



Pie KiwiSaver Conservative Fund

Monthly Update as at 30 September 2024

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FUND COMMENTARY

The Pie KiwiSaver Conservative Fund returned 1.3% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 14.5%.

September was marked by ongoing volatility, driven by escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and a significant stimulus program in China. Despite these challenges, markets closed the month at or near record highs. With inflation moderating as expected, interest rates are being cut in both the US and Europe. We anticipate further reductions as consumer spending slows and industrial orders stagnate, particularly in the automotive sector. Lower rates generally benefit equity markets, especially smaller companies.

Equities posted gains across the board, with rate-sensitive sectors like real estate and utilities performing particularly well. These sectors served as safe havens and benefited from the lower interest rate environment.

In Australasia, performance was buoyed by the resource sector, which saw substantial gains following the announcement of China's new stimulus package.

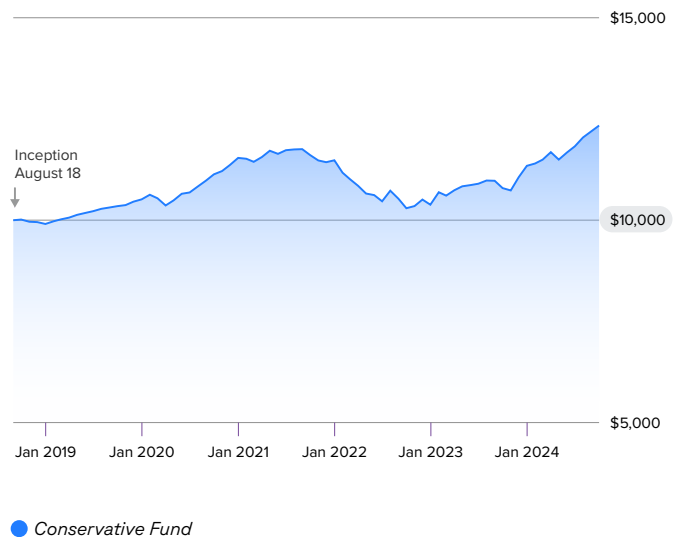
Globally, some of our German holdings rebounded, driven partly by the Chinese stimulus announcement, though the German economy continues struggling with weakness in the auto sector.

In fixed income, bonds had another strong month. The European Central Bank (ECB) cut interest rates by 0.25% for the second time, and in the US, the Federal Reserve (Fed) began its easing cycle with a significant 0.5% rate cut. With inflation nearing its 2% target, the Fed has shifted its focus to reducing rates to safeguard the economy. Fixed-income markets are now pricing in a substantial rate-cutting cycle, but bonds continue to offer attractive yields and diversification for equity portfolios.

We remain cautiously optimistic that the tailwinds that have driven strong returns for Conservative Fund investors this year will persist through the rest of 2024.

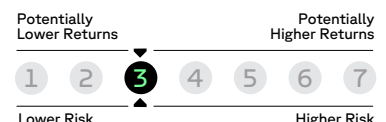
CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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



FUND DETAILS

Recommended minimum investment period	3 years
Objective	Seeks to preserve members' capital with modest growth over a period exceeding 3 years.
Description	Invests primarily in fixed interest and cash, with an allocation to equities, directly and/or through investment in the Pie KiwiSaver Balanced Fund and/or through other funds also managed by Pie Funds.
Inception date	August 2018
Risk indicator	



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PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Conservative Fund	1.3%	14.5%	2.5%	4.1%	4.0%
MARKET INDEX ¹	1.3%	13.6%	4.3%	3.9%	4.4%

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

1. The market index is a composite index (25% NZBond Bank Bill Index (NZD), 15% Bloomberg NZBond Credit 0+ Yr Index (NZD), 35% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index (100% hedged to NZD), 6% S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD), 19% S&P Global Broad Market (BMI) Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD)).

INVESTMENT MIX

Cash and cash equivalents	21.0%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	14.3%
International Fixed Interest	38.1%
Australasian Equities	5.5%
International Equities	21.1%



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

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

IBM 3.625% 06/02/2031
JPMorgan Chase & Co 5.336% 23/01/2035
Morrison & Co High Conviction Infrastructure Fund
Transpower New Zealand Ltd 4.977% 29/11/2028
Westpac New Zealand Ltd 4.337% 24/09/2029

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order and exclude cash.

UNIT PRICE

\$1.27

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

4.0% p.a.

before fees and before tax



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