

# Squirrel Monthly Income Fund

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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 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**

**7.30%** p.a.<sup>1</sup>

## Performance and Market Commentary

In January 2024, the Fund achieved a return of 0.66%<sup>2</sup>. This performance brings the 1-year return to 7.65%. The Fund's net running yield stands at 7.30% p.a.<sup>1</sup>, providing investors with a competitive risk-adjusted return relative to other savings products over a 12-month term. The Fund's strategic allocation of the remains largely unchanged with the Squirrel Wholesale Residential Construction Loan Fund at 73.89% (74.88% in December), Squirrel Wholesale Home Loan Fund at 19.76% (18.13%), and the Squirrel Wholesale Personal Loan Fund at 6.14% (6.42%). The Fund's portfolio is highly diversified, consisting of 112 construction loans (114), 23 home loans (unchanged), and 36 personal loans (54). The 135 Home and Construction Loans are secured by first mortgages, with a weighted average Loan to Value ratio of 62.76%. The Fund continues to reduce its exposure to personal loans. The loans in the Fund have a short-term structure, with 40.24% of the loans maturing within 6 months (37.45%), 80.15% maturing within 12 months (75.39%), and 92.08% maturing within 2 years (90.69%). The Manager is confident that the Fund is well-positioned to meet investors' expectations. This confidence stems from the benefits of a diverse loan portfolio and Squirrel's proven ability to originate and manage a portfolio of quality loans.

## 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>3</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 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)

	Jan '24	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 years p.a.	Since inception p.a.
Squirrel Monthly Income Fund <sup>4</sup>	0.66%	1.86%	3.77%	7.65%	6.83%	6.52%
Benchmark: 1 Year New Term Deposit Rate (>\$10k) <sup>5</sup>	0.49%	1.50%	2.94%	5.57%	4.06%	3.61%
Objective: Benchmark + 2.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>	0.64%	1.98%	4.07%	8.75%	7.67%	7.29%

## 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<sup>6</sup> increase in risk.
- Investors looking for an increase in returns on their strategic cash holdings with a modest<sup>6</sup> 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. Net of fees, before taxes. 3. 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 4. 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. 5. 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. 6. 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	
			Dec '23	Jan '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%	74.88%	73.89%
• Squirrel Wholesale Home Loan Fund		0% - 50%	18.13%	19.76%
• Squirrel Wholesale Personal Loan Fund		0% - 25%	6.42%	6.14%
Cash and cash equivalents*	<b>1.50%</b>	0% - 30%	<b>0.58%</b>	<b>0.21%</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\$)	\$10,052,305
Pending transactions	-\$45,099
Buy/Sell spread	0.00%
Management fee <sup>7</sup>	2.00% p.a.
Platform Availability	InvestNow, FNZ

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