

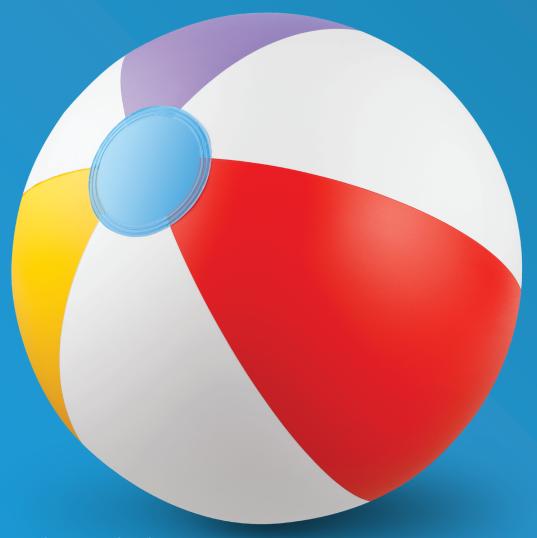
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# **Product Disclosure Statement**

This is a replacement product disclosure statement. It replaces the product disclosure statement dated 1 June 2023.

This document gives you important information about this investment to help you decide whether you want to invest. There is other useful information about this offer on www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz. Mercer (N.Z.) Limited has prepared this document in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (FMC Act). You can also seek advice from a financial advice provider to help you to make an investment decision.

Issuer: Mercer (N.Z.) Limited



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### 01/Key information summary

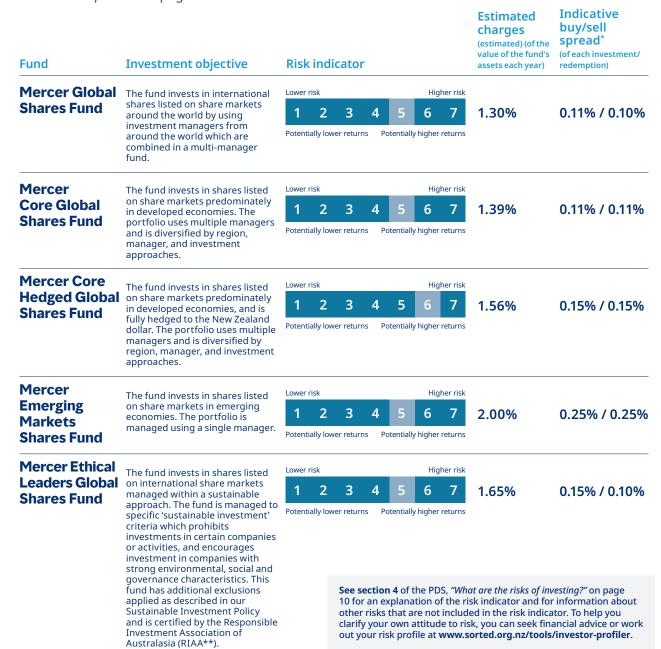
#### What is this?

This is a managed investment scheme. Your money will be pooled with other investors' money and invested in various investments. Mercer (N.Z.) Limited will invest your money and charge you a fee for its services. The returns you receive are dependent on the investment decisions of Mercer (N.Z.) Limited, and of its investment managers and the performance of the investments. The value of those investments may go up or down. The types of investments and the fees you will be charged are described in this document.

### What will your money be invested in?

There are five investment options offered under this Product Disclosure Statement (PDS).

These investment options are summarised below. More information about the investment target and strategy for each investment option is provided in section 3 of the PDS, "Description of your investment options" on page 8.



<sup>\*</sup>These buy/sell spreads are stated as at the date of the PDS and are indicative only. They may change at any time without notice to investors. For more information about buy/sell spreads and how they are calculated see section 5 of the PDS "What are the fees" on page 11.

<sup>\*\*</sup>RIAA is the industry body representing responsible and ethical investors across Australia and New Zealand. For more information on RIAA and what certification means, please see the offer register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz in the document titled 'Other material information', located under the 'Documents' tab on the managed fund offer register for the Mercer Investment Funds.

### Who manages the Mercer Global Shares Funds?

The manager of the funds is currently Mercer (N.Z.) Limited (Manager, we, us or our).

