Commerce Select Committee

**10 December 2009** 

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# Agenda

- Why We Exist
- A Growth Portfolio
- Investment Performance
- Independent Review
- Investing in New Zealand
- Responsible Investment
- Transparency
- Your questions



# Why We Exist

#### Mission

### To maximise returns over the long term, without undue risk, so as to reduce future New Zealanders' tax burden

#### Vision

#### A Great Team Building the Best Portfolio

#### How We Invest

# Strongly held investment beliefs anchor our strategies which we develop our capabilities around



# **A Growth Portfolio**

The Fund is oriented toward growth assets as they provide longer-term economic reward for taking risk and suit our advantages.

- We are a long-term investor:
- able to gain by holding relatively illiquid assets; and
- manage a higher-than-average tolerance for near-term volatility

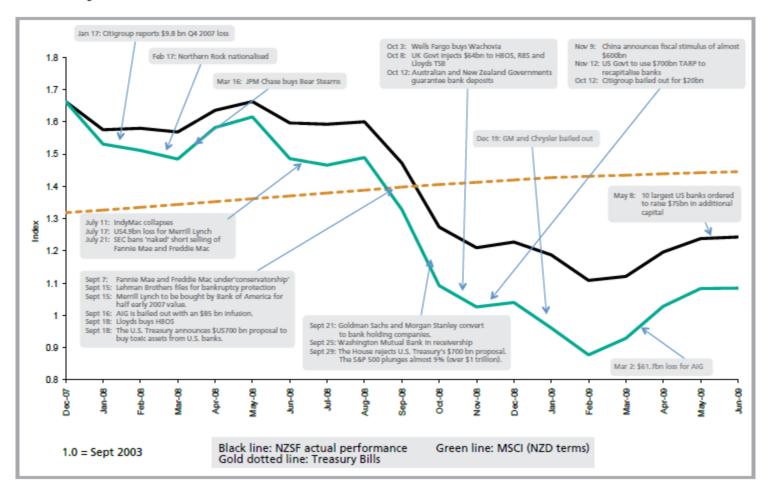
#### We are strongly diversified across asset classes and regions with clear strategies

• Listed equities, property, infrastructure, private markets, forestry, commodities, NZ direct and other



# Performance context 2008-09: The worst global financial crisis in 80+ years

#### Anatomy of Global Financial Crisis December 2007 - June 2009



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# Performance 2008-09

#### A difficult year – both absolute and relative performance

- Most external managers performed poorly in uniquely poor conditions
- Marked-to-market losses in securities lending cash collateral pool
- Both frankly discussed in Annual Report

#### **Organisation responded positively**

- Maintained long-term focus and captured rebound
- Revised manager selection process and manager-selecting activities
- Temporarily increased growth emphasis into recovery
- Improved in-house capacity to manage risk, improve efficiencies and expand strategies

#### **Biggest challenge**

• Maintaining a long-term focus under tight daily scrutiny



# After the crisis: Performance update to 30 November 2009

#### **Unaudited** post fees, pre-NZ Tax Returns to 30 November 2009

Month to 30 November		Since inception to 30 November
2.6% = \$405m	14.7% = \$2.00bn	5.7% = \$2.10bn

#### The Fund at 30 November 2009

	Since inception	FYTD
Contributions	\$14.88 billion	\$250 million
Contributions less NZ tax paid \$13.53 billion		\$250 million <sup>1</sup>
Fund size at 30 November 2009	\$15.61 billion	
Fund size relative to contributions	+\$2.08 billion	\$1.75 billion

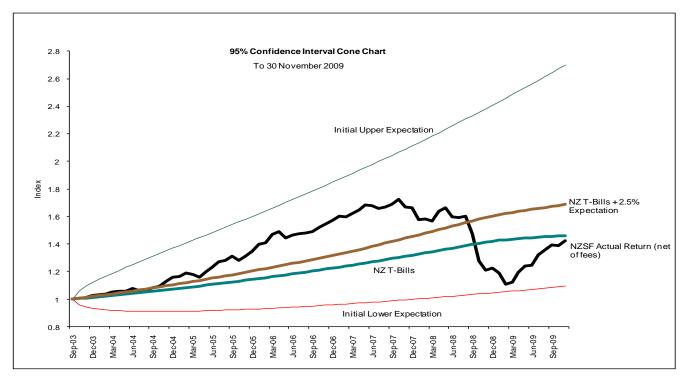
1 Principally because of the impact of the GFC, the Guardians accumulated approximately \$1.6 billion of tax losses, of which only \$300 million remains as a result of more positive market conditions post 30 June 2009.

# After the crisis: still on course to achieve our performance expectation (T-Bills + 2.5%)

**On course relative to Treasury Bills (see chart)** 

On course relative to Treasury projections of Fund size (assuming zero contributions from 2008/09 to 2020/21)

- Treasury projections \$14.59 billion end of FY09, \$15.79 billion end of FY10
- Fund \$15.61 billion at 30 November 2009



# **New Zealand investment**

# Pre-Direction \$3 billion (23.8%) of Fund was already invested in New Zealand <u>Relevant strategies since</u>

- NZ Direct
- Expansion Capital
- Small Infrastructure
- Other (e.g. rural land)

Actual investment activity since January 2009

- PIP Fund (\$100 million committed)
- Direct Capital IV (\$50 million committed)
- Ongoing private equity investment
- Due diligence on Shell NZ



# **Independent Review**

#### **Review published in November**

- Five-yearly review with terms of reference set by Minister of Finance (last in 2004)
- Strongly supportive of strategy, governance and operations
- Vast majority of recommendations are for work either underway or completed
- Copy of report has been supplied to Committee
- Report and our responses published to our website



# **Responsible Investment**

- Strong performance in UNPRI implementation assessment (top quartile in five of seven categories)
- Responsible Investment sufficiently matured to be fully business as usual for management and Board
- R.I Engagement process now fully publicly transparent



### Transparency

- First SWF globally to publish response to GAAP for SWFs ('Santiago Principles')
- One of two SWFs to have a 10 rating for Transparency on the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute's 'Linaburg-Maduell Transparency Index'
- Significant restructure of website to make it easier to understand:
  - Why We Exist
  - Who We Are
  - What We Do
  - Your feedback very welcome



### Summary

- Strong team and organisation
- Clear strategies across diverse asset classes
- GFC-hardened organisational backbone
- Well placed for future and for current stressed market conditions

