



Fund update

Quarter ending 31 December 2025

What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Simplicity KiwiSaver Defensive Fund (Defensive Fund) has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. Simplicity 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

The Defensive Fund provides investors with exposure to mostly income assets. There is very limited exposure to growth assets (unlisted property). The return from the Fund is likely to be lower over the longer term (10 years or more) than the Conservative Fund, and volatility is likely to be lower than the Conservative Fund.

Total value of the fund	\$75,572,398
Number of investors	1,043
The date the fund started	28 April 2023

What are the risks of investing?

Risk indicator for the Defensive Fund:¹

Risk indicator



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/guides/kiwisaver-which-fund-suits>

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. As the fund has not been in existence for five years, the risk indicator is based on five year information including actual performance figures from 28 April 2023 and market returns data for the period prior to that date. As a result of this, the risk indicator may provide a less reliable indicator of the potential future volatility of the fund. 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

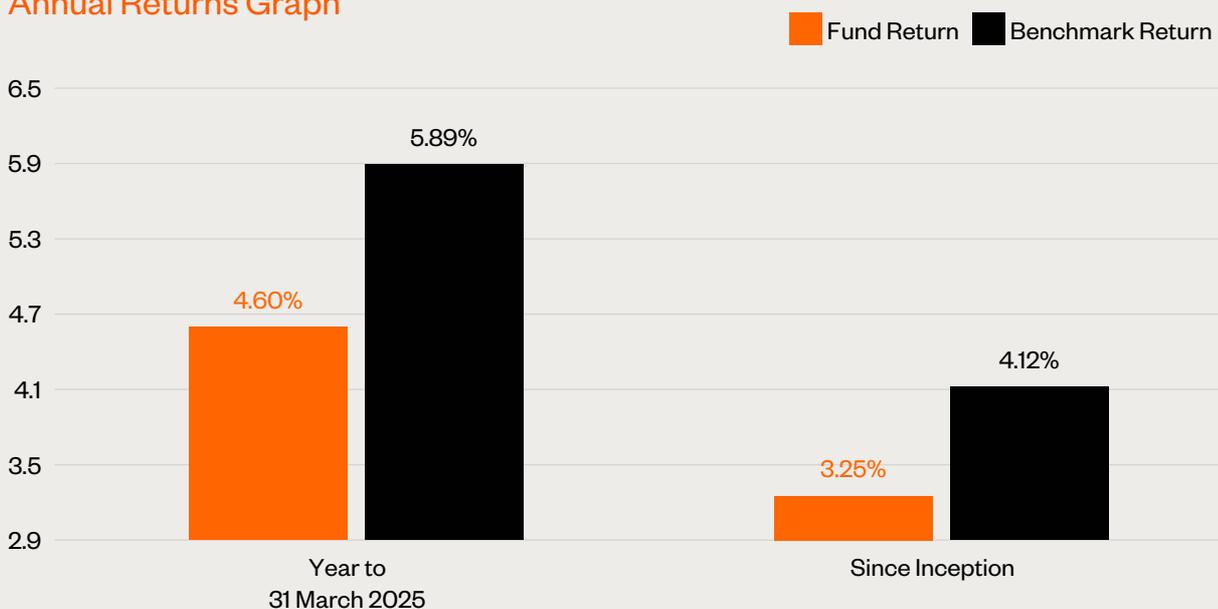
Annual return (after deductions for charges and tax)	2.76%
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	3.77%
Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	3.17%

The market index annual return is a composite index, calculated using the return of each asset class index the fund invests in, weighted by the fund's benchmark asset allocation. See the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO) for details of the fund's benchmark asset allocation and the asset class indices.

Additional information about the market index is available on the Disclose Register:

<http://www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose>

Annual Returns Graph



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 31 December 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 Defensive Fund are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2025, these were:

Total fund charges (including GST)	0.25%
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Which are made up of

Total management and administration charges	0.25%
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Including:

Manager's basic fee	0.25%
Other management and administration charges	0.00%
Total performance-based fees	0.00%

Other Charges

Dollar amount per investor

Administration fee per year	\$0 per year
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Investors are not charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds).

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.

