Update on First Guardian Master Fund - Diversified & Growth Strategies

We are writing to provide you with an update regarding the collapse of the First Guardian Master Fund and the steps Netwealth is taking in response to it and the impact on Netwealth members.

We continue to explore avenues available to support our members and to assist them to recover some or all of their investment in First Guardian.

As part of this work, on Friday 24 October 2025, Netwealth submitted an application for a grant of financial assistance to the Minister for Financial Services, the Honourable Dr Daniel Mulino, under Part 23 of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth) (**Part 23 Application**).

A Part 23 Application for financial assistance can be made by an APRA-regulated superannuation fund (which the Netwealth Superannuation Master Fund is) if:

(a) the fund suffers a loss as a result of fraudulent conduct, or theft; and
(b) the loss has caused substantial reduction of the fund leading to difficulties in the payment of benefits.

The Minister may approve the Part 23 Application if satisfied these conditions have been met and it is deemed in the public interest.

Netwealth considers the responsible entity of First Guardian, Falcon Capital Limited, has engaged in fraudulent conduct and that the Netwealth Superannuation Master Fund has suffered a loss as a result of that conduct. Netwealth also considers that the fraudulent conduct of various other entities and individuals has also contributed to the loss suffered by the Fund.

Netwealth believes it is in the best financial interests of Netwealth Superannuation Master Fund members to make this application, and should a grant of Financial Assistance be made, the proceeds will be applied to restore the Fund and to compensate members.

Events surrounding the collapse of First Guardian are very complex and it may take some time for the Minister to consider Netwealth's application for a grant of Financial Assistance. It is currently too early to give any assurances regarding when or what the outcome of that determination may be. Even if Financial Assistance is provided, it may only compensate members for a portion of the losses they have suffered.

ASIC is in the process of investigating various entities and individuals in respect of their conduct in connection with these events, including Netwealth. We are continuing to work co-operatively with all relevant stakeholders including the Government, the regulators and the liquidators to pursue the best possible financial outcomes for members, whilst also supporting Members' wellbeing as the relevant legal and regulatory processes take their course.

Updates relating to First Guardian can be found on Netwealth's website at netwealth.com.au/fg

Further support is available

We understand that the matters surrounding First Guardian may be distressing to you, and we will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available. If you would like further support, we have arranged an independent counselling service for our clients invested in First Guardian free of charge. You can contact us on 1800 888 223 to arrange this.

You can also speak to an independent financial counsellor for free by contacting the National Debt Helpline (NDH) on 1800 007 007 (9:30am to 4.30pm in your local Australian time zone, Monday to Friday).

You can also find a financial counselling agency using the map on ASIC's Moneysmart website.

Yours sincerely
Netwealth

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