



# Slice of Pie

February 2025

Keeping you up to date with Pie Funds and the markets



A message from Mike

**Fast & Furious Start  
to 2025**





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## Fast & Furious Start to 2025

2025 has been one of the fastest starts to a year that I can remember. Plenty of news flow and new information to digest: Stargate, AI, DeepSeek, tariffs, inauguration, Jevons Paradox, LA fires, Big Tech earnings, the USD move. The one that got my attention was the headline from the Wall Street Journal earlier this month that read “Dumbest Trade War in History” as President Donald Trump unleashed the first salvo of his tariff war, with general levies of 25% on Canada and Mexico, and 10% on China - the start of a wave of promised trade barrages against foreign allies and adversaries alike. For no good reason. The Republicans used tariffs in the 1930s to try to alleviate the effects of the Great Depression and improve revenue for the federal government. Did it work? Anyone, Anyone?

The move is explosive in scale and goes well beyond Trump’s first-term tariffs. They all but abandon the trade deal he negotiated with Canada and Mexico in his first term and will raise the cost of key goods, like food, housing, and gasoline for Americans, while the overall fallout threatens to spill widely across the countries, which are the largest three sources of US imports, accounting for almost half of the total volume. It marks a new phase of the trade war, which targets multiple countries, including allies and China, to meet US economic and geopolitical policy goals.

Whilst many still believe that this is a negotiating tactic, and like any act of war, no plan survives the first five minutes of battle, Trump will have to reconsider the US position now that other countries are calling his bluff. Or risk stoking inflation, reducing US growth, and irritating his neighbours.

I think we are past the point of no return on the latter (this appears to be the least of his concerns) and if you’ve ever had a tussle with a neighbour, you’ll know these things can escalate quickly. How bad will it get?

This is a dangerous game of chicken. Inflation is unpopular. Trump was elected partly because consumers were still reeling from the spike in prices in the previous year. I expect this argument to carry more weight in discussions over time, as ultimately Trump sees himself as a man of deals and a hero/saviour to the people.

The tariff news follows hot on the heels of the startling revelation that the Chinese have developed their version of ChatGPT, called DeepSeek, for a fraction of the price. And whilst it might not be able to provide you with a Wikipedia-type answer on 1989 Tiananmen Square, everything I read tells me it’s just as good in other respects. If you’ve hopped in a BYD or GWM lately, you will know that Chinese technology is impressive. However, with the Trump administration determined to be No 1, and the US tech hyperscalers spending hundreds of billions in the AI space, this is going to be a tech race, like the world has never seen in peacetime. Is this positive or negative for AI stocks and the market in general? I think it’s positive. We are in the middle of a technological revolution that should improve productivity and efficiency and drive economic growth. These factors should lead to earnings growth and consequently higher stock prices. Importantly, this is a secular trend that I think is set to continue for some time.

In this environment, the bulls have tried their best to keep calm and carry on through all the turbulence, and January was a positive start to the year, but the pressure of uncertainty keeps them from peacefully grazing on stocks. I am expecting plenty of volatility this year, which may cause the herd to shift around a lot looking for greener pastures. We will do our best to navigate this, moving with the herd when appropriate, or positioning ourselves prior. But please forgive me in advance, it will not be possible to foresee every twist and turn that is likely to eventuate this year! As I alluded to at the end of last year, in the last couple of years there have been some obvious discrepancies in market pricing.

Many of those are less evident today. One trend we are aware of is overcrowding. According to Bank of America strategist Michael Hartnett, US big tech stocks are set to become the 'Lagnificent 7'. "US exceptionalism is now exceptionally expensive and exceptionally well-owned". We therefore believe that this sector will either underperform the market in 2025 or perform in-line at best.

Finally, gold prices surpassed US\$2,800 an ounce for the first time. The majority of our funds have exposure to gold via direct holdings in gold miners around the world. The rise in gold is a reflection of the political uncertainty and inflation that has plagued the world since COVID. Gold performs particularly well in these environments.



