

STAPLES RODWAY KIWISAVER SCHEME KIWISAVER NEWS

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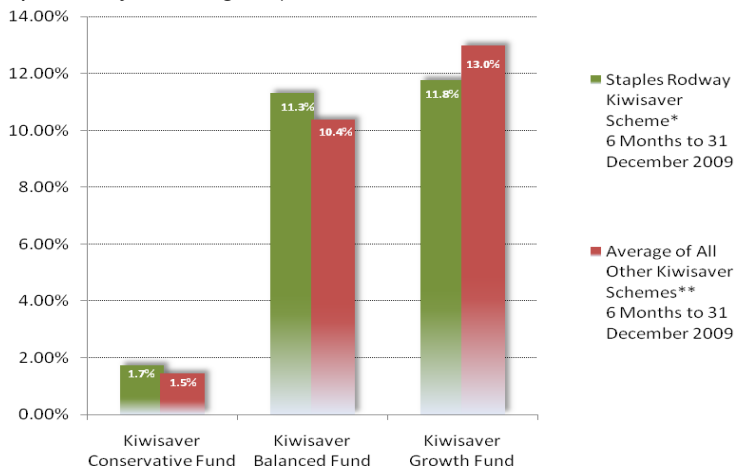


INTRODUCTION

Please find below an update since our last KiwiSaver News edition in November 2009. This and all archive editions are available on our website: www.staplesrodway.com.

PERFORMANCE TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

Performance of the three investment funds making up the Staples Rodway KiwiSaver Scheme for the six months ended 31 December 2009 is shown below, together with the average returns for all other KiwiSaver funds (as reported by Morningstar):



**Please note that the results are net of fees and gross of taxes where applicable. The actual amount that will be allocated to your account will vary depending on individual circumstances.*

*** Average 6 month return to 31/12/09 before tax and after fees of all KiwiSaver funds based on data reported by Morningstar*

We are pleased with the performance of the Staples Rodway KiwiSaver Funds, particularly the Balanced and Conservative Funds which demonstrated growth above other KiwiSaver provider's funds.

The Growth Fund is more conservative than the average, and as such will tend to outperform in difficult bear markets but slightly underperform in bull markets.

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Tell us what you think?

Would you recommend
KiwiSaver to friends and
family?

Please give us your
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IMPORTANT UPDATE: CHANGES TO PIE PRESCRIBED INVESTOR RATES FROM 1 APRIL 2010

The changes that we told you about in the November 2009 newsletter were passed into law in December 2009. Portfolio tax rate entities are now known as multi-rate PIEs, and portfolio investor allocated income have become known as attributed PIE income. A letter from AON regarding the changes is enclosed with this newsletter.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO NOW?

If you do nothing the tax rate applied will be 21% if your prescribed rate was previously 19.5%, or 30% in all other cases.

If a prescribed rate of 30% or 19.5% is currently being applied and you qualify for either 21% or 12.5%, then you should notify Aon to apply the lower rate to your savings in the scheme.

To notify Aon simply complete the attached Prescribed Investor Election form and return it to Aon at the address at the foot of the form. Your new prescribed rate will apply from 1 April 2010 or as soon as practicable after Aon receives your completed election form, whichever is the later. In the meantime, if you have any questions you can contact AON on 0800 266 463.



HAVE YOU CHOSEN THE RIGHT INVESTMENT FUND FOR YOUR AGE AND RISK ATTITUDE?

It has been widely reported in the press that many people contributing to KiwiSaver have been put into the default fund because they did not choose an option, meaning that their fund is being invested conservatively. Whilst this may suit someone close to retirement with a cautious attitude to risk, it may not be appropriate for younger savers. The Staples Rodway KiwiSaver Fund offers an 'Age Group Option', where your savings are allocated to one or more of the investment funds depending on your age as follows:

Age group	Age	Staples Rodway KiwiSaver Scheme Investment Fund		
		Growth	Balanced	Conservative
1	up to 39	100%	-	-
2	40 to 49	65%	35%	-
3	50 to 59	35%	65%	-
4	60 +	-	-	100%

If you elected the Age Group Option, then on 30 June following your 40th, 50th or 60th birthday, you will be automatically reallocated to funds in the proportions set out above for the new age group. If you do not want your investment allocation to be changed, or wish to change earlier than the following 30 June, a Switch Request Form will need to be completed. You can also use the Switch Request Form to change to the Age Group Option.

A PROFILE OF.....STAPLES RODWAY



Staples Rodway was founded in 1945 in Auckland and is now New Zealand's leading independent accounting firm. It has regional offices throughout New Zealand and is an independent member of Baker Tilly International, an association of accounting and consulting firms with offices world wide.

We work hard to be a one-stop shop service for our clients, providing not just traditional accounting and taxation services, but also corporate advisory, human resources and asset management advice.

As part of that wide offering we established the Staples Rodway KiwiSaver Scheme, for our employees, clients and the wider public.

Roger Thompson and James Scarr are both Directors of Staples Rodway Superannuation Limited who are involved in the decision making for looking after your KiwiSaver funds and monitoring the performance of the independent investment managers.



James Scarr Roger Thompson

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like to talk to us about the Staples Rodway KiwiSaver Scheme, please contact:

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