



# WESTPAC ACTIVE SERIES

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023.



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# Market commentary for the year ended 31 March 2023

Economies around the world quickly recovered as COVID-19 restrictions were eased, and the benefits of large amounts of economic stimulus, in the form of low interest rates and government spending, came into play. However, the pace of the recovery was at an unsustainable rate, because the availability of goods and services failed to keep pace with demand. This led to sharp increases in inflation, increasing the cost of living for households in New Zealand and around the world. As a result, central banks, including the Reserve Bank of NZ, have progressively removed that stimulus by raising interest rates as they try to take the heat out of economies and reduce inflation. These high rates of inflation and the prospect of slowing economic activity ahead have weighed heavily on investment returns, negatively impacting equity (shares) and fixed interest (bond) markets globally, with both experiencing negative returns over the year – a very rare event.

Over time Westpac Active Series members will continue to see their balances move up and down, however, it's important to remember:

- Your Westpac Active Series account is an investment so the value of your account will move with the investment markets;
- It's important to ensure you're in the right fund for your circumstances and investment timeframe. Speak to your financial adviser to discuss your investment needs;
- When the market dips, your new contributions buy assets at a cheaper price and benefit from any potential market recovery.



**Nigel Jackson**

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# Details of Scheme

- BT Funds Management (NZ) Limited (BTNZ, us, we or the Manager) is the Manager of the Scheme.
- The New Zealand Guardian Trust Company Limited (Supervisor) is the Supervisor of the Scheme.
- The latest Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) is dated 30 May 2023 and is open for applications.
- The latest fund updates for the quarter ended 30 June 2023 were made publicly available on 31 July 2023.
- The latest financial statements and auditor's report were dated 21 July 2023 and were lodged with the Registrar on 28 July 2023.

## Information on contributions and Scheme participants

Fund Name	Total units on issue as at:	
	1 April 2022	31 March 2023
Westpac Active Income Strategies Trust <sup>1</sup>	3,155,730	2,273,379
Westpac Active Conservative Trust	105,214,202	75,717,351
Westpac Active Moderate Trust	380,998,046	280,124,734
Westpac Active Balanced Trust	164,954,351	129,965,133
Westpac Active Growth Trust	41,927,156	37,406,531

<sup>1</sup> Closed to all new investment on 18 April 2019.

# Changes relating to the Scheme

This section outlines material changes to the Scheme for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The PDS and Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives (SIPO) were updated to reflect:

- The strategic asset allocations for funds that invest in a mix of different asset classes, being updated to increase exposure to international assets and reduce exposure to New Zealand assets.
- Commodities being introduced as a new permitted asset class for all funds except the Income Strategies Fund.
- The Australasian equities asset class being broadened to include an allocation to Australian equities alongside New Zealand equities. The Australasian equities index was also updated in line with this change.

The PDS and Other Material Information (OMI) were updated to provide further clarification on the potential inflation and interest rate risks associated with investing in the Scheme.

The Other Material Information – Underlying Investment Managers (OMI-UIM) was updated to remove one of the global equity managers.

The Sustainable Investment Policy was updated to provide additional clarity on our approach to sustainable investment and implementation status.

All related party transactions were conducted on arm's length terms and enacted on standard commercial terms.

## Other information for particular types of managed funds

The unit prices for each fund within the Scheme were as follows:

Fund Name	Unit Price as at:	
	1 April 2022	31 March 2023
Westpac Active Income Strategies Trust <sup>1</sup>	\$1.2333	\$1.2413
Westpac Active Conservative Trust	\$2.0650	\$2.0351
Westpac Active Moderate Trust	\$1.7382	\$1.6939
Westpac Active Balanced Trust	\$2.7458	\$2.6515
Westpac Active Growth Trust	\$2.8275	\$2.7079

<sup>1</sup> Closed to all new investment on 18 April 2019.

# Changes to persons involved in the Scheme

During the year the following changes were made to the people involved in the Scheme:

## **Manager, directors of the Manager and key personnel of the Manager.**

The Manager was unchanged. However, the following changes were made to the Manager's directors:

- Karen Silk resigned as a director 14 April 2022.
- Ian New resigned as an Executive Director on 29 April 2022 and was appointed as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director on 8 July 2022.
- Tania O'Brien was appointed as a director on 12 May 2022.
- Ian Hankins was appointed as a director on 13 May 2022 and resigned as a director on 22 August 2022.
- Andrew Bashford was appointed as a director on 22 August 2022.
- David Green was appointed as a director on 6 March 2023.

There were no changes to the Manager's key personnel for the year ended 31 March 2023.

## **Supervisor and its directors.**

The Supervisor was unchanged. However, the following change was made to the Supervisor's directors:

- Sarah Graydon was appointed as a director on 20 March 2023.

## **Administration manager, investment manager, securities registrar, custodian, and auditor of the Scheme.**

While there were no changes to the administration manager, investment manager, securities registrar, custodian or auditor of the Scheme, the administration manager's name legally changed from MMC Limited to Apex Investment Administration (NZ) Limited.

For details of the underlying investment managers, see the offers register at [disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz](https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz) (Disclose) and search for the 'Westpac Active Series'.



# How to find further information

Further information about the Scheme and each fund within the Scheme can be found on both the offers and schemes register on the **Disclose** website, by searching for the 'Westpac Active Series' on each register. The information includes:

## On the offers register:

- the PDS, OMI and other information material to the offer of units in the Scheme (including the Sustainable Investment Policy); and
- the fund updates.


## On the schemes register:

- the governing documents (including the Trust Deed and any establishment deeds);
- the SIPO; and
- the most recent financial statements.

A copy of this information is also available on request from the Manager free of charge. The PDS, this annual report and fund updates are also available on our website at [westpac.co.nz](https://westpac.co.nz).

# Contact details and complaints

We are here to help, so if you would like to get in touch, including where you have a complaint you would like to raise, you can:


 **Senior Investment Operations Manager**  
**Westpac Active Series**  
PO Box 695  
Wellington 6140.

 [investments@westpac.co.nz](mailto:investments@westpac.co.nz)


 0800 808 012

 Any Westpac branch

If for any reason we can't resolve things, you can contact the Supervisor of the Scheme as follows:

 **Relationship Manager, Corporate Trust**  
**The New Zealand Guardian Trust Company Limited**  
Level 6, 191 Queen Street  
Auckland. 1010  
PO Box 274, Auckland 1140.

 [ct-auckland@nzgt.co.nz](mailto:ct-auckland@nzgt.co.nz)


 09 909 5100

 0800 300 299

If neither we nor the Supervisor can resolve your complaint you can also contact the following independent dispute resolution schemes:

### **The Manager's dispute resolution scheme.**


#### **The Banking Ombudsman.**

 Freepost 218002  
PO Box 25327, Featherston Street  
Wellington 6146.

 [help@bankomb.org.nz](mailto:help@bankomb.org.nz)

 [bankomb.org.nz](http://bankomb.org.nz)

 0800 805 950

 Level 5, Huddart Parker Building  
1 Post Office Square  
Wellington 6011.

### **The Supervisor's dispute resolution scheme.**


#### **Financial Services Complaints Limited.**

 PO Box 5967  
Wellington 6140.

 [complaints@fscl.org.nz](mailto:complaints@fscl.org.nz)

 [fscl.org.nz](http://fscl.org.nz)

 0800 347 257

 Level 4, 101 Lambton Quay  
Wellington 6011.

Neither of the above dispute resolution schemes will charge you a fee to investigate or resolve a complaint.