Mike Taylor  
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Investment Officer



Pie Australasian  
Growth Fund 2  
named in **the best  
investments for 2024**  
by RNZ.\*



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Head of Australasian Equities  
and Portfolio Manager

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\*Radio New Zealand article - "What were the best investments of 2024?"  
<https://www.mz.co.nz/news/business/538119/where-were-the-best-investments-of-2024>

# Monthly Updates

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# Funds Snapshot

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025



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 AUSTRALASIAN GROWTH

 GLOBAL GROWTH

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## FUND DETAILS

	Inception Date	Unit Price	Standard Withdrawal Period (working days)	Lead Portfolio Manager(s)	Co-Portfolio Manager
 Pie KiwiSaver Conservative	Aug-18	\$1.28		M. Taylor, T. Murdoch	
Pie KiwiSaver Balanced	Aug-18	\$1.50		M. Taylor, T. Murdoch	
Pie KiwiSaver Growth	Aug-18	\$1.77		M. Taylor, T. Murdoch	
 Australasian Growth	Dec-07	\$8.68	15	M. Goltsman	M. Ross
Australasian Growth 2	Aug-15	\$3.13	10	M. Lopez	K. Williams
Australasian Dividend Growth	Sep-11	\$4.77	10	M. Ross	M. Goltsman
Australasian Emerging 	Apr-13	\$7.58	15	K. Williams	M. Lopez
 Global Growth	Sep-13	\$2.55	10	G. Thomewill, T. Woods* & M. Taylor	
Global Growth 2	May-18	\$1.49	5	G. Thomewill, T. Woods* & M. Taylor	
Growth UK & Europe	Nov-16	\$1.95	10	G. Thomewill, T. Woods* & M. Taylor	
 Conservative	Apr-15	\$1.24	5	T. Murdoch, M. Taylor	
Chairman's***	Sep-14	\$2.71	15	M. Taylor	M. Lopez
Fixed Income	Dec-23	\$1.08	5	T. Murdoch, M. Taylor	
Property & Infrastructure	Dec-23	\$1.10	5	M. Taylor, T. Woods & M. Young**	





\*Guy Thomewill and Toby Woods are responsible for research and analysis

\*\*Toby Woods and Matt Young are responsible for research and analysis

\*\*\*Minimum investment is \$500,000

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## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	3 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)	Total since inception
 Pie KiwiSaver Conservative	1.6%	2.4%	9.7%	4.2%	3.7%	4.0%	28.7%
Pie KiwiSaver Balanced	3.1%	4.5%	15.8%	5.7%	6.2%	6.6%	51.0%
Pie KiwiSaver Growth	3.9%	6.2%	19.3%	5.8%	7.4%	9.4%	78.3%
 Australasian Growth	3.4%	4.2%	25.7%	6.8%	6.9%	13.5%	782.5%
Australasian Growth 2	5.9%	8.0%	35.3%	7.9%	10.4%	12.9%	214.9%
Australasian Dividend Growth	3.6%	3.1%	14.7%	8.0%	12.8%	15.7%	599.4%
Australasian Emerging	3.7%	0.3%	24.7%	11.5%	10.8%	18.8%	663.1%
 Global Growth	-0.2%	1.0%	4.5%	1.3%	7.4%	8.6%	157.6%
Global Growth 2	5.6%	8.4%	19.5%	7.7%	7.6%	6.3%	50.6%
Growth UK & Europe	1.7%	5.5%	10.9%	2.5%	8.2%	8.5%	96.4%
 Conservative	1.5%	2.3%	7.7%	4.3%	3.7%	4.2%	49.2%
Chairman's	3.0%	4.1%	15.9%	5.7%	8.9%	10.1%	173.2%
Fixed Income	0.3%	0.7%	5.4%			6.7%	7.9%
Property & Infrastructure	1.6%	-1.6%	7.8%			8.5%	10.0%

Figures are after fees and before any individual tax except for the KiwiSaver returns which are before fees and any individual tax



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Total Funds Under Management: \$2.3b

## INVESTMENT MIX

Pie KiwiSaver Conservative



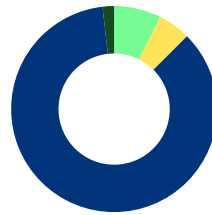
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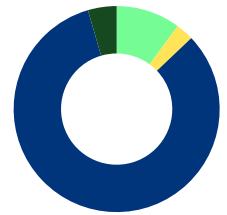
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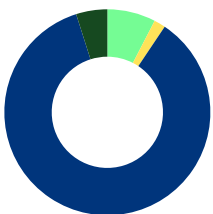
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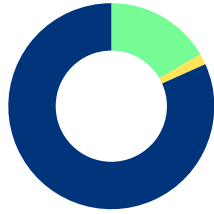
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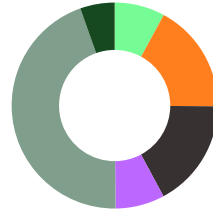
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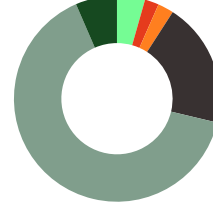
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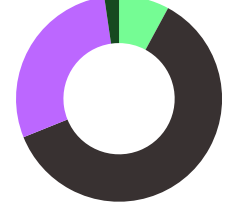
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Global Growth 2



