## **HUNTER BALANCED FUND**



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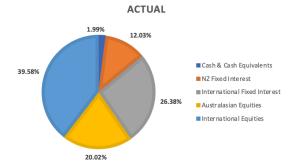
Fund Information			
Description	Diversified fund targeting mid-range long-		
	run returns by investing in a diversified		
	portfolio with a balance of income and		
	growth assets.		
Objective	To perform broadly in line with the return		
	of the weighted average return of the asset		
	class benchmark indices on a before fees		
	and tax basis.		
Inception	2 September 2020		
Fund Type	PIE		
Fund Size (NAV)	\$1.3 million		
Annual Fund Charges	0.37%		
(Estimated, % of NAV)			
Performance Fee	Nil		
Buy/Sell Spread	0.08%/0.11%		
Unit Price	\$1.0041		

Performance	1 Mth	3 Mths	Incept
Fund (no deductions)	-2.74%	-1.08%	0.69%
Benchmark (no deductions)	-3.07%	-1.67%	0.02%
Fund (after fees before tax)	-2.77%	-1.17%	0.50%
Fund (after fees and 28% PIR)	-2.60%	-1.09%	0.35%

Investors should also refer to the Quarterly Fund Update, which is available at hunterinvestments.co.nz and business.govt.nz/disclose.

## **Investment Mix**





## Commentary

The Hunter Balanced Fund outperformed its benchmark in February, returning -2.77% after fees and before tax versus the benchmark return of -3.07%.

Global quity markets were strong over the month as markets priced in better growth outlooks due to expectations that monetary and fiscal stimulus packages will be in place for longer, as well as increasing confidence in observed efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. Of particular note was the outperformance of value stocks over growth stocks as investors rotated into cyclical sectors.

New Zealand's equity market, however, significantly underperformed. The S&P/NZX 50 Gross Index including Imputation Credits) finished down 6.9%. Market heavyweight a2 Milk Company fell 16.1% over the month as it reported poor earnings which was contrary to the majority of companies which reported strong earnings over the month.

The increasing optimism around global growth saw bond yields rise significantly. This was highlighted by the NZ Government 10-year bond yield rising from 1.1% to 1.9%. As a result of rising yields, the Bloomberg NZ Bond Composite 0+Yr Index declined 3.2% over the month. The Barclays Global Aggregate Index – 100% hedged to NZ dollar fared better but was still down 1.5%.

The Fund's strategy is to provide a well diversified portfolio targeting mid-range long-run returns by reweighting back to the Fund's benchmark/target investment mix within a cost-effective and tax appropriate investment structure.

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