See section 7 of the PDS, "Who is involved?" on page 13 for more information about us.

### How can you get your money out?

You may at any time request the redemption of some or all of your investment. For each fund, payment will normally be made within 10 business days of the Manager receiving a redemption request from you.

We have the ability, in certain circumstances, to suspend redemptions (for instance, where we believe, in good faith, that it is not practicable or would be prejudicial to investors' interests for the Supervisor to realise assets or borrow to permit redemptions – this could be because of market or asset conditions or other circumstances).

See section 2 of the PDS, "How does this investment work?" on page 6 for more information.

Your investment in the Mercer Global Shares Funds can be sold but there is no established market for trading these financial products. This means that you may not be able to find a buyer for your investment.

### How will your investment be taxed?

All of the funds offered under this PDS are investment options under the Mercer Investment Funds Scheme. The Mercer Investment Funds Scheme is a Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE).

The amount of tax you pay in respect of a PIE is based on your Prescribed Investor Rate (PIR). To determine your PIR go to ird.govt.nz/pir.

See section 6 of the PDS, "What taxes will you pay?" on page 13 for more information.

## Where can you find more key information?

Mercer (N.Z.) Limited is required to publish quarterly updates for each fund. The updates show the returns, and the total fees actually charged to investors, during the previous year. The latest fund updates are available at **multimanager.mercer.co.nz**. The Manager will also give you copies of those documents on request.

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### 02/How does this investment work?

This PDS is an offer to purchase units in the Mercer Global Shares Funds. Each of the funds offered under this PDS is constituted within a managed investment scheme that is governed by a trust deed dated 24 November 2015 as amended and restated on 6 March 2023 (the Mercer Investment Funds Trust Deed).

The money you invest buys units in the fund or funds you choose. Each fund invests in assets, such as shares. The units do not give you legal ownership of the fund's assets but they do give you rights to the returns from the assets.

The price of each unit depends on the value of the fund at the time you invest and any buy spread that applies to that fund. We calculate the unit price for a fund by dividing the Current Value of the fund by the number of units the fund has issued. The unit price is calculated each business day.

A change in the value of the fund's assets affects the value of your units. The unit price for a fund will change as the market value of that fund's assets changes.

The number of units you have, when multiplied by the unit price, gives you the total value of your investment in any one fund (although the impact of tax can result in a change in the number of units you hold, up or down).

The assets of a fund are not available to meet the liabilities of any other fund in the scheme.

Investing in managed funds can help you achieve your savings goals and create greater wealth for the future by offering you:

- **Diversification:** Pooling together large amounts of money enables fund managers to invest in a spread of assets which allows diversification and aims to reduce the risk of your investment portfolio. It also provides access to markets and securities that might otherwise be out of reach.
- Professional management: Employing the expertise and resources of a professional manager is particularly beneficial if you do not have the time or the skill to manage your own investments.
- **Simplified investing:** Fund managers take care of the paperwork involved in buying, selling, reporting and record keeping.

The return on your investment comes from any increase or decrease in the unit price.

The funds offered under this PDS do not make distributions. Accordingly, any income of these funds is reflected in their unit price.

Environmental, Social and Governance characteristics are integrated into the investment processes of the funds in this product disclosure statement in accordance with Mercer's Sustainable Investment Policy available at www.discloseregister.companiesoffice.govt.nz (search under "Offers" for Mercer Investment Funds).

### **Making investments**

Investments in the funds under this PDS may usually only be made through an administration and custodial service we deal with. As such, you will not be a direct investor in a Fund and will not have a direct relationship with the Supervisor or ourselves. Instead, the Supervisor and the Manager have a direct relationship with the administration and custodial service, and they will be able to exercise any rights attached to units held. We will send all reports, distribution notifications, and documentation to the administration and custodial service, not directly to you.

You should refer to the administration and custodial service terms and the relevant marketing information about investing in the funds through that service.

If you wish to invest in the funds and you do not have a financial advisor or administration and custodial service then please contact us using the contact details in section 7 of this PDS, "Who is involved?" on page 13.