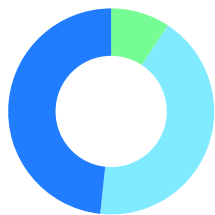
Growth UK & Europe



Conservative



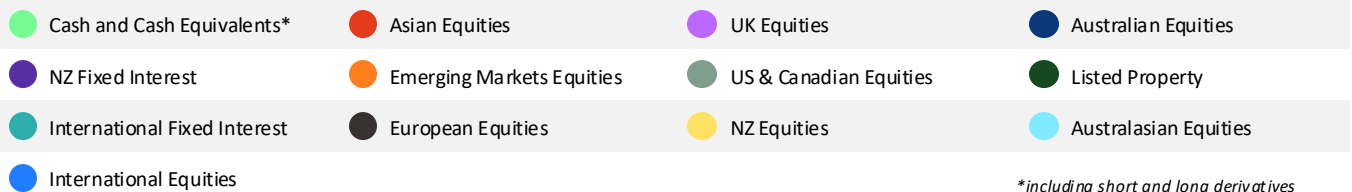
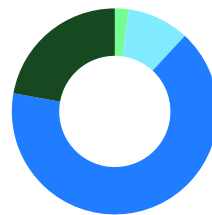
Chairman's



Fixed Income



Property & Infrastructure



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# Pie KiwiSaver Conservative Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**MIKE TAYLOR**  
Founder and Chief  
Investment Officer



**TRAVIS MURDOCH**  
Head of Fixed Income and  
Portfolio Manager

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Pie KiwiSaver Conservative Fund returned 1.6% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 9.7%.

After a weaker December, the Pie KiwiSaver products bounced back with a strong January, significantly outperforming benchmark, with substantial gains from several core holdings and a generally positive start to the fourth-quarter earnings reporting season. Global equity markets have had a volatile beginning to 2025, with recent news about the Chinese AI model DeepSeek impacting many share prices. Furthermore, tariff announcements by the new U.S. president at the end of the month will likely lead to increased volatility for a while. It is our firm view that higher tariffs are not beneficial for economies or consumers, so we can only hope that reason will prevail.

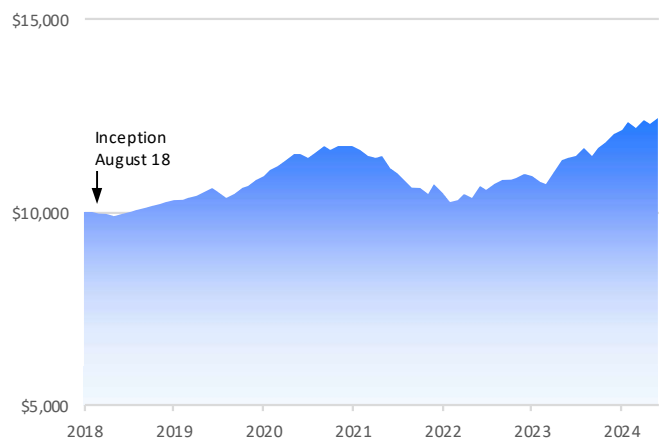
Top performers in January included Spotify, Thermo Fisher, and EssilorLuxottica. Spotify is experiencing strong operational leverage as it increases prices, validating our thesis so far. Rising gold prices, now trading at all-time highs, also led to positive gains in our gold holdings. We also experienced a good month for our Australasian investments.

It was another volatile month in fixed income with mixed performance across geographies. Bond markets began the month under pressure as strong economic data in the US drove 10-year government bond yields to 4.79%, the highest since October 2023. However, lower-than-expected inflation data took the pressure off bond yields, and after a reassuring FOMC meeting, where the Fed reassured markets it was more likely to cut than raise rates, US yields ended the month lower than where they started. Closer to home, NZ government bonds underperformed with yields closing the month higher which reversed some of the previous month's outperformance, despite the lack of fundamental news.

In summary a solid start to 2025, in what is undoubtedly going to be an interesting year for investors. Safe to say that there will be nothing boring about this year. We look forward to it, and that's what makes our job what it is: stressful but also rewarding.

