

# Squirrel Monthly Income Fund

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The Squirrel Monthly Income Fund ('Fund') seeks investors to generate a competitive and regular income from a diversified portfolio of NZ loans secured by a registered first mortgage on residential property and personal loans to NZ Homeowners. Squirrel focuses on mortgage lending to select market niches where investors can expect to earn attractive returns from carefully qualified borrowers with residential property as security.

**Net running yield**

**5.45%<sup>p.a.</sup><sup>1</sup>**

## Performance and Market Commentary

The Fund returned 0.47% for May (net of fees), bringing its 6-month return to 2.44%. This is a pleasing outcome for investors given the Bloomberg NZBond Composite 0+ Yr Index returned -4.82% for the 6 months to 31 May 2022. In contrast, the main banks are offering 2.30% to 2.50% p.a. on 6-month term deposits (roughly half the rate of return from the Fund). The Fund's strategic allocation to the Squirrel Wholesale Construction Loan Fund (82.04%), Squirrel Wholesale Home Loan Fund (4.18%) and Squirrel Wholesale Personal Loan Fund (13.59%) remained largely unchanged. The Fund benefited from the increase in mortgage interest rates that became effective from 12 May, with investors earning 5.00% p.a. in Home Loans and 6.00% p.a. in Construction Loans (before taxes). The RBNZ increased the OCR by 0.50% to 2.00% p.a. on 25 May. Squirrel expects Borrowers in the Fund's target market segments to be less affected by the rate increases but we continue to monitor borrowers closely while considering new loan applications carefully.

## Investment Objectives and Strategy

The Fund's investment objective is to provide an annual return, after fees and before tax, of the **NZ Official Cash Rate (OCR), plus a margin of 4.00% p.a.** The Fund combines Squirrel's real estate lending expertise into a convenient, tax-effective form where investors receive returns from a diverse portfolio of 1) home loans and 2) residential construction loans with first ranking security against residential property and 3) personal loans to Homeowners predominantly secured over assets.

Squirrel is the Investment Manager and the Fund invests in the Squirrel Wholesale Home Loan Fund, Squirrel Wholesale Construction Loan Fund and the Squirrel Wholesale Personal Loan Fund. Squirrel actively manages the Squirrel Wholesale Funds' loan exposure through Squirrel's peer-to-peer ("P2P") platform.

## Fund Performance (net of fees)

	May	3 months	Year to date	6 months	Since inception (14 Oct 2021)
Squirrel Monthly Income Fund <sup>2</sup>	0.47%	1.33%	2.04%	2.44%	3.00%
Benchmark: OCR	0.14%	0.33%	0.45%	0.52%	0.59%
Objective: OCR + 4.00% p.a.	0.48%	1.33%	2.09%	2.49%	3.12%

## Fund Features and Benefits

The Fund targets **higher returns and greater simplicity** compared to traditional income strategies.

- Competitive returns with **income paid monthly**.
- Loans are predominantly **secured by first mortgages over residential property**.
- Squirrel's **Reserve Fund** helps protect against missed borrower repayments and defaults.
- **Liquidity** provided with 30 days' notice.

## Who is the fund suited to?

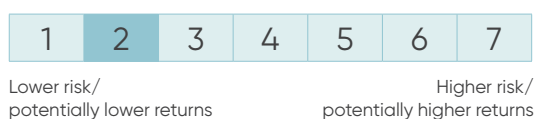
- Investors looking to generate a higher regular income compared to traditional income strategies with a modest increase in risk.
- Investors looking for an increase in returns on their strategic cash holdings with a modest increase in risk.

1. Net Running Yield is the Fund's projected annual distributable income, based on current interest rates (that are subject to change), after all fees and expenses and before taxes. 2. Returns after all fees and expenses. Assumes distributions are distributed. Investors' tax rates are not taken into account when calculating returns. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Distributions are not guaranteed.

## Investment Strategy and Allocation

Asset class or underlying fund	Target allocation %	Asset class or underlying fund range %	Effective Fund allocation	
			April '22	May '22
New Zealand income assets (including loans)	97%	70%-100%	101.47%	99.81%
Squirrel Wholesale Construction Loan Fund		0% - 100%	82.51%	82.04%
Squirrel Wholesale Home Loan Fund		0% - 50%	4.87%	4.18%
Squirrel Wholesale Personal Loan Fund		0% - 25%	14.09%	13.59%
Cash and cash equivalents*	3%	0% - 30%	-1.47%	0.19%

## Risk Indicator<sup>3</sup>



### About the Investment Manager

Squirrel Money Limited is the Fund's Investment Manager and is part of the Squirrel Group Limited. Founded in 2008 by John Bolton, Squirrel has grown rapidly to become a highly regarded and innovative mortgage-broking firm while also launching one of the first peer-to-peer lending platforms for retail investors in 2015. Squirrel assesses over \$6 billion of home loans every year so we know property inside out.

### About the Issuer and Manager

Implemented Investment Solutions Limited ('IIS') is the Manager and Issuer of the Squirrel Investment Funds.

## Fund Overview

Type of Fund	Portfolio Investment Entity ("PIE") Fund
Recommended Investment timeframe	2 years
Unit pricing	Daily
Distributions	Monthly
Withdrawals	30 days' notice
Minimum initial investment	\$500
Minimum subsequent investment	\$100
Commencement date	14 October 2021
Fund size (NZ\$)	\$4,415,121.63
Buy/Sell spread	0.0%
Management fee <sup>4</sup>	1.70% p.a.
Platform Availability	InvestNow, FNZ

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