#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)**



MIKE TAYLOR
Founder and Chief
Investment Officer

#### **FUND COMMENTARY**

The Pie KiwiSaver Balanced Fund returned 1.6% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 14.0%.

Additionally, in the 12 months to June 2024, the fund achieved a return of 13.8% before fees. The fund ranked **number 1 out of 33 funds** with similar investment objectives over that period.

The Balanced Fund outperformed the Growth Fund in July due to its larger exposure to Bonds.

- 1. Market Dynamics in July: Equity markets continued their momentum from June, reaching new record highs. The mega-cap tech sector led the way. However, mid-month, the US CPI report revealed a larger-than-expected fall in inflation, causing significant drops in market interest rates. This led to a sharp equity market rotation.
- 2. US Small Cap Equities vs. NASDAQ: US small cap equities rallied due to expectations of rate cuts benefiting smaller companies. The tech-heavy NASDAQ index closed lower, resulting in one of the largest onemonth underperformances against small caps in over 20 years.
- **3. Investments Down-Under:** Overall, it was a strong month for investments in Australia and New Zealand. Lower inflation in Australia and hopes of an NZ rate cut boosted local stocks.
- 4. Bond Markets: Bond markets performed well as US interest rates declined. In New Zealand, rates fell significantly, pushing bond prices higher. The RBNZ's post-meeting statement hinted at potential rate cuts.

Staying informed about market trends and fund performance is essential. If you have any specific questions or need further details, feel free to ask!

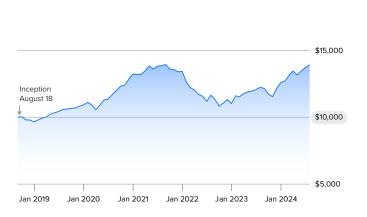


# TRAVIS MURDOCH Head of Fixed Income and Portfolio Manager

## **CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE**

If you had invested \$10,000 at inception, the graph below shows what it would be worth today, before tax.

\$20,000



Balanced Fund

## **FUND DETAILS**

Recommended 5 years
minimum investment
period

Objective Seeks to provide members with
steady capital growth over a
period exceeding 5 years.

Description Invests in equities, with a
reasonable allocation towards

reasonable allocation towards fixed interest, directly and/or through investment in the Pie KiwiSaver Growth Fund and/or through other funds also managed by Pie Funds.

Inception date August 2018

Risk indicator

Potentially Potentially Higher Returns

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Lower Risk Higher Risk

PERFORMANCE					
	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Balanced Fund	1.6%	14.0%	0.6%	6.1%	6.2%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	2.2%	14.0%	6.5%	7.8%	7.6%

We report fund performance before fees and before individual PIR tax applied.

1. The market index is a composite index (10% NZBond Bank Bill Index (NZD), 10% Bloomberg NZBond Credit 0+ Yr Index (NZD), 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index (100% hedged to NZD), 10% S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD), 50% S&P Global Broad Market (BMI) Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD)).

INVESTMENT MIX	
Cash and cash equivalents	10.4%
New Zealand Fixed Income	7.5%
International Fixed Income	20.8%
Australasian Equities	9.9%
International Equities	51.3%

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



## **TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)**

Amazon.Com Inc

Microsoft Corporation

Morrison & Co High Conviction Infrastructure Fund

Prologis Inc

Transpower NZ Ltd 4.977% 29/11/2028

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order and exclude cash.

\$1.42

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

6.2% p.a.

before fees and before tax



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