Monthly Fund Fact Sheet
Diversified Funds

As of 30 November 2023

Market overview

Season's greetings to all. All the best for 2024 and as ever thanks for your support.

Most major market indices were up in November with the NZX 50 up 5.3% and the ASX200 up 5.0% albeit lagging the gains of the S&P500 +8.9% and Nasdaq +10.7%. This reversal of last month's trend was driven by lowering of benchmark bond yields, primarily the US 10-year yield, which is starting to reflect declining inflationary pressures in the US. In geopolitics, whilst tensions remain high, the ceasefire which persisted through the last week of November in the Israel-Hamas conflict is encouraging. As we noted last month, the conflict still has potential to keep oil prices elevated though slowing global demand is increasingly offsetting this factor.

In ANZ, the RBNZ kept the OCR at 5.5% but took a decidedly hawkish tone on inflation and interest rates, lifting its forward expectation for the OCR materially vs. prior guidance. The RBNZ pointed to the high level of immigration to NZ, excess demand and elevated core inflation as reasons for the restrictive stance. The RBNZ highlighted the evolution of the global economic slowdown and exogenous shocks in the form of geopolitical tensions and climate events as risks to inflation and therefore potential catalysts for updating their view. The fact that their next meeting is not until the end of February also warranted a more hawkish stance, in our view.

In Australia, the RBA lifted the cash rate by 25 basis points to 4.35 percent. While the RBA's view is that inflation is passed its peak, it is still too high and proving more persistent than previously expected. Current market pricing implies a more aggressive cutting cycle by the RBNZ vs. the RBA, with neither expected to lift rates again and the RBNZ to cut by at least 50 bps by Nov-24. We caution that market pricing is dynamic and volatile. The ultimate path of interest rates from here remains uncertain.

Funds at a glance

	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	Since inception
Mint Diversified Income Fund	3.58%	0.80%	2.32%	-0.49%	3.42%
Composite Index	3.58%	0.96%	3.90%	-1.35%	4.48%
Mint Diversified Growth Fund	6.35%	0.23%	3.27%	2.24%	7.19%
Composite Index	6.06%	0.47%	6.84%	2.61%	6.85%

Performance returns greater than 3 months are per annum. Net returns are after fees and before investor tax. Net after tax performance can be found in the latest Quarterly Fund Update, available on our website.

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DIVERSIFIED FUND

Mint Diversified Income Fund

Unit Price		Fund Size	
$0.9958		$88M	
1 month	3 months	1 year	5 years
3.58%	0.80%	2.32%	2.20%

Net returns and prices.

Last Month Review

Our portfolio returned 3.58% for the month. Asset Class performance was mostly positive, as global bond yields fell from their recent highs which spurred a rally in risk assets. Fixed Income (+2.2%) was the largest positive contributor, followed by Global Equities (+0.9%) and Australasian Equities (+0.8%). Cash & Derivatives were the only small detractor at (-0.2%) contribution for November.

Turning to Fixed Income, bonds had one of their strongest months in recent months as yield curve volatility worked in our favour with yields dropping substantially from their highs in October. The bellwether US 10Y dropped 60bps over November ending at 4.33%. The NZ yield curve followed suit and also witnessed a significant decline in rates. Our long duration positioning allowed us to capture more return from this downward movement in yields, with the NZ Government 2041 and 2037 appreciating (+9.4%) and (+7.4%) respectively.

Domestically, Meridian Energy (+8.0%) and Skellerup Holdings (+12.4%) were the top positive performers, with the latter benefitting from a sector re-rating after yields dragged lower. Within Global Equities, AMD (+23%) and Moody's Corporation (+18.5%) were the top contributors to performance in November. With AMD, markets reacted positively to the news of their increase in market share for GPU sales, despite a decline in Q4 guidance relative to analyst expectations.

