



Chairman's Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 December 2024

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FUND COMMENTARY

The Chairman's Fund delivered a return of -1.7% during the month, bringing its 12-month performance to 13.1%.

The post US election rally faded for global equities in December, both in the US and in Europe with indices closing the month in negative territory. The main reason for this was that US yields and the US dollar rose quite sharply, as investors became more concerned that the incoming US administration's policies would re-ignite inflation. We remain less convinced, as although the last mile of reducing inflation is often tougher, there are many deflationary forces out there including the proliferation of AI. Nevertheless, the next few months might be volatile as policy actions become clearer. Larger company equities, and especially the mega cap technology stocks, once again outperformed, continuing a trend seen for much of 2024.

In Australia, equity markets also pulled back in December after the US Federal Reserve pivoted to a more hawkish tone, citing continuing inflation concerns. As noted above, global equities declined and Australasian small caps were not immune from this pullback.

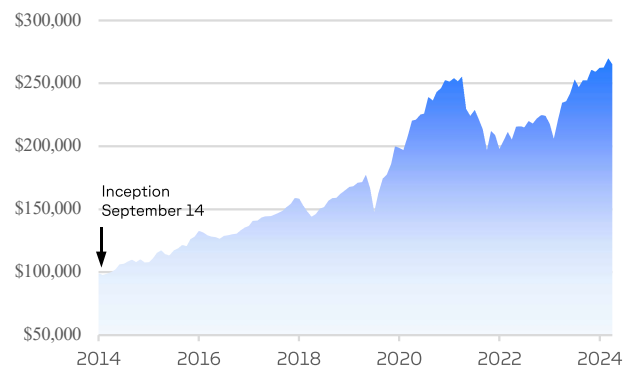
Despite the December pullback, 2024 was a particularly strong year for some of our Australasian funds, having experienced a buoyant equity market underpinned by a fundamentally sound economy. The consumer has shown resilience, despite increased cost of living, and corporates remained well capitalised. From an equities perspective, we have seen areas of solid growth, especially those companies exposed to the tech industry, healthcare and infrastructure. On the flip side, commodities have been under significant pressure this year, and this is an important industry for both an economic and equity market perspective.

A key contributor to Australasian performance over the past year was family tracking app Life 360, with its share price increasing 198%. 2024 was a watershed year for Life 360 as it continued to deliver hockey stick like growth in cash earnings, expanded triple tier memberships into new international markets, launched a new advertising strategy and completed an IPO on the Nasdaq. We decided to take some profits late in the year to take advantage of its lucrative valuation as the share price extended ahead of a possible inclusion into the Russell 2000 index.

Looking ahead to 2025, we still anticipate positive returns for equities, and valuations remain attractive for smaller companies globally. Australia is in a strong fiscal position, and we see confidence returning within the consumer, investors and corporate.

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

To generate capital growth, which outperforms the market index.

Description

Invests predominantly in Pie Funds products which predominantly invest in listed equities.

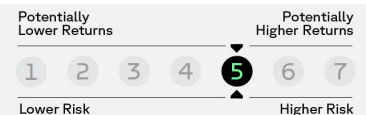
Inception date

September 2014

Standard withdrawal period

15 working days

Risk indicator



TOP FIVE EQUITY HOLDINGS

Boku Inc

CBIZ Inc

Frp Advisory Group PLC

Generation Development Group Ltd

Life360 Inc

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order and exclude Cash and Cash Equivalents

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PERFORMANCE							
	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	10 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Chairman's Fund	-1.7%	13.1%	1.1%	9.0%	9.1%	10.2%	9.9%
MARKET INDEX ¹	-3.3%	12.1%	2.7%	7.3%	6.5%	9.2%	8.2%

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

1. The market index is a composite index (50% S&P Global SmallCap Total Return Index (75% Hedged to NZD), 50% S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Total Return Index (75% Hedged to NZD)).

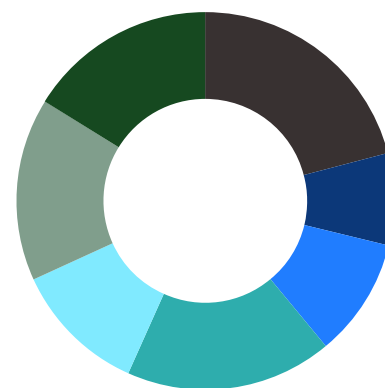
INVESTMENT MIX	
Cash (including Derivatives)	9.7%
Australasian Equities	41.9%
International Equities	48.4%

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



HOLDINGS	
Global Growth	20.9%
Australasian Growth	7.9%
Australasian Growth 2	10.2%
Australasian Dividend Growth	17.7%
Australasian Emerging Companies	11.5%
Growth UK & Europe	15.7%
Global Growth 2	16.2%

Net of Chairman's cash holdings



UNIT PRICE <h1>\$2.63</h1>	ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION <h1>9.9% p.a.</h1> <p><i>after fees and before tax</i></p>	FUND STATUS <input checked="" type="radio"/> CLOSED <input type="radio"/> OPEN
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