

## Manager insight – 30 April 2009

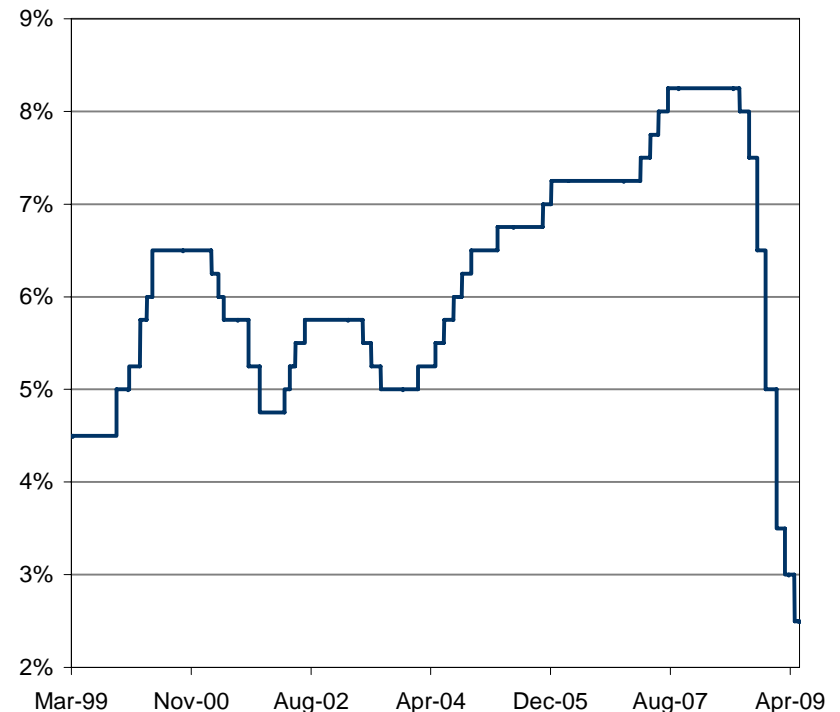
The driver of the Portfolio's performance is the level of interest rates offered on the call deposits it holds with a range of New Zealand banks. In turn, the returns from these call deposits are driven by New Zealand's Official Cash Rate (OCR) set by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ).

The objective of the Portfolio is to achieve returns competitive with bank deposits without a 'lock in'. The Portfolio has returned 0.21%<sup>1</sup> for April versus the NZX Call Index return of 0.25%<sup>2</sup> and has returned 6.74%<sup>1</sup> over the last year versus the NZX Call Index return of 6.36%<sup>2</sup>.

In April the RBNZ cut the OCR by 0.5% to 2.5%. This is the lowest it has been since inception of the OCR in 1999 and represents a 5.75% decline from 9 months ago when it was 8.25%, as shown in the accompanying chart. This rapid reduction in the OCR has been in response to the deteriorating global outlook, tightening credit conditions, widening interest rate spreads and continued contraction in the New Zealand economy.

The RBNZ stated at the April OCR meeting that "we expect to keep the OCR at or below the current level through until the latter part of 2010". Therefore, barring a significant economic recovery over this period which would necessitate an OCR hike, the performance of the Portfolio is likely to remain around the current level.

### New Zealand Official Cash Rate (OCR)



Source: Bloomberg.

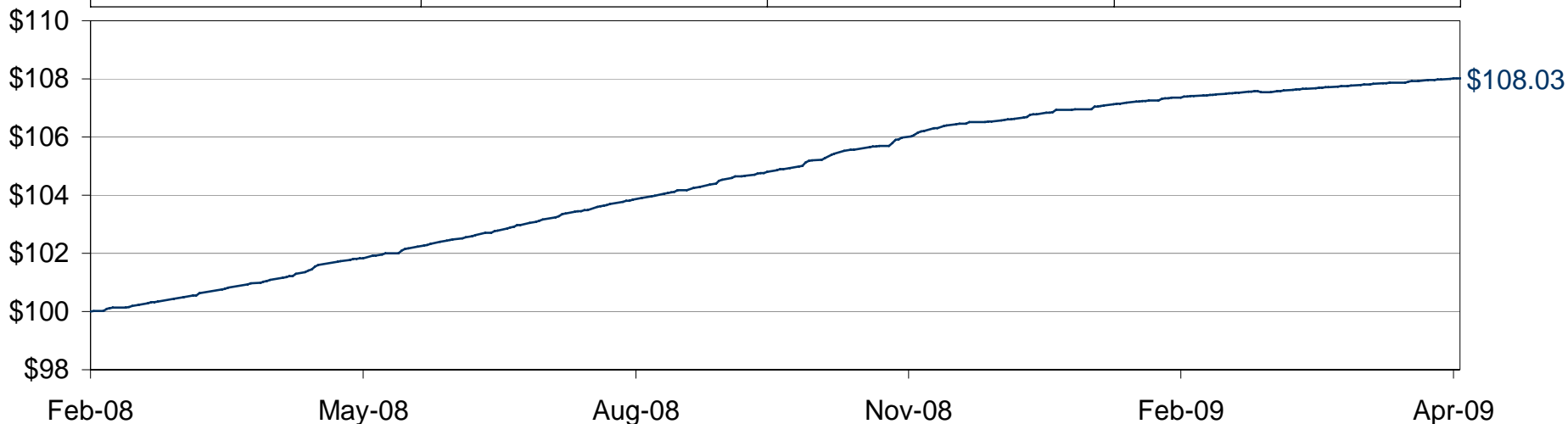
The Portfolio remains invested in call deposits with four New Zealand banks, providing a diversified bank exposure. It is also covered under the New Zealand Crown Retail Deposit Guarantee Scheme, thereby offering a high level of security for clients' money.

<sup>1</sup> Returns are stated after Portfolio fees and expenses, but before any advisory fees or investor tax. Past performance is not necessarily an indication of future returns. <sup>2</sup> Source: Bloomberg.

# Money Market Portfolio

Performance since inception (28 February 2008) to 30 April 2009

Performance attribution	One month	Three month	Six month
Positive	n/a	-	-
Neutral	n/a	-	-
Negative	OCR cut by 0.50%	-	-



One-month return	Three-month Return	Six-month return	One-year return	Since inception return pa
0.21%	0.62%	2.20%	6.74%	6.82%

Portfolio summary as at 30 April 2009

## Portfolio summary

Number of bank exposures	4
Leverage utilised	Zero
Weighted average running yield (approximately)	2.8%*
Weighted average credit rating	A1+
Weighted average interest rate duration	0 days

Sector / Security	Portfolio value	Proportion of portfolio	Gross yield (pre fees)	Weighted average life
<b>Bank deposits</b>				
Westpac current account	\$208,958	0.3%	3.0%	0 days
ANZ call account	\$16,880,000	24.6%	3.1%	0 days
ASB call account	\$17,175,000	25.0%	3.0%	0 days
BNZ call account	\$17,260,000	25.1%	3.0%	0 days
Westpac call account	\$17,200,000	25.0%	3.0%	0 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$68,723,958</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		

\*The running yield is stated after the deduction of management, custodial and trustee fees. The running yield is not the actual return of the portfolio, nor is it a projection or forecast. Note: Rounding may affect the subtotals and totals.

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