## 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







# Pie KiwiSaver Conservative Fund

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## PERFORMANCE

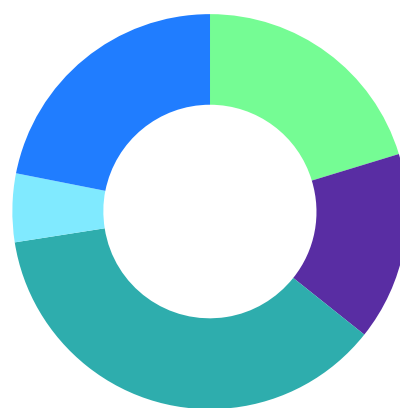
	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Conservative Fund	1.6%	9.7%	4.2%	3.7%	4.0%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	1.1%	9.4%	4.9%	4.0%	4.5%

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	20.3%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	15.4%
International Fixed Interest	36.8%
Australasian Equities	5.6%
International Equities	21.9%



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

## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

ASB Bank Ltd 4.71% 18/10/2027
Bank of New Zealand 4.889% 19/11/2029
International Business Machine 3.625% 06/02/2031
Morrison & Co High Conviction Infrastructure Fund
Transpower New Zealand Ltd 4.977% 29/11/2028

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

## UNIT PRICE

**\$1.28**

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

**4.0% p.a.**

before fees and tax

## FUND STATUS

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# Pie KiwiSaver Balanced Fund

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**MIKE TAYLOR**  
Founder and Chief  
Investment Officer



**TRAVIS MURDOCH**  
Head of Fixed Income and  
Portfolio Manager

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Pie KiwiSaver Balanced Fund returned 3.1% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 15.8%.

After a weaker December, the Pie KiwiSaver products bounced back with a strong January, significantly outperforming benchmark, with substantial gains from several core holdings and a generally positive start to the fourth-quarter earnings reporting season. Global equity markets have had a volatile beginning to 2025, with recent news about the Chinese AI model DeepSeek impacting many share prices. Furthermore, tariff announcements by the new U.S. president at the end of the month will likely lead to increased volatility for a while. It is our firm view that higher tariffs are not beneficial for economies or consumers, so we can only hope that reason will prevail.

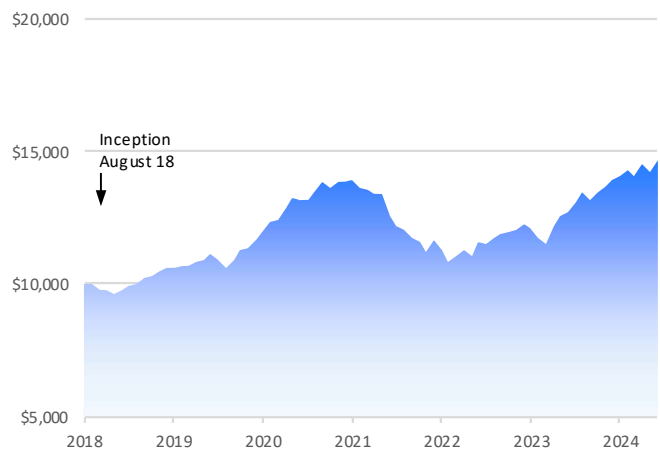
Top performers in January included Spotify, Thermo Fisher, and EssilorLuxottica. Spotify is experiencing strong operational leverage as it increases prices, validating our thesis so far. Constellation Energy was the best performer, rising 34% after announcing a large deal to acquire Calpine, another power generation company in the U.S. Newmont also performed well, rising 15% as gold prices hit new highs. We also experienced strong performance for our Australasian investments.

It was another volatile month in fixed income with mixed performance across geographies. Bond markets began the month under pressure as strong economic data in the US drove 10-year government bond yields to 4.79%, the highest since October 2023. However, lower-than-expected inflation data took the pressure off bond yields, and after a reassuring FOMC meeting, where the Fed reassured markets it was more likely to cut than raise rates, US yields ended the month lower than where they started. Closer to home, NZ government bonds underperformed with yields closing the month higher which reversed some of the previous month's outperformance, despite the lack of fundamental news.

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## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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## FUND DETAILS

Recommended minimum investment period	5 years
Objective	Seeks to provide members with steady capital growth over a period exceeding 5 years.
Description	Invests in equities, with a 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





# Pie KiwiSaver Balanced Fund

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## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Balanced Fund	3.1%	15.8%	5.7%	6.2%	6.6%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	2.0%	15.9%	8.3%	7.9%	7.8%

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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	10.2%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	7.9%
International Fixed Interest	19.0%
Australasian Equities	12.9%
International Equities	50.0%



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 Infra Aus Feeder NZH
Schneider Electric SE
Transpower New Zealand Ltd 4.977% 29/11/2028

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

### UNIT PRICE

**\$1.50**

### ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

**6.6% p.a.**

before fees and tax

### FUND STATUS

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# Pie KiwiSaver Growth Fund

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**MIKE TAYLOR**  
Founder and Chief  
Investment Officer



**TRAVIS MURDOCH**  
Head of Fixed Income and  
Portfolio Manager

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Pie KiwiSaver Growth Fund returned 3.9% this month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 19.3%.

