Salt NZ Dividend Appreciation Fund Fact Sheet – June 2026

Manager Profile

Salt is an active fund manager. Our investment philosophy centres on the belief that share markets have characteristics that lead to market inefficiencies that can be exploited over time to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns.

Investment Strategy

The Salt NZ Dividend Appreciation Fund targets a portfolio of shares of New Zealand companies that may, in our opinion, pay high and sustainable dividends. A considerable body of robust research suggests that stocks with strong and sustained dividend policies tend to generate higher free cash flow than average and outperform their index benchmarks over time. The strategy is not intended to naively generate the highest possible yield but rather to generate a high and sustainable dividend yield.

Fund Facts at 30 June 2026

Benchmark	S&P/NZX 50 Gross Index
Fund Assets	$118 million
Inception Date	30 June 2015
Portfolio Manager	Matthew Goodson, CFA

Unit Price at 30 June 2026

Application	1.8795
Redemption	1.8719

Investment Guidelines

The guidelines for the Salt NZ Dividend Appreciation Fund are shown below:

NZ shares	95% – 100%
Cash	0% – 5%
Unlisted securities	0% – 5%
Maximum active position	8%

Target Investment Mix

The target investment mix for the Salt NZ Dividend Appreciation Fund is:

New Zealand Equities	100%

Fund Allocation at 30 June 2026

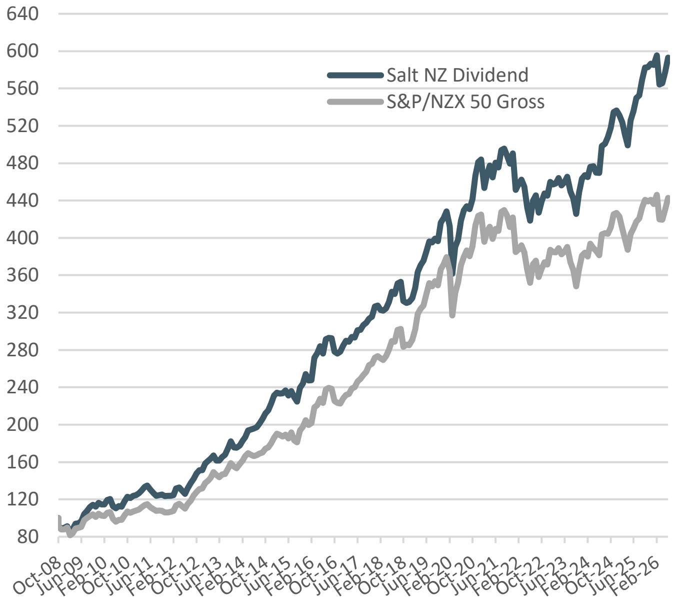
NZ shares	99.27%
Cash	0.73%

Fund Performance to 30 June 2026

Period	Fund Return*	Benchmark Return
1 month	2.63%	2.85%
3 months	5.05%	5.50%
6 months	1.06%	0.54%
1 year	10.16%	8.08%
2-year p.a.	12.14%	7.82%
3 years p.a.	8.68%	4.56%
5 years p.a.	4.20%	1.48%
7 years p.a.	6.27%	3.78%
10 years p.a.	7.90%	7.04%
Inception p.a.	10.52%	8.72%

Performance is after all fees and does not include imputation credits or PIE tax.
*From 1 December 2008 to 30 June 2015, performance is from a fund with the same strategy and the same portfolio manager.

Cumulative Fund Performance to 30 June 2026*



Fund performance has been rebased to 100 from inception.
Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance, and no representation or warranty, express or implied, is made regarding future performance.

Top Overweights	Top Underweights
Turners Automotive Group	Chorus Networks
Heartland Group Holdings	Meridian Energy
Tower	Mainfreight
NZME	Channel Infrastructure NZ
NZX	Skellerup

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Equities Market Commentary

Global financial markets delivered a strong quarter despite having to navigate a challenging backdrop that included the Iran conflict, elevated oil prices, ongoing trade tensions, rising bond yields and renewed inflation concerns. Developed market equities rose +13.9% (in USD) supported by resilient corporate earnings, geopolitical optimism and AI-related strength. The Philadelphia Semiconductor Index rose +88%. Bond markets were volatile as investors balanced slowing global growth against persistent fiscal deficits and renewed inflation pressures. Global bonds returned +0.9% (in USD) over the quarter.

The Iran crisis saw Brent crude briefly peak at US$120/bl before closing in the low $70/bl region. This remains above pre-conflict levels, and a geopolitical risk premium may persist. US economic activity slowed modestly but remained consistent with ongoing expansion, while inflation moved higher and investors' expectations faded of further Fed easing.

China's economy remained subdued. Household spending and property market activity continued to disappoint, while manufacturing momentum softened. Australia faced a difficult combination of slowing economic growth and persistent inflation. Sticky domestic price pressures and higher fuel costs prompted the RBA to hike from 4.1% to 4.35% in May, although softer data towards quarter-end saw expectations tempered of further moves.

The RBNZ left the OCR unchanged at 2.25% but signalled that the next move is likely to be higher as inflation pressures remain elevated. The Budget presented a somewhat stronger near-term fiscal outlook than expected, although the underlying economic assumptions appear optimistic given the uncertain global environment and the ongoing drag from higher energy prices.

Salt NZ Dividend Appreciation Fund Commentary

The Fund slightly lagged its benchmark in what was a strong June quarter for the NZ market, advancing by +5.05% compared to the +5.50% move by the S&P/NZX50 Gross Index. The Fund was underweight both some of the largest advancers and some of the largest decliners in the market, but the net outcome was moderate underperformance.

The largest negative was a slight underweight in Infratil (IFT, +33.6%), which surged on the back of sectoral tailwinds and continued progress by its key asset, CDC Data Centres. Other headwinds came from having no holdings in Tourism Holdings (THL, +33.0%), which was the subject of potential takeover bids or Vista Group (VGL, +39.1%), which signed a series of contracts in its cinema software management segment. Our large overweight in the normally strongly performing Turners (TRA, -4.5%) staged a rare bout of moderate underperformance as investors took a cautious stance re any potential exposure to economic weakness post the Iran crisis.

The largest tail wind by some distance was the underweight in a2 Milk (ATM, -20.8%), which warned following production issues that led to out-of-stock situations in China and risk to their long-term market share. ATM ended the quarter a staggering 46% above its brief intra-quarter low, illustrating the dominance of its trading by momentum-focused investors. Overweights in Tower (TWR, +4.5%), NZX Limited (NZX, +7.6%) and Fletcher Building (FBU, +14.9%) all made positive contributions.

At quarter-end, we project the Fund to have a net yield of 3.8% versus 3.5% for the Index.

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