### Withdrawing your investments

You may request a redemption of some or all of your investment at any time. For each fund, payment will normally be made within 10 business days of our receiving a redemption request from you. However, we have the ability, in certain circumstances, to suspend redemptions (for instance, where we believe, in good faith, that it is not practicable or would be prejudicial to investors' interests for the Supervisor to realise assets or borrow to permit redemptions – this could be because of market or asset conditions or other circumstances).

When you redeem all or part of your investment from a fund, we will redeem your investment at the unit price for that fund adjusted for the applicable sell spread for that fund.

#### How to switch between funds

You may at any time request to switch your investment between the funds offered under this PDS or to any other Mercer Investment Fund offered by us. A switch will be treated as a redemption from one fund or funds and an application into the other fund or funds.

You will not be charged a switch fee but the buy and sell spreads will apply on each redemption and application under the switch. More information about the buy and sell spreads can be found in section 5 of the PDS, "What are the fees?" on page 11.

This PDS provides information on the Mercer Global Shares Funds. Information on other Mercer Investment Funds not offered under this PDS is provided in the following PDS documents:

- Mercer Cash and Fixed Interest Funds PDS
- Mercer Goals Based Funds PDS
- Mercer New Zealand and Australian Shares Funds PDS
- Mercer Property and Infrastructure Funds PDS
- Mercer Ethical Leaders Diversified Funds PDS
- Mercer Index Funds PDS.

### 03/Description of your investment options

Fund, investment objective and strategy

Target investment mix

Risk category

#### Mercer Global Shares Fund

**Objective:** To provide a Gross Return 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.

**Strategy:** Investments are spread across a range of international share markets, including developed and emerging economies. The portfolio is further diversified by region, manager, and investment approach with the aim of delivering more stable returns.

The fund targets a position of being 69% gross hedged to the New Zealand dollar. The hedges are based on the currency components of the underlying index.



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Minimum suggested investment timeframe 5 years

#### **Mercer Core Global Shares Fund**

**Objective:** To provide a Gross Return above the return of the MSCI World ex Tobacco Index with net dividends reinvested on a rolling three-year basis.

**Strategy:** Investment is in a diversified portfolio of international shares using a range of investment managers. By actively managing the fund's exposure to each investment manager, it enables the fund to respond to changes in market themes which can drive share markets. The fund's exposure to global shares is through investment in PIE funds. The majority of these underlying funds hold shares directly.

The fund's foreign currency exposures are not hedged back to New Zealand dollars.



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Minimum suggested investment timeframe: 5 years

# Mercer Core Hedged Global Shares Fund

**Objective:** To provide a Gross Return above the return of the MSCI World ex Tobacco Index with net dividends reinvested (139% gross hedged to the New Zealand dollar) on a rolling three-year basis

**Strategy:** The fund's exposure to global shares is through investment in the Mercer Core Global Shares Fund. The Mercer Core Global Shares Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of international shares using a range of investment managers. By actively managing its exposure to each underlying investment manager, the Mercer Core Global Shares Fund is able to respond to changes in market themes which can drive share markets. The underlying funds are PIE funds and the majority of these funds hold shares directly.

The fund targets a position of being 139% gross hedged to the New Zealand dollar. The hedges are based on the currency components of the underlying index.



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investment timeframe: 5 years

Target investment mix

Risk category

# Mercer Emerging Markets Shares Fund

**Objective:** To provide a Gross Return above the MSCI Emerging Market ex Tobacco Index with net dividends reinvested on a rolling three to five-year basis.

**Strategy:** The fund's exposure to global shares is through investment in shares listed on share markets of emerging market economies. The fund's foreign currency exposures are not normally hedged back to New Zealand dollars.



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Minimum suggested investment timeframe: 5 years

# Mercer Ethical Leaders Global Shares Fund

**Objective:** To outperform the MSCI World Index with net dividends reinvested (69% gross hedged to the New Zealand dollar) on a rolling five-year basis.

**Strategy:** Investment is in a portfolio of predominantly global shares which is generally exposed to companies with a sustainable competitive advantage, across a range of markets. The fund takes a sustainable investment approach, which integrates environmental, social and governance factors while avoiding companies or industries with recognised high negative social impact. This fund has been certified by the Responsible Investment Association of Australasia (RIAA').

The fund targets a position of being 69% gross hedged to the New Zealand dollar. The hedges are based on the currency components of the underlying index.