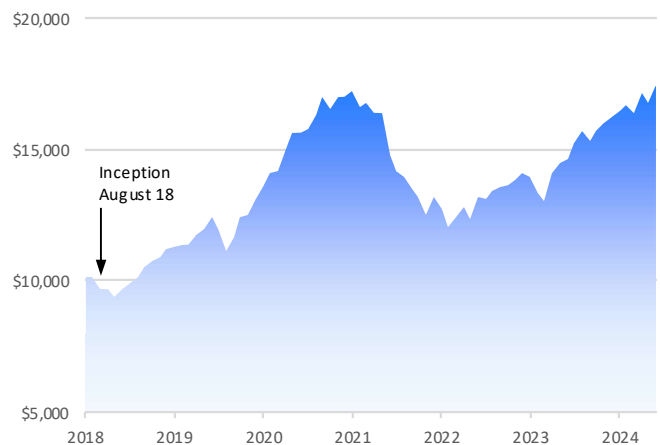
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## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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## FUND DETAILS

Recommended minimum investment period	7 years
Objective	Seeks to maximise capital growth for members over a period exceeding 7 years.
Description	Invests primarily in International and Australasian equities with a focus on globally-known brands, along with a cash and fixed interest exposure, directly and/or through investment in other funds also managed by Pie Funds.
Inception date	August 2018
Risk indicator	





# Pie KiwiSaver Growth Fund

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## PERFORMANCE

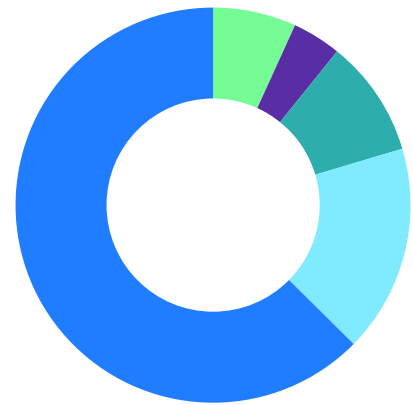
	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Growth Fund	3.9%	19.3%	5.8%	7.4%	9.4%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	2.6%	19.5%	10.2%	10.0%	9.6%

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1. The market index is a composite index (5% NZBond Bank Bill Index (NZD), 5% Bloomberg NZBond Credit 0+ Yr Index (NZD), 10% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index (100% hedged to NZD), 15% S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD), 65% S&P Global Broad Market (BMI) Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD)).

## INVESTMENT MIX

Cash and cash equivalents	6.8%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	4.0%
International Fixed Interest	9.6%
Australasian Equities	17.0%
International Equities	62.6%



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
iShares Bitcoin Trust
Microsoft Corporation
Morrison & Co High Conviction Infra Aus Feeder NZH
Schneider Electric SE

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## UNIT PRICE

# \$1.77

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

# 9.4% p.a.

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# Australasian Growth Fund

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**MICHAEL GOLTSMAN**  
Lead Portfolio Manager



**MIKE ROSS**  
Co-Portfolio Manager

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Australasian Growth Fund returned 3.4% this month, bringing its 12-month return to 25.7%.

Australian equities had a strong month, with the Small Ordinaries rising 4.6%, pushing the market to a new high. Gains were part of a global risk-on rally. Corporate news flow was relatively quiet, as many companies were in blackout ahead of February's reporting season. Despite some softer trading updates from retailers and quarterly production figures from miners, overall sentiment remained positive.

Generation Development Group shares rose 27% following a record-breaking quarter, with \$250 million of Investment Bond inflows in 2Q25, leading to a 31% increase in FUM to \$3.8 billion. Lonsec also benefited from increased inflows for its products with FUM growing to \$12.7 billion, up 8% on the previous quarter. The share price was further buoyed by likely index inclusion in March.

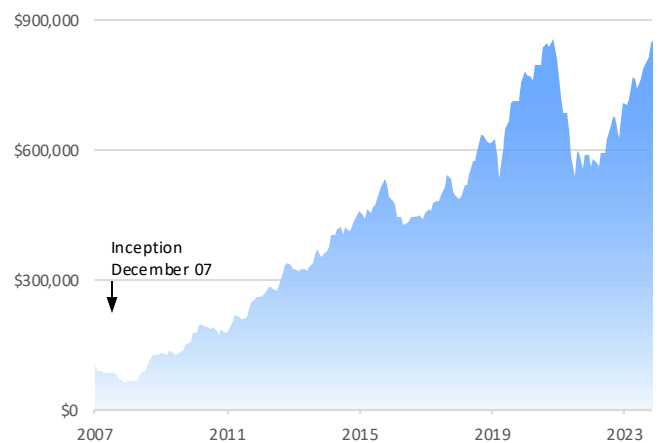
Kogan's share price tumbled 23% in January after a disappointing half-year earnings update, which missed market expectations. The core Kogan.com website returned to growth as gross sales increased 24% in the November/December months after being flat July to October. However, a technology disruption at its Mighty Ape website and a strategic investment in marketing costs impacted profitability.

