

# International Equity Fund

Private Wealth Series

## Fund Update

### For quarter ending 31 December 2023

This Fund Update was first made publicly available on 23 January 2024.

#### What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the International Equity Fund (Fund) has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the Fund with other funds. BNZ Investment Services Limited prepared this update in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. This information is not audited and may be updated.

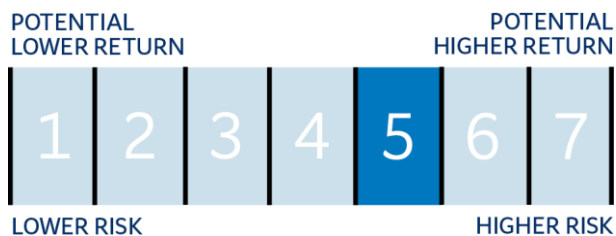
#### Description of this Fund

The International Equity Fund invests in international equities primarily in developed markets, with the ability to invest to a lesser extent in emerging market countries. It aims to provide a gross return in excess of its benchmark index, over the long term.

Total value of the Fund	\$621,465,474.50
Date the Fund started	8 March 2017

#### What are the risks of investing?

##### Risk indicator<sup>1</sup> for the International Equity 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 (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 [sorted.org.nz](https://sorted.org.nz)

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 31 December 2018 to 31 December 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.

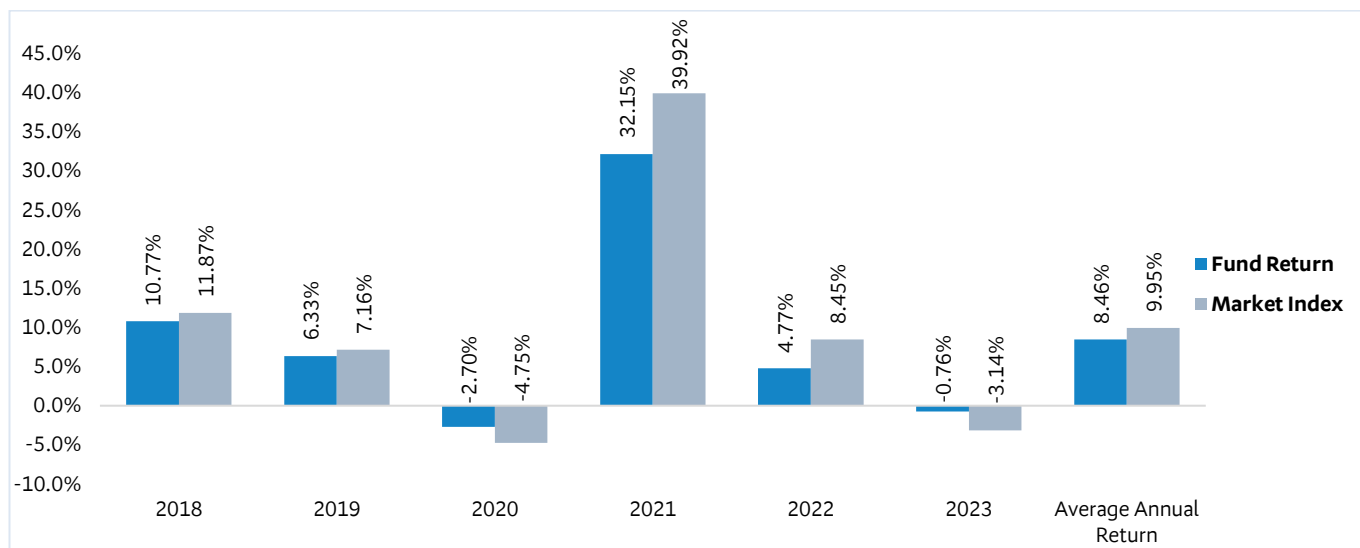
See the Private Wealth Series Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) for more information about the risks associated with investing in this Fund.

#### How has the Fund performed?

	Average over past 5 years	Past year
Annual return (after deductions for charges and tax)	10.23%	20.40%
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	11.58%	21.79%
Market index annual return (reflects no deductions for charges and tax)	12.01%	21.78%

The market index (benchmark) return is currently based on the MSCI All Country World Index (60% hedged to New Zealand dollars). Additional information about the benchmark is available on the offer register (search for Private Wealth Series) at [companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose](https://companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose)

## Annual return graph



The graph 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 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.

Market index returns do not include Fund charges or deductions for tax.

## Example of how this applies to an investor

John 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, John received a return after Fund charges were deducted of \$2,040.00 (that is 20.40% of his initial \$10,000). John also paid \$0.00 in other charges. This gives John a total return of \$2,040.00 for the year.