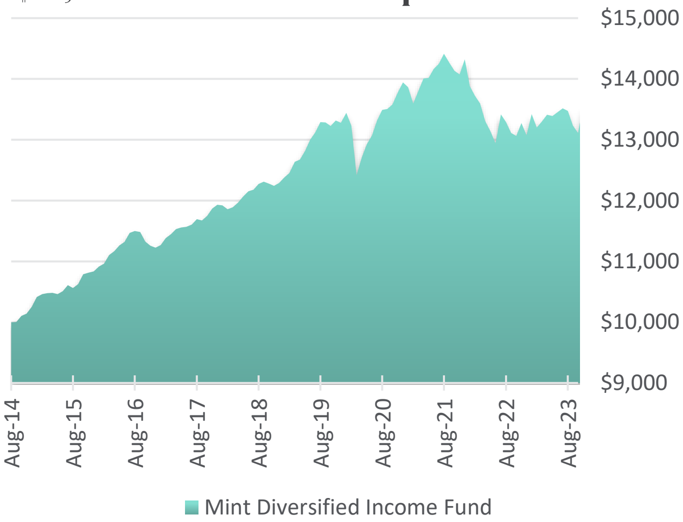
The largest detractor within Global Equities was Cigna Group (-15%) with investors reacting negatively to the news that their proposed merger with Humana Inc had fallen through. Within Australasian Equities, Stride Property Group was down (-4.4%) as markets reacted somewhat negatively to their latest H1 results, which showed guidance unchanged for FY24.

During the month, we divested from Mirvac Group and added no new positions.

Outlook and Asset Allocation

- Growth has remained resilient this year, in spite of recent developments, including tighter monetary policy and stresses in the banking system. As central banks continue to indicate a "higher for longer" approach, we recognise that the probability of additional negative growth shocks remains elevated. However, with inflation rapidly retreating, we expect central bank policy to turn more favourable should any shocks to growth materialise. This optionality should allow positive returns for both equities and bonds over a 12-month horizon.
- We believe that the current level of interest rates offers an attractive risk/return profile for bonds. For equities, we continue to prefer high-quality growth names with strong balance sheets and pricing power.

$10,000 invested since inception



Cumulative performance. Returns are after fees and before investor tax. Fund inception: 31 August 2014.

Key Fund Facts

Key features:	Combination of income and capital growth
Strategic Asset Allocation:	30% Growth 70% Income
Return objective:	CPI + 3.0%
Date of inception:	31 August 2014
Yield to Maturity:	5.79%
Effective Duration:	4.55
Latest bond grade:	100% Senior
Latest FX hedging:	101%
Total fund fee:	0.94%

Risk Indicator

Potentially lower returns						Potentially higher returns
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lower risk						Higher risk