The number of positions in the fund was stable at 28 and cash levels were reduced to 7.4%.

With reporting season ahead, we hold c. 7.5% cash to capitalize on volatility and mispricing opportunities.

## 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 Australasian smaller companies

Inception date December 2007

Standard withdrawal period 15 working days

Risk indicator

Potentially Lower Returns      Potentially Higher Returns

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Lower Risk      Higher Risk



# Australasian Growth Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	10 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Australasian Growth Fund	3.4%	25.7%	6.8%	6.9%	9.6%	8.8%	13.5%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	4.5%	13.8%	4.2%	5.3%	5.1%	7.8%	1.6%

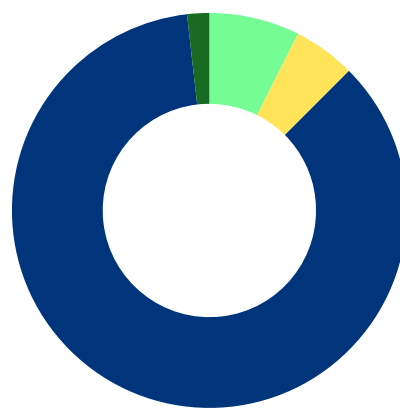
Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

1. S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD).

## INVESTMENT MIX

Cash (including Derivatives)	7.4%
New Zealand Equities	5.1%
Australian Equities	85.7%
Listed Property	1.8%

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



## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

Catapult Group International Ltd

Embark Early Education Limited

Generation Development Group Ltd

IPD Group Ltd

Superloop Limited

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

## UNIT PRICE

\$8.68

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

13.5% p.a.

after fees and before tax

## FUND STATUS

CLOSED

OPEN



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# Australasian Growth 2 Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**MICHELLE LOPEZ**  
Head of Australasian Equities and  
Lead Portfolio Manager



**KENT WILLIAMS**  
Co-Portfolio Manager

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Australasian Growth 2 Fund returned 5.9% this month, bringing its 12-month return to 35.3%.

Australian equities had a strong month, with the Small Ordinaries rising 4.6%, pushing the market to a new high. Gains were part of a global risk-on rally. Corporate news flow was relatively quiet, as many companies were in blackout ahead of February's reporting season. Despite some softer trading updates from retailers and quarterly production figures from miners, overall sentiment remained positive.

Key contributors to performance included Hub24 (+15.6%) and Genesis Minerals (+28.9%). Hub24 benefitted from another record quarter of inflows (\$5.5bn in 2Q25), bringing total platform FUA to \$98.9bn. The future pipeline remains strong, with 40 new distribution agreements signed and a 14% increase in new advisers. While its FY26 FUA target of \$115–123bn was maintained, we see upside potential given strong flows and market returns. We believe Hub24 will continue delivering compounding earnings growth, supported by structural industry tailwinds and strong execution.

Genesis, a gold producer, benefitted from rising gold prices but, more importantly, from a strong quarterly result, with production up 58% quarter-on-quarter. Costs remained well managed, generating \$50m in free cash flow - nearly double market expectations. We view Genesis as a high-quality operator in the small-cap gold space.

On the flip side, one of the Fund's key detractors this month was Infratil (-11.0%). Whilst there was no company specific news, the share price decline may reflect President Trump's unsupportive views of the renewable energy industry, which may impact the lucrative tax incentives their asset Longroad benefits from. In addition, DeepSeek's AI model release caused ripples through the entire AI value chain, including data centers, impacting investors' view on CDC. Whilst we acknowledge political risk on the Longroad side, and have factored this in, we believe the demand for data centre capacity remains unabated.

With reporting season ahead, we hold ~10% cash to capitalize on volatility and mispricing opportunities.

