

NZ Superannuation Fund Treasury – a case study

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Today's presentation

- About us
- Establishment of our treasury
- Move into more value-add activities



Key points

- Establishment from scratch
- Developed a roadmap for treasury
- Significant cost savings and efficiencies achieved
- Improved focus on risk management through internalisation
- Portfolio Completion now seen as an access enabler for other non-treasury investment opportunities



All about us

Investing to help pay for the increased cost of superannuation payments in the future

- Smooth tax burden
- Add to crown wealth
- Best practice portfolio management
- Maximise return without undue risk
- Avoid prejudice to New Zealand's reputation
- Long-term horizon

NZSF - Quick Facts								
Started investing:	Sept 2003							
Funds under management:	\$19b							
Annualised return since inception:	7.05%							
Excess return:	1.82%							
Withdrawals to begin:	2029/30							

As at 30 June 2012



Objectives of Portfolio Completion Strategy

Portfolio Completion Strategy is a set of value-add activities focused on cost-efficient access to market.

Primary investment belief:

"Managing fees and costs and

ensuring efficient implementation can prevent unnecessary cost."

Initially about smart execution planning and execution



Structure of Portfolio Completion

Rare opportunity to structure and design a treasury from scratch

- We had to start from scratch
 - Hire staff
 - Develop systems and policies
 - Engage external suppliers and business partners



Evolution of Portfolio Completion

Portfolio Completion has evolved over the past 3 ½ years





Completion activity

- Policy objective: Obtain market exposure as efficiently as possible
- **Exposures**: include equities, credit, REITS
- Management :
 - Ensure we have the correct level of market exposure and rebalance
- Enablers
- Reporting and risk management:
 - Daily reporting of Fund portfolio risk and rebalancing within agreed tolerances



Completion activity

Illustration





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Currency Management

Objective is to efficiently hedge the foreign exposures of the Fund

- Policy benchmark: Foreign currency 100% hedged back to NZD
- **Positions**: Exposure to over 30 currencies, current hedge book circa \$11bn
- Management :
 - Took portfolio in-house May 2010 and improved the way it had been operated
 - Active views on currency are modeled and recommended by our tilting team

Enablers:

- Currency rebalancing tool daily monitoring
- Reporting and risk management:
 - Improving tools to improve measurement and attribution of our active decisions



Currency Management





Objective to meet the Fund's day to day payment obligations and minimise the direct & indirect costs of meeting those obligations.

- Policy benchmark: Blended bank bill / cash
- **Positions**: Liquidity Pool currently \$7bn comprising a range of liquid exposures
- Management :
 - Liquidity Management Framework
- Enablers:
- Reporting and risk management:
 - Daily reporting of Fund liquidity, minimum liquidity levels set each week







1%







Stress tests have become an integral tool for our risk management practices

- Systematic framework to shock the liquidity portfolio each quarter
- Our objectives are
 - validation
 - test decision making
 - test infrastructure & network of relationships



Counterparty Risk Management

Counterparty risk is an unrewarded portfolio risk

- Policy objective: Manage and minimise counterparty risk
- **Exposures**: Exposure to circa 20 counterparties
- Management :
 - Developed a Counterparty Creditworthiness Monitor Framework
 - All ISDA's have credit support annexures
 - Collateral management

Enablers:

- Policy rules classify counterparties as either green, amber or red.
- Daily collateral management

Reporting and risk management:

- Daily reporting of exposure, monitoring counterparty creditworthiness



Counterparty Risk Management

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What do we do today?

Wide range of activities and exposure managed in-house

- Cash and liquidity management
- Passive NZ equities
- Portfolio Completion via derivatives
- FX Overlay management
- Direct Arbitrage Strategy
- Volatility Strategy



Lessons

- Staged execution
- Have a clear purpose and roadmap for your treasury
- Take deliberate financial exposures appropriate to that purpose
- Communicate the challenges to the stakeholders who matter to you
- Change management



Looking forward

Best practice portfolio management requires us to keep abreast of changes in our operating environment

- Central clearing of OTC's
- Better performance attribution
- Increasing automation / straight through processing
- Collateral management outsource



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