

# Squirrel Monthly Income Fund

31 July 2024

The Squirrel Monthly Income Fund ('Fund') seeks to generate a competitive and regular income from a diversified portfolio of NZ loans secured by a registered first mortgage on residential property. 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.

1 year Fund return

**7.58%** p.a.<sup>1</sup>

As at 31 July 2024

## Performance and Market Commentary

The Squirrel Monthly Income Fund earned a return of 0.68%\* in July 2024, with a 1-year return of 7.58%\*. The Fund's investment portfolio is diversified across 153 loans, comprising 123 construction loans and 30 home loans. The Fund's investment exposure is managed through the Squirrel Wholesale Home Loan Fund (23.32%) and the Squirrel Wholesale Construction Loan Fund (76.36%). All the loans are secured by registered first mortgages and have the protection of a Squirrel Reserve Fund. At month end, the Fund had \$370,659 (2.14%) invested in 5 loans that were over term– we expect 3 of the loans to repay in August while the remaining 2 are expected to be repaid in September. One further loan investment of \$115,128 (0.67%), with arrears of \$40, is expected to be repaid in August from the unconditional sale of the property. As the Fund's investments are protected by Squirrel's Reserve Funds, the Fund continues to receive monthly interest payments where any investments are in arrears. The RBNZ's OCR cut confirmed the market's expectation of an extended period of interest rate cuts. We anticipate that the decreasing cost of funding to encourage more activity in the residential property market – we expect this to translate in a sustained pipeline of investment opportunities for the Fund. We expect Squirrel Monthly Income Fund's target of outperforming the 1 Year New Term Investment Rate (>\$10k) by a margin of 2.00% (net of fees, before tax) to become increasingly attractive as Banks continue to cut their rates to savers. It's worth noting that the Fund's returns will fall somewhat as interest rates fall, however we expect to maintain the margin above bank 1 year term investment rates.

## Investment Objectives and Strategy

The Fund's investment objective is to provide an annual return, after fees and before tax, that **outperforms the 1 Year New Term Deposit Rate (>\$10k) by a margin of 2.00%**<sup>2</sup>. The Fund combines Squirrel's real estate lending expertise into a convenient, tax-effective form where investors receive returns from a diverse portfolio of home loans and residential construction loans with first ranking security against residential property. Squirrel is the Investment Manager and the Fund invests in the Squirrel Wholesale Home Loan Fund and the Squirrel Wholesale Construction Loan Fund. Squirrel actively manages the Squirrel Wholesale Funds' loan exposure through Squirrel's peer-to-peer ("P2P") platform.

## Fund Performance (net of fees)

	31 Jul '24	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 years p.a.	Since inception p.a.
Squirrel Monthly Income Fund <sup>1</sup>	0.68%	1.85%	3.68%	7.58%	7.40%	6.69%
Benchmark: 1 Year New Term Deposit Rate (>\$10k) <sup>3</sup>	0.54%	1.52%	3.04%	6.14%	5.26%	4.08%
Objective: Benchmark + 2.00% p.a. <sup>2</sup>	0.72%	2.02%	4.03%	8.36%	8.40%	7.48%

## 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 **secured by first mortgages over residential property**.
- Squirrel's **Reserve Funds** help 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<sup>4</sup> increase in risk.
- Investors looking for an increase in returns on their strategic cash holdings with a modest<sup>4</sup> increase in risk.

1. Returns after all fees and expenses and includes the reinvestment of distributions. 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. 2. The Fund's investment objective is to provide an annual return, after fees and before tax, that outperforms the 1 Year New Term Deposit Rate (>\$10k) by a margin of 2.00%, effective from 04/09/2023. Prior to this date, the Fund's investment objective was to provide an annual return, after fees and before tax, of 4.00% higher than the RBNZ Official Cash Rate. 3. The Fund's benchmark is the 1 Year New Term Deposit Rate (>\$10k), effective from 04/09/2023. Prior to this date, the Fund's benchmark was the RBNZ Official Cash Rate. 4. Investors should refer to "What are the risks of investing?" in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement.

## Investment Strategy and Allocation

Asset class or underlying fund	Target allocation %	Asset class or underlying fund range %	Effective Fund allocation	
			June '24	July '24
<b>New Zealand income assets (including loans):</b>	<b>98.50%</b>	<b>70%-100%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
• Squirrel Wholesale Construction Loan Fund		0% - 100%	71.29%	76.36%
• Squirrel Wholesale Home Loan Fund		0% - 50%	28.52%	23.32%
• Squirrel Wholesale Personal Loan Fund		0% - 25%	0.00%	0.00%
Cash and cash equivalents*	<b>1.50%</b>	0% - 30%	<b>0.19%</b>	<b>0.32%</b>

\*The Fund can borrow up to 10% of the aggregate value of its investments but only for the purposes of providing short-term liquidity.

## Risk Indicator<sup>6</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

FundRock NZ Limited is the Manager and Issuer of the Squirrel Investment Funds.

## Fund Overview

Type of Fund	Portfolio Investment Entity ("PIE") Fund
Recommended investment timeframe	1 year
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\$)	\$17,370,390
Pending transactions	-\$54,025
Buy/Sell spread	0.00%
Management fee <sup>7</sup>	2.00% p.a.
Platform Availability	InvestNow, FNZ

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