

# Pie Fixed Income Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 May 2024

### PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



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### FUND COMMENTARY

The Fixed Income Fund returned 1.1% during the month, bringing it to a since inception return of 1.8%.

Bond markets had a mixed month as performance diverged notably across geographic regions.

US government bond markets outperformed (bond yields lower, bond prices higher) as the Federal Reserve surprised markets by pushing back firmly against the prospect of further rate hikes. A weaker jobs report and lower than expected inflation numbers allayed fears of overheating and added further support for US bonds.

It was a different story in Europe where signs of economic acceleration and higher than expected inflation caused bond yields to rise (bond prices lower). That was a drag on the performance of the Fund. Nonetheless, we still expect the European Central Bank to cut rates in June and we think there is scope for this underperformance to reverse in coming months.

Closer to home, rates moved lower in New Zealand but underperformed the moves in US bonds as the RBNZ surprised markets with a noticeably hawkish turn. They emphasised their concern about sticky domestic "nontradable" inflation and noted that they considered raising rates further. Despite the hawkish turn, we continue to think that the ongoing deterioration in the NZ economy will ultimately provide the conditions for the RBNZ to cut rates in the coming months.

Meanwhile, in Australia, government bonds underperformed, with yields ending the month unchanged as their inflation data came in hotter than expected.

The Fund was active during the month, taking advantage of market moves and primary market activity. On the buy side, this included adding bonds in new issues from McDonald's in USD and bonds of Citibank in EUR. On the sell side, sales included holdings in TotalEnergies and Linde.

Going forward, we continue to think that Bond yields are attractive, providing a cushion against rates moving higher and potential for capital gains when rates fall. The divergence in global government bond performance will likely persist, and we will continue to position the Fund to take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

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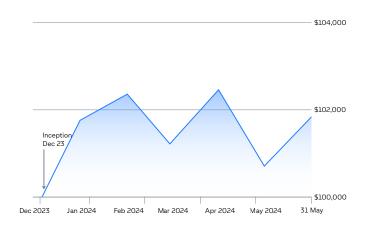
Fixed Income Fund

Recommended minimum investment period	3 years			
Objective	Capital preservation (with some growth) which outperforms the market index over a period exceeding three years.			
Description	Invests predominantly in New Zealand and international fixed interest securities, and may also invest in cash.			
Inception date	5 December 2023			
Standard withdrawal period	Up to 5 working days			
Risk indicator	Potentially Lower Returns 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Lower Risk Higher Risk			

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### CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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





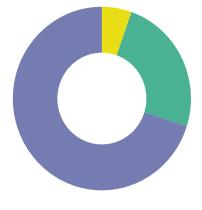
PERFORMANCE						
	l month	l yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	Since inception
Fixed Income Fund	1.1%					1.8%
	1.2%					2.9%

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

\* The market index is a composite index (70% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index (100% Hedged to NZD), 5% Bloomberg Global High Yield Index (100% Hedged to NZD), 25% Bloomberg NZBond Credit 0+ Yr Index (NZD))

INVESTMENT MIX	
Cash (including Derivatives)	5.4%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	24.5%
International Fixed Interest	70.1%

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



#### TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

Contact Energy Ltd 6.398% 21/11/2030

JPMorgan Chase & Co 5.336% 23/01/2035

LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE 3.5% 07/09/2033

Mercury NZ Ltd 5.64% 19/06/2028

Pfizer Inc 4.65% 19/05/2030

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order and exclude cash.





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