

## Key information

Bought and sold from Kernel directly or via all major wrap platforms

**Structure:** Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE)

**Fund Inception:** 13 August 2025

**Number of constituents:** 1827

**Morningstar AU Fund code:** 28610

**Morningstar Code:** F00001SFTW

**Citi Code:** BXDMB

**Disclose Register #:** FND58858

**Total fund value:** \$20,302,527

**Distribution frequency:** Quarterly

**Management fee:** 0.25% p.a.

## Offer documents<sup>1</sup>

**PDS:** August 2025

**SIPO:** June 2026

**ESG Policy:** April 2024

**Fund Update:** March 2026

**Index:** Composite of Benchmark asset allocation. See SIPO for full details

## Risk (index data)

**Fund update risk Indicator:** 3

**12 month volatility<sup>2</sup>:** 2.68%

## Monthly returns standard deviation

|                | +/-1 (68%) | +/-2 (95%) |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| <b>1 year</b>  | 1.06%      | 2.12%      |
| <b>3 years</b> | 1.17%      | 2.34%      |
| <b>5 years</b> | 1.45%      | 2.91%      |

## Range of 12 month index returns

|                | 1 year | 5 years |
|----------------|--------|---------|
| <b>Worst</b>   | 6.27%  | -8.01%  |
| <b>Median</b>  | 7.72%  | 7.06%   |
| <b>Average</b> | 7.77%  | 5.02%   |
| <b>Best</b>    | 10.76% | 15.69%  |

## Fund overview

The Kernel Conservative Fund primarily invests in income assets with some allocation to growth assets. The fund targets a 70% fixed income and 30% equities asset allocation, investing mainly in several of the other Kernel funds. The fund is designed to fluctuate less than the Balanced Fund due to a higher allocation to income assets that are generally more stable. The fund provides broad diversification and suits lower-risk investors who seek capital preservation and income, such as retirees or short-to-medium-term investors.

## Benefits

The Kernel Conservative Fund can be used in a variety of strategies:

- Portfolio core
- Low-cost global equity exposure
- Gain access to NZ and global fixed income

## Performance<sup>3</sup>

|                                         | 1 month | 3 months |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Index total return                      | 0.85%   | 3.61%    |
| Fund gross return <sup>5</sup>          | 1.04%   | 4.02%    |
| Gross tracking difference               | +0.19%  | +0.41%   |
| Performance (after fees at 0% PIR tax)  | 1.04%   | 4.03%    |
| Performance (after fees at 28% PIR tax) | 0.83%   | 3.50%    |

| 1 year | 3 years p.a | 5 years p.a |
|--------|-------------|-------------|
| 8.36%  | 8.08%       | 4.58%       |

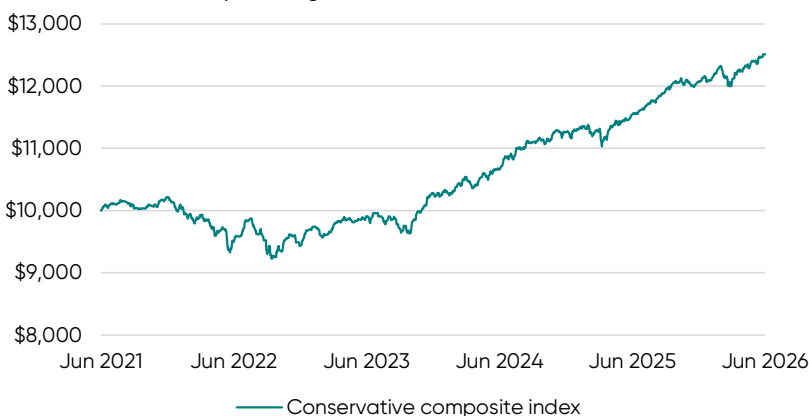
*\*Index returns do not reflect deductions for charges and taxes.*