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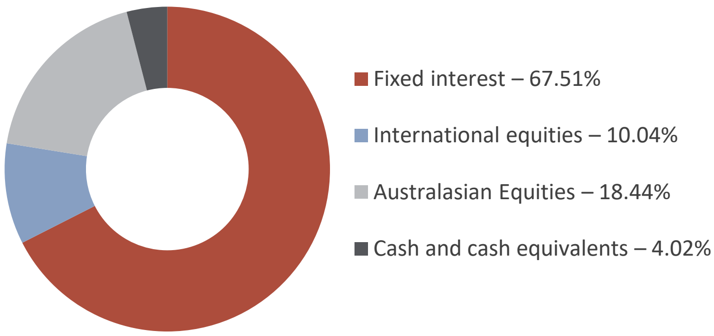
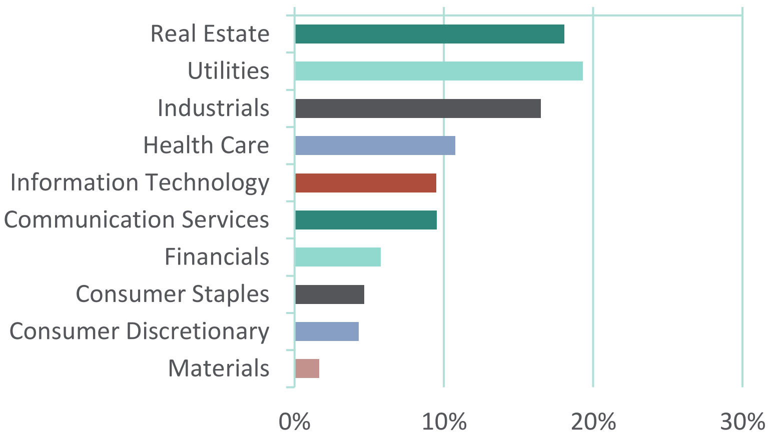
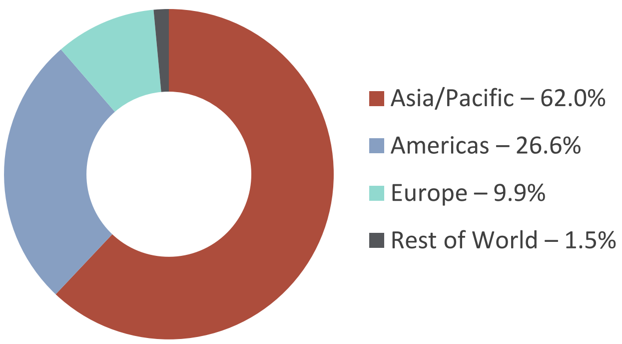
Current Asset Allocation



Equity Sectors



Geographic Diversification (1)



(1) Based on the revenue exposure of all equity holdings.

10 Largest equity positions

Name	Sector	Weight
Infratil Limited	Utilities	1.80%
Contact Energy Limited	Utilities	1.77%
Meridian Energy Limited	Industrials	1.76%
Skellerup Holdings Limited	Industrials	1.27%
Spark New Zealand Limited	Communication Service	1.19%
Mainfreight Limited	Industrials	1.11%
Tourism Holdings Limited	Industrials	1.09%
Summerset Group Limited	Health Care	1.01%
Goodman Property Trust	Real Estate	0.99%
Kiwi Property Group Limited	Real Estate	0.97%

5 Largest bond issuers

Name	Weight
Government of New Zealand	6.02%
Auckland International Airport Limited	4.36%
Spark Finance Limited	3.96%
Meridian Energy Limited	3.91%
Chorus Limited	3.80%

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DIVERSIFIED FUND

Mint Diversified Growth Fund

Unit Price		Fund Size	
$1.4125		$42M	
1 month	3 months	1 year	5 years
6.35%	0.23%	3.27%	n/a

Net returns and prices.

Last Month Review

Our portfolio returned 6.35% for the month. Asset Class performance was mostly positive, as global bond yields fell from their recent highs which spurred a rally in risk assets. Global Equities (+5.3%) was the largest positive contributor, followed by Australasian Equities (+1%) and Fixed Income (+0.5%). Cash & Derivatives were the only small detractor at (-0.2%) contribution for November.

Within Global Equities, AMD (+23%) and SAP SE (+18.5%) were the top contributors to performance in November. With AMD, markets reacted positively to the news of their increase in market share for GPU sales, despite a decline in Q4 guidance relative to analyst expectations. SAP SE announced a new suite of generative AI tools for developers during November which helped buoy performance. In Australasian Equities, CSL Group (+12.9%) was the top contributor with analysts raising price targets during November following their recent announcement on the Hemgenix treatment being approved for use by Canadian health authorities. Within Fixed Income, our longer dated bonds had a strong rebound following the steep decline in interest rates over the month, with the NZ Government 2041 bond leading the charge at (+9.4%) for November.

On the other end of the return spectrum, Cigna Group (-15%) had a tough month in Global Equities with investors reacting negatively to the news that their proposed merger with Humana Inc had fallen through. Within Australasian Equities, Summerset Group Holdings (-4.4%) was the largest negative contributor as investors concerns on the outlook for the NZ housing market continued.

