a net of tax basis, for the Fund's exposure to foreign currency as at 30 September 2023 was 50.10%.



## **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	Chair - Mercer (N.Z.) Ltd	0 years 5 months	Director - Mercer Investments (Australia) Limited (current)	10 years 1 month
Martin Lewington	CEO - Mercer (N.Z.) Ltd	14 years 7 months	Head of Investments - Mercer (N.Z.) Ltd	3 years 8 months
Kylie Willment	Chief Investment Officer, Pacific, Mercer Australia (Pty) Ltd	5 years 11 months	Senior Manager, Investment & Client Strategy - TCorp (NSW Treasury Corporation)	17 years 0 months
Padraig Brown	Chief Investment Officer - New Zealand, Mercer (N.Z.) Ltd	1 year 4 months	Head of Real Estate Investment Management, Mercer Australia (Pty) Ltd	11 years 2 months
Robert Kavanagh	Head of Portfolio Management NZ - Mercer (N.Z.) Ltd	9 years 6 months	Vice President - Account Management, PIMCO Australia Pty Limited	7 years 0 months

#### **Further information**

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the Mercer Global Shares Funds and some additional information from the offer register at **www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz**.

#### **Notes**

- 1. Gross Return is the return before the deduction of tax, expenses and fees and assumes all income is reinvested.
- 2. These returns are for the periods ending 30 September 2023.
- 3. The bar graph shows fund returns after the deduction of fees and tax, however, the market index returns are shown before any fees or tax are deducted.
- 4. GST is currently charged at 15% on 10% of the management fee in accordance with the non- binding IRD agreement with the Financial Services Council of New Zealand Incorporated on behalf of the funds management industry. GST on management fees is currently under review and therefore this percentage may change in the future.