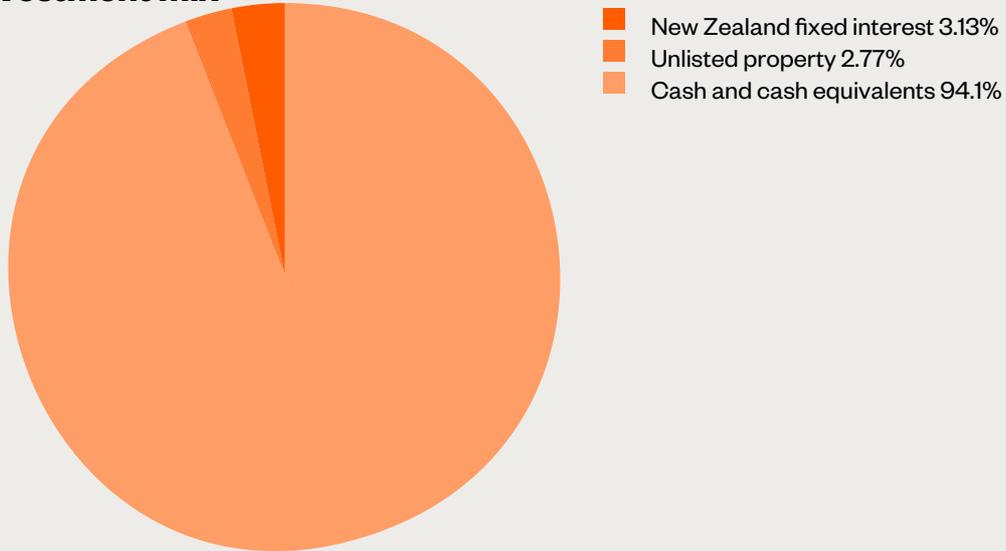
Artie had \$10,000 in the fund at the start of the year and did not make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Artie received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$377 (that is 3.77% of their initial \$10,000). This gives Artie a total return after tax of \$276 for the period.



What does the fund invest in?

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

Actual investment mix



Target investment mix²

Cash and cash equivalents	85.00%	International equities	0.00%
New Zealand fixed interest	10.00%	Listed property	0.00%
International fixed interest	0.00%	Unlisted property	5.00%
Australasian equities	0.00%	Commodities	0.00%



Top 10 investments

Asset Name	% of fund net assets	Type	Country	Credit rating
Kiwibank FRN 13 June 2028	8.63%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	AA-
Westpac NZ FRN 6 July 2026	8.36%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	AA-
Kiwibank FRN 15 March 2028	6.97%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	AA-
Housing NZ bond 5 October 2026	5.57%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	AA+
Tax Trader CP 25 February 2026	3.46%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	P1
Cash at Bank	3.42%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	AA-
Simplicity Living Ltd Ordinary Shares	2.77%	Unlisted property	NZ	N/A
Watercare CP 13 February 2026	2.77%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	P1
ICBC CP 25 February 2026	2.77%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	P1
Dunedin CC CP 16 March 2026	2.76%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	A1+

The top ten investments make up 47.48% of the fund.

Key personnel

Name	Current position	Term	Previous or other current position	Term
Sam Stubbs	Managing Director, Simplicity	9 years and 9 months	Chief Executive Officer, TOWER Investments	5 years and 1 month
Rob Everett	Director, Simplicity	6 months	Head of Advisory Committee, Revolut NZ (current)	4 months
Andrew Lance	Chief Investment Officer, Simplicity	1 year and 10 months	Chief Operating Officer, Simplicity	7 years and 8 months
Shamubeel Eaquab	Chief Economist, Simplicity	1 year and 3 months	Economist, Eaquab & Eaquab Limited (Current)	2 years and 1 month

Further Information

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the Simplicity KiwiSaver Scheme and some additional information from the offer register at <https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz>



Notes

1. As the fund started on 28 April 2023, five-year actual returns for the fund are not available. To calculate the risk indicator for the five-year period ending 31 December 2025 market index returns have been used up to 28 April 2023 with actual fund returns used for the balance of the period. As a result of those market returns, the risk indicator may provide a less reliable indicator of the potential future volatility of the fund.
2. Effective from 26 September 2024 the Defensive Fund's target asset allocation changed to replace the allocation to global and NZ bonds with an increased allocation to cash and cash equivalent assets – performance periods prior to that date reflect the earlier target asset allocation.