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FUND COMMENTARY

The Global Growth 2 Fund returned 0.3% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 24.1%.

September was another volatile month, influenced by rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and a major stimulus initiative in China. Despite these challenges, markets ended the month near new highs. Inflation continues to moderate as expected, prompting interest rate cuts across major economies. The US Federal Reserve reduced rates by 0.5%, while the European Central Bank cut by 0.25%. We anticipate the easing cycle to persist as consumer spending slows and industrial orders stagnate, particularly in the automotive sector. Lower rates are generally supportive of equity markets.

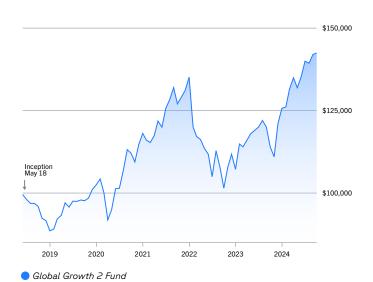
During the month, we exited our position in LVMH, anticipating further downgrades in the luxury goods sector. While the shares initially fell post-sale, they rallied after China announced its stimulus program. We continue to monitor the situation but expect additional earnings downgrades. We replaced LVMH with L'Oréal, a leader in the beauty sector, where we still see structural tailwinds despite short-term growth challenges. We also added Deckers Outdoor for increased consumer exposure, with its Hoka running shoe brand continuing to perform well. This replaced Booking Holdings, which we exited due to concerns over slower travel spending.

We sold our position in Intuit, citing concerns over slowing growth and high valuation, and added US technology company Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), which we believe is well-positioned to gain market share in the fast-growing GPU market for AI servers. Finally, we exited Wesco and replaced it with American Tower, the leading US mobile tower operator.

While we remain positive about market prospects, we are mindful of heightened geopolitical risks in the near term, particularly as the Middle East crisis escalates.

CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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



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			
	Potentially Lower Returns	Potentially Higher Returns	
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Lower Risk

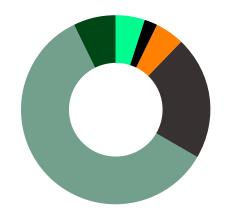
Higher Risk

PERFORMANCE					
	1 month	l yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Global Growth 2 Fund	0.3%	24.1%	3.8%	7.8%	5.7%
MARKET INDEX ¹	1.7%	26.3%	10.3%	10.7%	10.5%

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 	4.9%
European Equities	21.2%
US and Canadian Equities	59.4%
Listed Property	7.1%



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

TOP FIVE EQUITY HOLDING
Amazon.Com Inc
Microsoft Corporation
Prologis Inc
Roche Holding Ag-Genusschein
Schneider Electric SE

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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