## Index Calendar return

| 2025  | 2024  | 2023  | 2022   | 2021  |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| 7.20% | 9.52% | 8.83% | -7.50% | 4.26% |

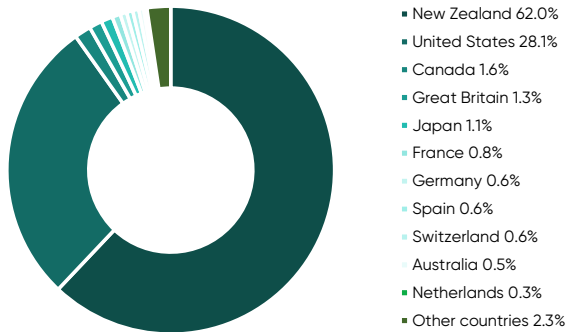
## Index value chart

**\$10,000 invested 5 years ago<sup>5</sup>:** \$12,508



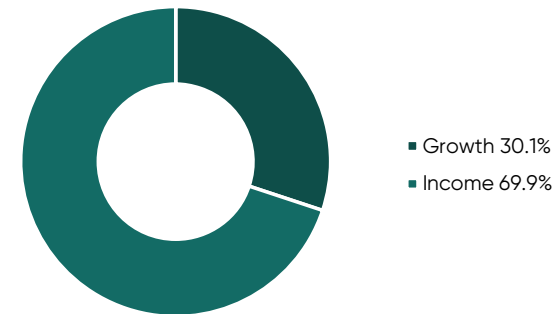
## Where does the fund invest?

This shows the country weight that the fund invests in:



## What does the fund invest in?

This shows the split between Growth assets (shares/ property) and Income assets (cash/bonds):



## Fund breakdown

| Holdings                                       | % of fund NAV |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Kernel NZ Bond Fund                            | 43.75%        |
| Kernel US Bond Fund                            | 13.14%        |
| Kernel Cash Plus Fund                          | 12.95%        |
| Kernel Global Infrastructure (NZD Hedged) Fund | 7.42%         |
| Kernel NZ 20 Fund                              | 6.07%         |
| Kernel S&P Global 100 (NZD Hedged) Fund        | 4.03%         |
| Kernel S&P Global 100 Fund                     | 3.92%         |
| Kernel S&P 500 (Unhedged) Fund                 | 3.06%         |
| Kernel World ex-US (NZD Hedged) Fund           | 3.04%         |
| Kernel Global Property (NZD Hedged) Fund       | 2.56%         |
| Directly-held Fixed Income                     | 0.00%         |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                      | 0.07%         |

## Top 10 investments

| Company                            | Country       | % of fund NAV |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| iShares Core US Aggregate Bond ETF | United States | 13.11%        |
| NZGS Bond                          | New Zealand   | 6.44%         |
| Bank of China Deposit              | New Zealand   | 3.93%         |
| NZGS Bond                          | New Zealand   | 3.37%         |
| NZGS Bond                          | New Zealand   | 2.78%         |
| NZGS Bond                          | New Zealand   | 2.61%         |
| NZ LGFA Bond                       | New Zealand   | 2.34%         |
| NZGS Bond                          | New Zealand   | 1.80%         |
| Wellington Airport Bond            | New Zealand   | 1.69%         |
| Dunedin City Treasury Bond         | New Zealand   | 1.66%         |

The Top 10 investments make up 39.74% of the fund

## Further information

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1. The offer documents are available at [www.kernelwealth.co.nz](http://www.kernelwealth.co.nz)
2. 12 month volatility is the standard deviation of daily returns, annualised by multiplying by square root of number of periods.
3. Performance assumes distributions reinvested. Gross tracking difference is before fees, expenses and tax. Rounding may cause a difference of 0.01%.
4. Gross return is estimated from the 0.25% management fee.
5. Growth of a hypothetical investment in the index (no allowance for fees or taxes) and no further contributions.