



# Global Growth 2 Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 August 2024

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## FUND COMMENTARY

The Global Growth 2 Fund returned 1.9% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 17.2%.

Market volatility increased further during the month. Equity markets saw sharp declines at the beginning of August, but most losses were recouped, with some markets even moving higher. This volatility was primarily driven by the Bank of Japan raising interest rates, which caused steep declines in Japanese stocks and affected other equity markets. Additionally, weaker news on US employment raised further concerns. However, markets recovered quickly as these events made further central bank interest rate cuts, excluding Japan, more likely. Although consumer spending is slowing in many countries, recession fears seem overblown for now. The fund capitalised on weaker markets by buying shares in an ETF tracking the Japanese market, selling them for a healthy profit later in the month.

Large-cap technology stocks had a mixed performance. Meta's positive performance offset some weakness in Amazon. Overall, large-cap technology stocks are demonstrating healthy growth rates, but expectations were high heading into the second quarter earnings season. One of the best performers was the fund's holding in Newmont Mining, as gold prices continued to reach new highs.

The fund added a new position by buying shares in Uber after the company posted another strong earnings result. Uber has managed to balance growth and profitability much better over the last year, and we believe this trend will continue despite investments in new markets, leading to a higher rating for the shares. To finance this purchase, we exited our position in Linde, which was near our valuation target.

The fund has been underweight in the consumer sector, which has been beneficial as companies have struggled. However, we are now looking for opportunities in this area where share prices may have become oversold.

## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

If you had invested \$100,000 at inception, the graph below shows what it would be worth today, before tax.



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## FUND DETAILS

Recommended minimum investment period	5 years
Objective	Capital growth over a period exceeding five years.
Description	Invests predominantly in listed international large companies.
Inception date	May 2018
Standard withdrawal period	Up to 5 working days
Risk indicator	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Potentially Lower Returns</span> <span>Potentially Higher Returns</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <span>1</span> <span>2</span> <span>3</span> <span>4</span> <span style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">5</span> <span>6</span> <span>7</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>Lower Risk</span> <span>Higher Risk</span> </div>

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## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Global Growth 2 Fund	1.91%	17.2%	2.4%	7.7%	5.7%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	0.27%	17.8%	8.9%	10.9%	10.4%

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

1. S&P Global Broad Market (BMI) Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD).

## INVESTMENT MIX

Cash (including Derivatives)	5.2%
Asian Equities	2.2%
Emerging Market Equities	4.8%
European Equities	24.5%
US and Canadian Equities	60.2%
Listed Property	3.1%



Asset allocation is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent; therefore, the aggregate may not equal 100%.

## TOP FIVE EQUITY HOLDINGS

Amazon.Com Inc
Apple Inc
Microsoft Corporation
Roche Holding Ag-Genusschein
Stryker Corp

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

### UNIT PRICE

# \$1.41

### ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

# 5.7% p.a.

after fees and before tax

### FUND STATUS

CLOSED

OPEN



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