

CLARITY FUNDS SCHEME

# QUARTERLY FUND UPDATE

# For the quarter ended 31 December 2023

This fund update was first made publicly available on 13 February 2024

# **CLARITY DIVIDEND YIELD FUND**

# What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Clarity Dividend Yield Fund has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. Clarity Funds Management 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 Fund will provide actively managed exposure to dividend paying New Zealand and Australian equities. The Fund aims to generate higher dividend income than the benchmark over the medium to long term. It favours companies that we consider provide an attractive and sustainable dividend yield. We intend for the Fund to make quarterly income distributions.

Total value of the fund	\$112,956,950
Date the fund started	1 November 2013

# What are the risks of investing?

Risk indicator for the Clarity Dividend Yield 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. 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 **www.sorted.org/nz/tools/investor-kickstarter**.

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 the five year period 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.

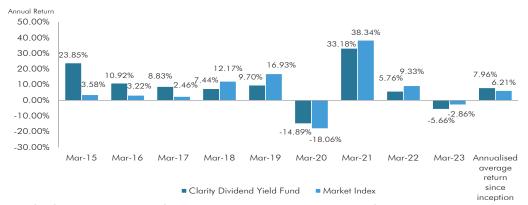
See the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) for more information about the risks associated with investing in this fund.

# How has the fund performed?

	Avg. over past 5 Years	Past Year
Annual Fund Return (after deduction for fund charges and tax)	4.82%	3.58%
Annual Fund Return (after deduction for fund charges but before tax)	6.15%	5.20%
Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	7.07%	6.63%

We calculate the market index annual return from 25 October 2019 by using 75% S&P/NZX 50 High Dividend Index Gross with Imputation and 25% S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index. Between 5 September 2016 and 24 October 2019, the market index used was 75% of the NZX50 Portfolio Index and 25% of the ASX 200 Accumulation Index in Australian dollars. Between 29 October 2013 and 4 September 2016, the NZX 90 Day Bank Bill Index was used as the market index. Additional information about the market index is available on the offer register at **www.business.govt.nz/disclose.** 

#### **Annual return 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 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.

#### What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the Clarity Dividend Yield Fund are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2023 these were:

	% of Net Asset Value
Total Fund Charges (incl GST)	1.06%
Comprising management and administration charges which are made up of:	
Manager's basic fee	0.66%
Other management and administration charges	0.40%

There are no performance fees charged in relation to the Clarity Dividend Yield Fund. Investors are not charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds). See the PDS for more information about those fees.

# Example of how this applies to an investor

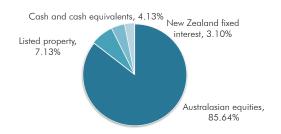
Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

Chris had \$10,000 in the Clarity Dividend Yield Fund at the start of the year and did not make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Chris received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$520 (that is 5.20% of his initial \$10,000). Chris does not pay any other charges. This gives Chris a total return after tax of \$358 for the year.

#### What does the fund invest in?

The chart (below) shows the types of assets that the Clarity Dividend Yield Fund invests in.

#### **Actual investment mix**



As at 31 December 2023, 26.54% of the Fund's assets were denominated in foreign currency, but 99.30% of this foreign currency exposure was hedged.

# Target investment mix

Asset sector	Target Asset Allocation %	Range %
Cash and cash equivalents	5	0 - 30
Australasian equities	70	0 - 100
International equities	0	0 - 5
Listed property	20	0 - 40
New Zealand fixed interest	5	0 - 10
International fixed interest	0	0 - 10
Other assets	0	0 - 10
Total asset allocation	100	

# **Top 10 investments**

Asset name	Country	Туре	Credit rating (if applicable)	% of fund net assets
Spark New Zealand Ltd	NZ	Australasian Equities		9.00%
Contact Energy Ltd	NZ	Australasian Equities		8.83%
Fletcher Building Ltd	NZ	Australasian Equities		6.48%
Aust and NZ Banking Group	AU	Australasian Equities		5.19%
Mercury NZ Limited	NZ	Australasian Equities		5.00%
Genesis Energy Ltd	NZ	Australasian Equities		4.82%
Chorus Ltd	NZ	Australasian Equities		4.42%
National Australia Bank Ltd	AU	Australasian Equities		3.54%
Sky Network Television Ltd	NZ	Australasian Equities		3.48%
Precinct Properties NZ Ltd	NZ	Australasian Equities		3.13%

The top 10 investments make up 53.88% of the net asset value of the Fund.

#### Key personnel

Name	Current position	Time in current position	Previous position	Time in previous position
Alan Lee	Director, JMI Wealth Limited and Clarity Funds Management Limited	18 years, 6 months	Director, Jarden Morgan Investment Services Limited	4 years, 0 months
Andrew Kelleher	Director, JMI Wealth Limited and Clarity Funds Management Limited	15 years, 8 months	Acting Managing Principal, ASB Securities Limited and Investment Consultant, ASB Limited	3 years, 5 months
Josh Wilson	Chief Investment Officer, Clarity Funds Management	4 years, 9 months	Portfolio Manager, NZ Funds	7 years, 10 months
Louis Loader	Investment Analyst, Clarity Funds Management Limited	0 years, 3 months	Investment Analyst, NZ Funds	2 years, 3 months

#### **Further information**

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the Clarity Funds, and some additional information from the offer register at **www.business.govt.nz/disclose.** 