## 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 Australasian smaller and medium companies
Inception date	August 2015
Standard withdrawal period	10 working days
Risk indicator	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Potentially Lower Returns</span> <span>Potentially Higher Returns</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <span>1</span> <span>2</span> <span>3</span> <span>4</span> <span>5</span> <span style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">6</span> <span>7</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; font-size: small;"> <span>Lower Risk</span> <span>Higher Risk</span> </div>





# Australasian Growth 2 Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Australasian Growth 2 Fund	5.9%	35.3%	7.9%	10.4%	10.8%	12.9%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	5.0%	18.2%	4.3%	5.4%	5.1%	7.9%

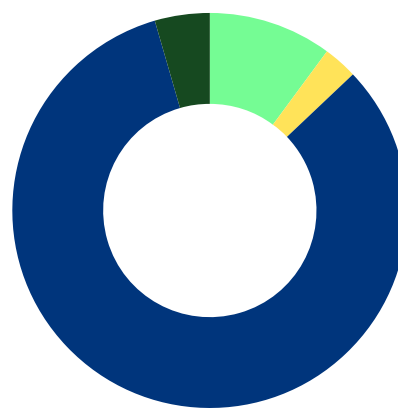
Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

1. S&P/ASX Mid Cap 50 & Small Ordinaries Daily 50/50 Blend Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD).

## INVESTMENT MIX

Cash (including Derivatives)	10.1%
New Zealand Equities	2.8%
Australian Equities	82.6%
Listed Property	4.5%

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



## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

HUB24 Limited

Life360 Inc

Pinnacle Investment Management Group Ltd

Resmed Inc

SGH Ltd

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

## UNIT PRICE

\$3.13

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

12.9% p.a.

after fees and before tax

## FUND STATUS

CLOSED

OPEN

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# Australasian Dividend Growth Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**MIKE ROSS**  
Lead Portfolio Manager



**MICHAEL GOLTSMAN**  
Co-Portfolio Manager



## FUND COMMENTARY

The Dividend Growth Fund returned 3.6% during the month, bringing its 12-month return to 14.7%.

January was a strong month for equities, with the index up 4.5%. Resources (up 8.3%) outperformed industrials (up 3.3%), largely driven by gold. Softer inflation in the fourth quarter domestically means an earlier rate cut is now priced in. Our investing process is focused on bottom-up fundamentals but a cutting cycle would likely benefit small caps.

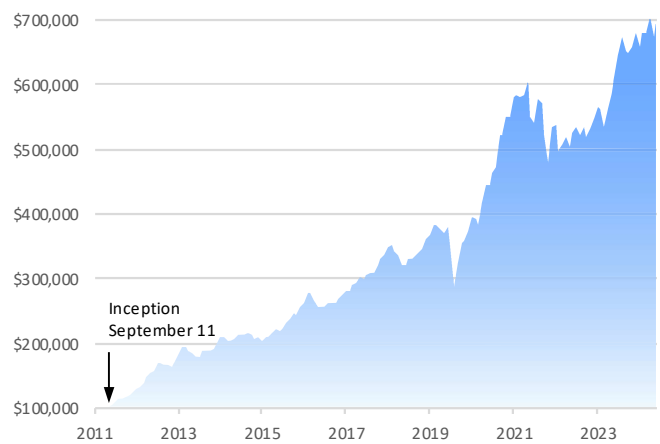
Generation Development Group was a key contributor to fund performance, increasing by 27% after releasing a strong second quarter update. GDG reported a record \$250 million of investment bond inflows in 2Q25 and a 31% increase in FUM to \$3.8 billion. Lonsec also benefited from increased inflows with FUM growing to \$12.7 billion, up 8% on the previous quarter.

Other contributors to performance included Aussie Broadband, Life360 and Austal, a relatively recent addition to the fund which increased by 23.6% in January.

The largest detractor to performance during the month was ZIP Co. Its shares fell by 17.6% after a mixed quarterly update. The update demonstrated continued momentum in ZIP's key US market (38% TTV growth) but higher costs meant it failed to deliver significant operating leverage in the seasonally strong second quarter. ZIP management have pulled off a remarkable turnaround over the last couple of years. An improved balance sheet, cost management and accelerating US growth have delivered significant earnings growth and a 5x increase in the share price over the last 12 months, making for a very successful investment.

## 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	Generate income and capital growth over a period exceeding 5 years.
Description	Invests predominantly in listed Australasian smaller and medium growth companies paying dividends or that will produce cash-flow for future distributions.
Inception date	September 2011
Standard withdrawal period	10 working days
Risk indicator	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Potentially Lower Returns</span> <span>Potentially Higher Returns</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <span>1</span> <span>2</span> <span>3</span> <span>4</span> <span>5</span> <span style="border: 2px solid green; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">6</span> <span>7</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; font-size: small;"> <span>Lower Risk</span> <span>Higher Risk</span> </div>



# Australasian Dividend Growth Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	10 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Australasian Dividend Growth Fund	3.6%	14.7%	8.0%	12.8%	12.7%	12.7%	15.7%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	4.5%	13.8%	4.2%	5.3%	5.1%	7.8%	4.1%