The Manager can make changes to the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO) of any fund in accordance with the Trust Deed and the FMC Act. Before making changes to the SIPO, the Manager will consider if the changes are in your best interests and consult with the Supervisor. We will give notice of changes to unit holders of the relevant fund prior to effecting any material changes. The most current SIPO for the funds can be found on the scheme register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz.

The Manager's use of the various market indices referred to here is subject to certain terms, conditions and disclaimers as described in the offer register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz in the document titled 'Other material information', located under the 'Documents' tab on the managed fund offer register for the Mercer Investment Funds.

Further information about the assets in each fund can be found in the fund updates at multimanager.mercer.co.nz.

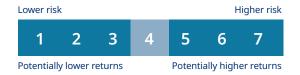
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### 04/What are the risks of investing?

### Understanding the risk indicator

Managed funds in New Zealand must have a standard risk indicator. The risk indicator is designed to help investors understand the uncertainties both for loss and growth that may affect their investment. You can compare funds using the risk indicator.

#### This is an example of a risk indicator:



See section 1 of the PDS, "Key information summary" on page 3 for the risk indicators for the funds offered under this PDS.

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 (volatility). 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 may be other risks (described under the heading "Other specific 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 years to 30 June 2023. While risk indicators are usually relatively stable, they do shift from time to time. You can see the most recent risk indicator in the latest fund updates for these funds.

#### General investment risks

Some of the things that may cause the funds' value to move up and down, which affect the risk indicator, are:

Market risk

Market risk is the risk of losses in a fund's investments arising due to the market prices of those investments changing. Market risk in emerging markets may be higher, as these markets are smaller and have greater volatility than securities markets in more developed countries.

This is of significance to the Mercer Global Shares Funds offered under this PDS as the assets of those funds are market linked and some are held in emerging markets. As a result, they may be susceptible to increased general market fluctuations and individual security price fluctuations.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk of exchange rate fluctuations between the New Zealand dollar (the currency in which the funds are valued) and foreign currencies

Currency risk will affect funds that invest in offshore assets that are not fully hedged back to New Zealand dollars. The Mercer Global Shares Funds all have some or all of the assets invested offshore and therefore the returns of these funds can be affected by movements between the New Zealand dollar and other currencies if they are not adequately hedged.

The currency management policy for each fund is detailed in the SIPO.

Liquidity risk

In volatile market conditions, a fund's assets may not necessarily be as easily realisable as they may have been at a previous point in time, or may only be able to be realised at a lower value than might be expected in normal market conditions. This could have a negative effect on the value of a fund's assets and its performance, and in turn may affect the value of your investment, the returns you receive from the fund and the applicable buy/sell spreads.

### Other specific risks

There are circumstances which may arise and significantly increase the risk to returns for investors (and which are not already reflected in the risk indicators). These risks relate to Mercer's particular approach to management of the funds' investments.

Manager of managers

Mercer is a "manager of managers" and therefore there is the risk that a manager we select underperforms, resulting in lower returns than the relevant market or objective. To reduce this risk, we have a thorough manager research and monitoring process, and we also diversify across a number of managers.

Sustainable Investment risk

Mercer believes a sustainable investment approach is more likely to create and preserve long-term capital. In order to follow a sustainable investment approach, core exclusions are applied to these funds which may mean they are less diversified in the investment options they can pursue. This means that they may forego some potentially profitable opportunities on ethical grounds, for the benefit of sustainability.

#### More information

More information about risks including active management risk (as a specific risk), can be found in the document headed "Other Material Information" available at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice. govt.nz (search under "Offers" for Mercer Investment Funds).

### 05/What are the fees?

You will be charged fees for investing in the Mercer Global Shares Funds. Fees are deducted from your investment and will reduce your returns. If any of the funds invest in other funds, those other funds may also charge fees. The fees you pay will be charged in two ways:

- **Regular charges:** (for example annual fund charges). Small differences in these fees can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.
- One-off fees: (for example the initial buy spread).

