

Enhanced Cash Fund

Monthly Performance Update as at 31 August 2025

To review the fund's investment objective and strategy, fees information and risk indicator please see the funds' product disclosure statement and most recent fund update at www.octagonasset.co.nz/our-funds/enhanced-cash-fund/.



Return comparison	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	Since inception*
Net Fund Return^	0.34%	1.04%	4.67%	n/a	5.44%
Gross Fund Return	0.37%	1.13%	5.03%	n/a	5.80%
S&P/NZX Bank Bills 90-Day Index	0.29%	0.86%	4.30%	n/a	5.12%

*Annualised

Major investments

Bank of China Call Account	5.12%
Summerset Group Holdings Limited 4.20% 24/09/2025	4.88%
Property for Industry Limited 4.25% 01/10/2025	4.02%
Kiwi Property Group Limited 11/12/2025 4.06%	3.89%
NZ Government Treasury Bill 24/09/2025	3.81%
Kiwibank FRN 13/06/2028	3.74%
CBA FRN 18/10/2027	3.70%
Tax Management NZ Tributum Trust CP 28/11/2025	3.16%
Bank of New Zealand FRN 23/11/2026	2.56%
Taupo District Council CP 02/09/2025	2.55%
Major holdings as % of total portfolio	37.44%

Things to note

- Manager: Forsyth Barr Investment Management Ltd
- Investment manager: Octagon Asset Management Ltd
- Date the fund started: 7 June 2023
- Tax status: Portfolio Investment Fund (PIE)
- Minimum suggested investment time frame: Less than 12 months
- Market Index: S&P/NZX Bank Bills 90-Day Index
- Currency: New Zealand dollars

Risk indicator**

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View the [Product Disclosure Statement](#) for detailed information about this Fund and Octagon Investment Funds Scheme.

Manager's comments

How did your portfolio perform?

The Enhanced Cash Fund delivered a gross return of 0.37% for the month of August, modestly outperforming the fund's market index return of 0.29% by 0.08%.

For the 12 months to the end of August the Enhanced Cash Fund delivered a gross return of 5.03% significantly outperforming the Fund's market index return of 4.30% by 0.72%.

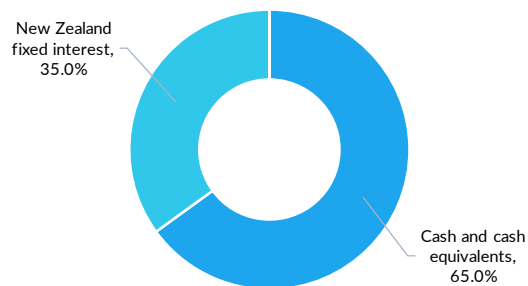
New Zealand interest rates fell over the month, so the fund benefitted from capital gains as well as excess return from the fund's yield premium to the Official Cash Rate (OCR).

What happened in the markets that you invest in?

New Zealand short-term interest rates moved lower over the month, with the two-year swap rate down -0.27% in response to the dovish tone of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand's (RBNZ) August Monetary Policy Statement (MPS). While the OCR was cut 0.25%, as widely expected by market participants, what did surprise the market was that the forward track for the OCR was revised sharply lower to a low point of around 2.55% (versus 2.85% prior) and second, that two members of the Monetary Policy Committee voted to cut by 0.50%.

Economic activity data was slightly more positive than in prior months – the BNZ / BusinessNZ Manufacturing and Services indices both showed lifts from the prior month and are now well-above the low levels seen in the middle of this year.

Target Asset Allocation



What are we thinking about the future?

At the end of August, the fund's gross yield to maturity was 3.5%, which represented a premium over the current OCR of 3.0%, and the fund's modified duration was around 0.24 years. We reduced the fund's duration in August as short-term interest rates came down.

Market pricing for the OCR is now broadly aligned with the RBNZ's own guidance. We are currently in wait-and-see mode as we assess what the high frequency economic data implies about the direction of the New Zealand economy - is current OCR pricing sufficient or are more cuts required? While we wait, we will keep the fund's duration close to that of the market index. Regardless of the future direction of interest rates, we believe there are still opportunities in quality short-term corporate bonds to earn yields substantially above the current OCR of 3.0%.



Craig Alexander
Head of Fixed Interest and ESG

Fees

Annual fund charges are currently 0.35% p.a. of the value of your investment. We pay management and administration charges along with the Supervisor fee out of this. All fees and charges are quoted exclusive of GST.

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^ Net Fund Returns are calculated before the deduction of taxes and after deduction of fund charges and trading expenses and including imputation credits where available. Gross Fund Returns are calculated before deduction of taxes and fund charges but after deduction of trading expenses and including imputation credits where applicable. Market index returns do not have any deductions for fund charges, trading expenses or tax.

** The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the relevant fund's assets goes up and down (volatility). A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for the five years to 31 August 2025. See more information about the risks of investing in the Product Disclosure Statement.

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