ASB Investment Funds Aggressive Fund

Fund Update for the quarter ending 31 March 2025
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What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Aggressive Fund has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. ASB Group Investments 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

To provide the highest total returns of the Funds allowing for the largest movements of value up and down. The number of years with negative returns are generally expected to be the highest of the multi-sector funds in the ASB Investment Funds. We manage asset allocation and currency hedging over the medium to long term relative to the target investment mix. We focus on cost effective management. The Aggressive Fund invests in income and growth assets with a target investment mix of 6% income assets and 94% growth assets.

| Total value of the fund | \$30,048,260 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Number of investors in the fund | 1,269 |
| The date the fund started | 22/11/2023 |

What are the risks of investing?

Risk indicator for Aggressive Fund¹



¹As the fund has not been in existence for five full years its risk indicator has been calculated using market index returns as well as actual returns. As a result, the risk indicator may provide a less reliable indicator of the potential future volatility of the fund. Market index returns have been used for the period from 1 April 2020 to 21 November 2023.

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 http://www.sorted.org.nz/tools/investor-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.

The risk indicator is not a guarantee of a fund's future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for a 5 year period to 31 March 2025. 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.

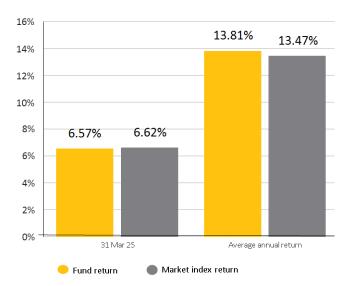
The risk indicator may not be a reliable indicator of the risk or returns that a fund is likely to experience in the future. For example, the risk indicator may be different if it was based on returns over a longer period.

How has the fund performed?

| | Past year |
|---|-----------|
| Annual return | |
| (after deductions for charges and tax) | 6.57% |
| Annual return | |
| (after deductions for charges but before tax) | 7.30% |
| Market index annual return | |
| (reflects no deduction for charges and tax) | 6.62% |

The market index return is calculated using the market index for each asset class and the target investment mix which applied during the relevant period. The market index for each asset class and the target investment mix which applied during the relevant period are each as described in the Statements of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO) which applied during the relevant period. Additional information about the market index is available on the offer register at disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz (search for ASB Investment Funds).

Annual return graph



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 since the fund started, up to 31 March 2025.

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 Aggressive Fund are charged fund charges. Estimates of these are*:

| | % of net asset value |
|---|----------------------|
| Total fund charges ² | 1.18% |
| Which are made up of: | |
| Total management and administration charges | 1.18% |
| Including: | |
| Manager's basic fee | 1.10% |
| Other management and administration charges | 0.08% |
| Total performance-based fees | 0.00% |
| Other charges | Nil |

²Total fund charges are exclusive of GST.

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds). These fees are not currently charged for the fund.

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

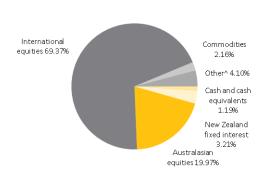
Example of how this applies to an investor

Jason 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, Jason received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$657.00 (that is 6.57% of his initial \$10,000). Jason also paid \$0.00 in other charges. This gives Jason a total return after tax of \$657.00 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.

| Cash and cash equivalents | 2.00% |
|------------------------------|--------|
| New Zealand fixed interest | 4.00% |
| International fixed interest | 0.00% |
| Australasian equities | 20.50% |
| International equities | 73.50% |
| Listed property | 0.00% |
| Unlisted property | 0.00% |
| Commodities | 0.00% |
| Other | 0.00% |

Currency hedging

As at 31 March 2025 the fund's exposure to assets denominated in foreign currencies was 79%, of which 48% was hedged. This means the fund's unhedged foreign currency exposure was 41% of the net asset value of the fund. More information on our currency hedging policy can be found in the SIPO on the scheme register at <u>disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</u> (search for ASB Investment Funds).

Top 10 investments

| Name | Percentage of net asset value of the fund | Туре | Country | Credit rating (if applicable) |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 APPLE INC | 3.05% | International Equities | United States | |
| 2 NVIDIA CORP | 2.65% | International Equities | United States | |
| 3 MICROSOFT CORP | 2.56% | International Equities | United States | |
| 4 FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE | 2.16% | Australasian Equities | New Zealand | |
| 5 ISHARES PHYSICAL GOLD ETC | 2.11% | Commodities | Ireland | |
| 6 AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LTD | 1.60% | Australasian Equities | New Zealand | |
| 7 AMAZON COM INC | 1.57% | International Equities | United States | |
| 8 ASB Bank Account NZD | 1.36% | Cash and Cash Equivalents | New Zealand | A-1+ |
| 9 META PLATFORMS INC | 1.14% | International Equities | United States | |
| 10 INFRATIL LIMITED | 1.10% | Australasian Equities | New Zealand | |

The top 10 investments make up 19.30% 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 position | Time in previous or other position |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 Frank Jasper | Investment Committee member | 2 years, 8 months | Chief Investment Officer, Fisher Funds (previous position) | 4 years, 0 months |
| 2 Jax Mitchell | Investment Committee member | 2 years, 5 months | GM Wealth, Insurance & Partnerships, ASB Bank (current position) | 2 years, 5 months |
| 3 Stephen Moir | Investment Committee Chairman | 1 year, 10 months | Investment Committee member | 4 years, 2 months |
| 4 Jonathan Oram | Investment Committee member | 0 years, 11 months | Executive GM Corporate Banking, ASB Bank (current position) | 1 year, 5 months |
| 5 Justine Sefton | Investment Committee member | 2 years, 8 months | Member/Deputy-Chair of the Impact Investment Network Aotearoa NZ (current position) | 4 years, 10 months |
| 6 John Smith | Investment Committee member | 13 years, 10 months | Head of Asset Management, ASB Bank (current position) | 12 years, 10 months |

Further information

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for ASB Investment Funds, and some additional information from the offer register at <u>disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</u> (search for ASB Investment Funds).

Notes

Interests in the ASB Investment Funds are issued by ASB Group Investments Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of ASB Bank Limited. Neither ASB Bank Limited nor any other person guarantees the interests in the ASB Investment Funds.

^{*}Fees are based on our best estimates using reasonable assumptions of the total fund charges that will be paid by a member in a year. Actual fee data for the most recent scheme year ending 31 March will be available and used in the June quarter fund update.

[^]This is an allocation to listed infrastructure.