### **Annual fund charges**

Fund	Management fees (excluding GST)	Estimated administration charges (including GST)	Total annual fund charges
Mercer Global Shares Fund	1.00%	0.30%	1.30%
Mercer Core Global Shares Fund	1.15%	0.24%	1.39%
Mercer Core Hedged Global Shares Fund	1.15%	0.41%	1.56%
Mercer Emerging Markets Shares Fund	1.35%	0.65%	2.00%
Mercer Ethical Leaders Global Shares Fund	1.35%	0.30%	1.65%

#### Management fees

We charge an annual management fee to each fund as set out above. 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.

#### **Administration charges**

These charges cover the general management of the fund e.g., supervisor, legal, custodian and audit fees. Subject to the exception noted below, they also cover charges payable in respect of the underlying funds that the above funds invest in, including performance fees in non-related underlying funds. These charges are an estimate. Actual charges over the previous 12 months are available in the latest fund update.

#### **Buy/Sell spreads**

Indicative buy and sell spreads as at the date of this PDS are set out in the table below:

	Buy spread	Sell spread
Mercer Global Shares Fund	0.11%	0.10%
Mercer Core Global Shares Fund	0.11%	0.11%
Mercer Core Hedged Global Shares Fund	0.15%	0.15%
Mercer Emerging Markets Shares Fund	0.25%	0.25%
Mercer Ethical Leaders Global Shares Fund	0.15%	0.10%

These spreads may change at any time and without notice to investors.

### **Explanation**

### **Buy/Sell spreads**

The purpose of buy/sell spreads is to ensure fair treatment of all investors in the fund by making sure that any trading costs incurred as a result of an investor entering or leaving the fund are borne by that investor, and not other investors in the fund.

When you enter or leave a fund, the buy or sell spread will be a cost to you. The buy spread is added to the unit price on entry to the fund, and the sell spread is deducted from the unit price on exit from the fund. The buy/sell spreads belong to the fund and are not fees paid to us. There is no GST charged on buy/sell spreads.

We determine the buy/sell spreads based on what we consider to be the expected trading expenses incurred by the fund in carrying out the buy/sell request. Buy/sell spreads may rapidly change in stressed market conditions and therefore we will regularly review the spreads to ensure they are appropriate for the prevailing market conditions. We may change the buy/ sell spreads from time to time and without notice to investors. To view the current buy/sell spreads applicable to the funds, please go to multimanager.mercer.co.nz.

There are no other one-off fees currently being charged to any of the funds offered under this PDS.

# Example of how fees apply to an investor

Kate invests \$10,000 in the Mercer Emerging Markets Shares Fund. A buy spread of 0.25% is incorporated in the unit price that she pays for her investment. This equates to \$25.

This brings the starting value of her investment to \$9,975.

She is also charged management and administration fees, which work out to about \$199.50 (2.00% of \$9,975). These fees might be more or less if the value of her investment has increased or decreased over the year.

### Estimated total fees for the first year

Buy spread	\$25
Fund charges	\$199.50

See the latest fund update for an example of the actual returns and fees investors were charged over the past year.

This example applies only to the Mercer Emerging Markets Shares Fund. If you are considering investing in other funds in the scheme, this example may not be representative of the actual fees you may be charged.

### The fees can be changed

We can change fees from time to time. We can also add new fees. The rules about fee changes are in the Trust Deed which can be found on the scheme register at www.disclose-register. companiesoffice.govt.nz.

Mercer (N.Z.) Limited must publish a fund update for each fund showing the fees actually charged during the most recent year. Fund updates, including past updates are available on the offer register at www.disclose-register. companiesoffice.govt.nz.

### 06/What taxes will you pay?

All of the funds offered under this PDS are investment options under the Mercer Investment Funds Scheme. The Mercer Investment Funds Scheme is a Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE). The amount of tax you pay is based on your PIR. To determine your PIR, go to ird.govt.nz/roles/portfolio-investment-entities/find-my-prescribed-investor-rate. If you are unsure of your PIR, we recommend you seek professional advice or contact Inland Revenue. It is your responsibility to tell the Manager (or, if you invest through an administration and/or custodial service, the provider of that service) your PIR when you invest or if your PIR changes. If you do not tell the Manager (or the provider of the administration and/or custodial service you invest through, if applicable), a default rate may be applied. If the rate applied to your PIE income is lower than your correct PIR, you will be required to pay any tax shortfall as part of the income tax year-end process. If the rate applied to your PIE income is higher than your PIR, any tax over-withheld will be used to reduce any income tax liability you may have for the tax year and any remaining amount will be refunded to you.