During the month, we added Atlassian Corp, Oracle Corporation to Global Equities and Megaport to Australasian Equities. Mirvac Holdings was removed from Australasian Equities, and Booking Holdings Inc was removed from Global Equities.

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Cumulative performance. Returns are after fees and before investor tax. Fund inception: 10 December 2018.

Key Fund Facts

Key features:	Capital growth
Strategic Asset Allocation:	80% Growth 20% Income
Return objective:	CPI + 4.5%
Date of inception:	10 December 2018
Latest bond grade:	100% Senior
Latest FX hedging:	104%
Total fund fee:	1.18%

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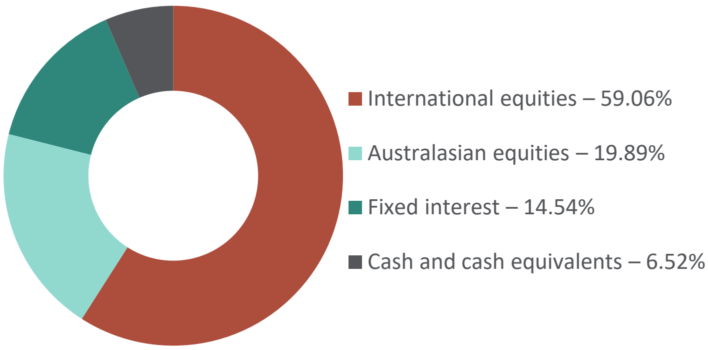

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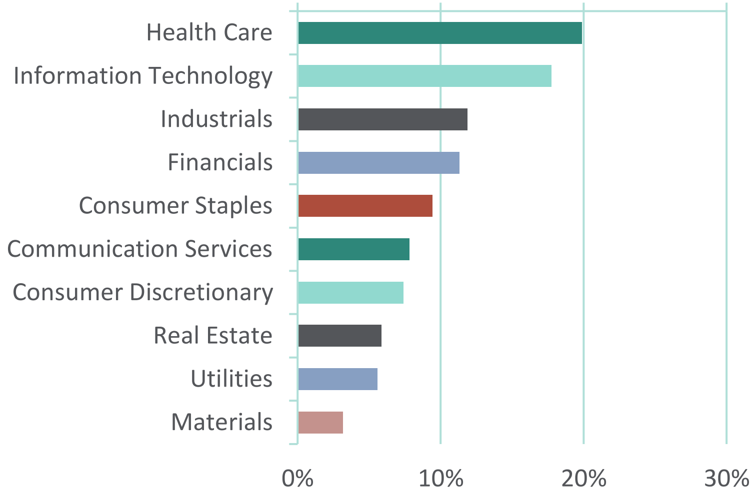

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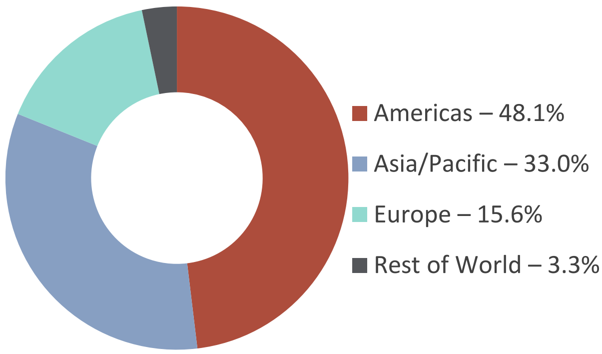

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Name	Sector	Weight
Accenture Plc Class A	Information Technology	1.92%
Microsoft Corporation	Information Technology	1.88%
SAP SE	Information Technology	1.85%
Summerset Group Holdings Limited	Health Care	1.72%
CSL Limited	Health Care	1.67%
Visa Inc. Class A	Financials	1.65%
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	Consumer Discretionary	1.63%
Infratil Limited	Utilities	1.60%
Danaher Corporation	Health Care	1.60%
Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	Information Technology	1.59%

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