## What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the International Equity Fund are charged Fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2023 these were (excluding GST):

	% of net asset value
<b>Total fund charges</b>	<b>0.72%</b>
<i>Which are made up of:</i>	
<b>Total management and administration charges</b>	<b>0.72%</b>
<i>Including:</i>	
Manager's basic fee	0.72%
Other management and administration charges	0.00%
<b>Total performance-based fees</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

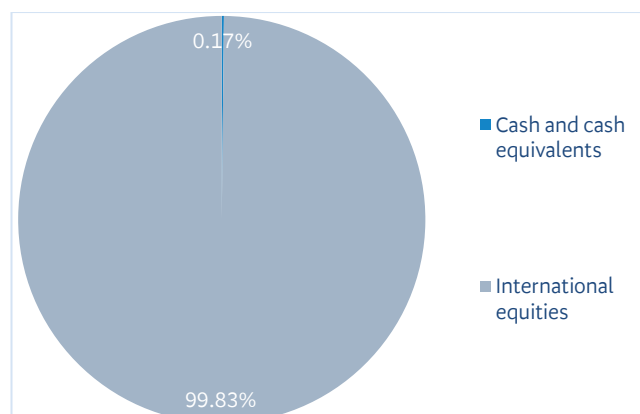
See the Private Wealth Series PDS for more information about these fees. This can be accessed from the Disclose Register at [companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose](https://companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose)

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

## What does the Fund invest in?

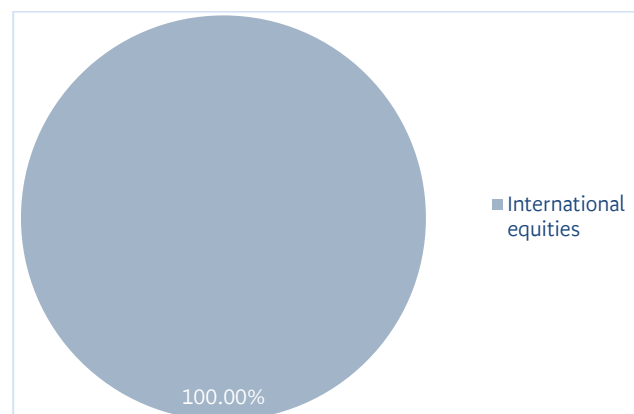
This shows the types of assets the Fund invests in.

### Actual investment mix<sup>2,3</sup>



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

### Target investment mix



## Currency hedging

Currency hedging may be used to mitigate the impact of currency movements on investments in foreign securities. As at the date of this Fund Update, the Manager applies the following currency hedging ratio:

- 70% of fund's international equities exposure

The Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO) sets out the policy for our currency hedging strategy in Section 7 and is available on the Scheme's Disclose Register entry at [companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose](https://companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose)

## Top 10 investments<sup>4</sup>

	Name	% of fund net assets	Type	Country	Credit rating (if applicable)
1	Microsoft Corporation	4.45%	International equities	United States	
2	Amazon.Com Inc	3.16%	International equities	United States	
3	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd - SP ADR	2.81%	International equities	Taiwan Province Of China	
4	Novo Nordisk A/S-B	2.66%	International equities	Denmark	
5	HDFC Bank Ltd ADR	2.64%	International equities	India	
6	Alphabet Inc Class C	2.38%	International equities	United States	
7	Linde PLC	2.23%	International equities	United States	
8	Siemens AG-Reg	1.96%	International equities	Germany	
9	S&P Global Inc	1.81%	International equities	United States	
10	Adobe Systems Inc	1.72%	International equities	United States	

The top 10 investments make up 25.82% of the net asset value 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 position
Peter Forster	Chair, BNZ Investment Review Committee	4 years, 0 months	General Manager Wealth, BNZ (other position)	5 years, 4 months
Richard Ansell	Member, BNZ Investment Review Committee	4 years, 0 months	Director, BNZ Investment Services Limited (other position)	4 years, 10 months
Jason Wong	Member, BNZ Investment Review Committee	3 years, 0 months	Senior Markets Strategist, BNZ (other position)	8 years, 0 months
Louis Nel	Member, BNZ Investment Review Committee	1 year, 9 months	Head of Investment Solutions Wealth, BNZ (other position)	12 years, 11 months

### Further information

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the Private Wealth Series, and some additional information from the offer register at [companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose](http://companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose)

### Contact details

If you have any questions about this Fund or the Private Wealth Series, please call us on 0800 477 077 or visit our website at [bnz.co.nz/private-banking](http://bnz.co.nz/private-banking)

### Notes

1. Because the risk indicator is calculated using the past 5 years' worth of returns, in periods of high return volatility the risk indicator is more susceptible to change from time to time.
2. The calculation of cash and cash equivalents within the actual investment mix allocation may include investor flows not yet unitised, liquidity cash and fund accruals but excludes cash and cash equivalents held by our investment managers for operational and hedging purposes which are categorised within the asset class to which they apply.
3. International equities may include an allocation to Australasian equities and listed property securities.
4. Investor flows not yet unitised, unsettled trades, currency hedging gains (or losses), collateral positions held for derivative or hedging purposes, and any operating accruals, are excluded from the Top 10 investments.