### 07/Who is involved?

### **About Mercer (N.Z.) Limited**

Mercer (N.Z.) Limited is the manager of the funds.

We can be contacted at:

Level 11, PwC Tower, 15 Customs Street West Auckland 1010

PO Box 105591 Auckland 1143

**Telephone:** +64 (9) 928 3193 **Email:** nzportfolios@mercer.com

#### Who else is involved?

	Name	Role
Supervisor	The New Zealand Guardian Trust Company Limited	Supervisor of the funds under the FMC Act, responsible for supervising Mercer (N.Z.) Limited as manager of the funds.
Custodian	BNP Paribas Fund Services Australasia Pty Ltd	Appointed by the Supervisor to hold the assets of the funds on behalf of investors.
Administration Manager	BNP Paribas Fund Services Australasia Pty Ltd	Appointed by the Manager. Provides administration functions for the funds.

### **08/How to complain**

# Please direct any complaints about your investment to Mercer at:

Mercer (N.Z.) Limited Level 11, PwC Tower, 15 Customs Street West Auckland 1010

PO Box 105591 Auckland 1143

Attn: Complaints and Privacy Officer

Telephone: +64 (9) 928 3200 Email: feedbacknz@mercer.com

Mercer may consult the Supervisor when

considering your complaint.

# If we are unable to resolve your complaint, you may choose to contact the Supervisor at:

Senior Relationship Manager, Corporate Trusts The New Zealand Guardian Trust Company Limited

Level 2, Perpetual Guardian House 99 Customhouse Quay

PO Box 3845, Wellington 6140

Telephone: 0800 300 299

Mercer is a member of the Insurance and Financial Services Ombudsman Scheme (IFSO Scheme) and the supervisor is a member of Financial Services Complaints Limited (FSCL) - A Financial Ombudsman Service, both of which are independent dispute resolution schemes.

If you make a complaint to Mercer and the complaint has not been resolved, then you may refer it to the IFSO subject to certain conditions being met at:

Office of IFSO Level 2, Solnet House 70 The Terrace Wellington

Write to: PO Box 10-845

Wellington 6143

**Telephone:** 04 499 7612 or 0800 888 202

Email: info@ifso.nz

The IFSO will not charge a fee to any complainant to investigate or resolve a complaint.

Further information about referring a complaint to the IFSO can be found at www.ifso.nz.

### If you have made a complaint to the Supervisor, and it has not been resolved, you can refer it to FSCL at:

4th Floor, 101 Lambton Quay, Wellington PO Box 5967, Wellington 6140

**Telephone:** 0800 347 257

Email: complaints@fscl.org.nz

FSCL will not charge a fee to any complainant to investigate or resolve a complaint. Further information about referring a complaint to FSCL can be found at www.fscl.org.nz.

Different procedures apply for IFSO and FSCL. Full details can be obtained at their respective websites.

### 09/Where you can find more information

Further information relating to the Mercer Global Shares Funds is available on the offer register and the scheme register at **www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz** and a copy of information on the offer register or scheme register is available on request to the Registrar of Financial Service Providers.

### Other information we will provide

You can also obtain the following information, free of charge:

Information	How to obtain  The latest unit price is available on our website: multimanager.mercer.co.nz		
Latest unit price			
Fund information relevant to you	You can inspect documents we hold that are relevant to you, and other documents that are legally required to be provided to you, at our offices during normal business hours, or request an extract of those documents, by written request to us.		
Fund updates	The fund updates for the funds will be publicly available from our website and can be requested from us.		

You will also be sent an annual tax statement which will include the amount of PIE income allocated to you and the amount of tax paid at your chosen PIR. You will also be asked to confirm your IRD number and PIR.

You can find general information about the funds on our website multimanager.mercer.co.nz.

### 10/How to apply

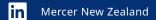
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We have entered into arrangements with select administration and custodial services in relation to investing in the funds. As such, you should contact your financial advisor or administration and custodial service for more information on minimum investment or withdrawal levels and cut off times for application. You should refer to the administration and custodial service terms and the relevant marketing information about investing in the funds through that service.

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