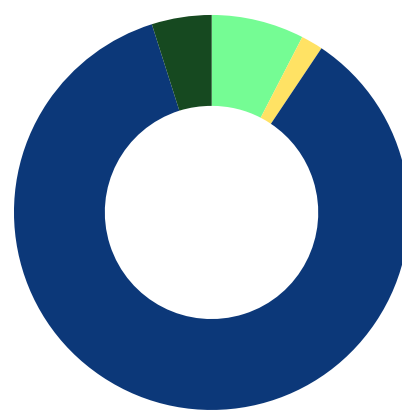
Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

1. S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD).

## INVESTMENT MIX

Cash (including Derivatives)	7.6%
New Zealand Equities	1.8%
Australian Equities	85.7%
Listed Property	4.9%

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



## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

AUB Group Limited
Aussie Broadband Pty Ltd
Generation Development Group Ltd
Life360 Inc
MA Financial Group Ltd

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

## UNIT PRICE

**\$4.77**

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

**15.7% p.a.**

after fees and before tax

## FUND STATUS

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# Australasian Emerging Companies Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**KENT WILLIAMS**  
Lead Portfolio Manager



**MICHELLE LOPEZ**  
Head of Australasian Equities and  
Co-Portfolio Manager

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Emerging Companies Fund returned 3.7% during the month, bringing its 12-month return to 24.7%.

Gains were part of a global risk-on rally. Corporate news flow was relatively quiet, as many companies were in blackout ahead of February's reporting season. While some retailers issued softer trading updates and miners reported quarterly production figures, overall market sentiment remained positive.

Key contributors to performance were Dropsuite and Dimerix, while Zip detracted despite a positive trading update that fell short of investors' high expectations.

Dropsuite delivered a strong quarterly update, but its 30% share price surge in January was driven by a takeover offer. The premium is reasonable, and with major shareholder approval, the deal is likely to proceed. However, it is bittersweet, as Dropsuite is one of the highest-quality technology companies on the ASX. Given its strong topline growth, attractive valuation, and positive cash flow, we believe shareholders would be better served if it remained listed.

Dimerix also had a strong month, rising similarly after announcing a licensing agreement for Japan. Such agreements are crucial as they represent financial and commercial commitments to bringing products to market. This marks the company's third deal, with key remaining regions - the US and China - expected to follow within 12-24 months, pending Phase 3 trial results.

Zip shares declined post-update, despite encouraging US customer growth. Given its trajectory, we see the price drop as a short-term blip.

With reporting season ahead, we hold c. 16% cash to capitalize on volatility and mispricing opportunities.

## 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 Australasian emerging companies
Inception date	April 2013
Standard withdrawal period	15 working days
Risk indicator	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Potentially Lower Returns</span> <span>Potentially Higher Returns</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <span>1</span> <span>2</span> <span>3</span> <span>4</span> <span>5</span> <span style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">6</span> <span>7</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; font-size: small;"> <span>Lower Risk</span> <span>Higher Risk</span> </div>



# Australasian Emerging Companies Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	10 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Australasian Emerging Companies Fund	3.7%	24.7%	11.5%	10.8%	13.1%	14.9%	18.8%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	0.3%	24.1%	0.2%	10.7%	7.7%	10.9%	6.6%

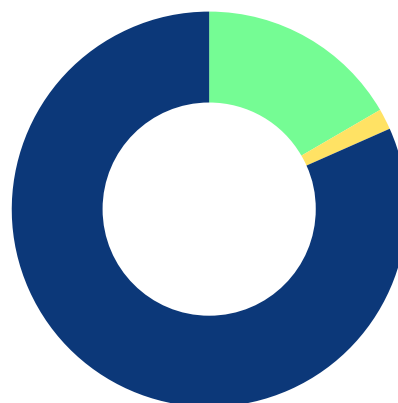
Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

1. S&P/ASX Emerging Companies Index Total Return (75% hedged to NZD).

## INVESTMENT MIX

Cash (including Derivatives)	16.6%
New Zealand Equities	1.7%
Australian Equities	81.6%

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



## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

Access Innovation Holdings Ltd
Dropsuite Ltd
Generation Development Group Ltd
IPD Group Ltd
Metro Mining Ltd

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

## UNIT PRICE

**\$7.58**

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

**18.8% p.a.**

after fees and before tax

## FUND STATUS

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# Global Growth Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**GUY THORNEWILL\***  
Head of Global Research



**TOBY WOODS\***  
Senior Investment Analyst



**MIKE TAYLOR**  
Founder and Chief Investment Officer

\*Guy Thornewill and Toby Woods are responsible for research and analysis

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Global Growth Fund returned -0.2% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 4.5%.

Global smaller-company equities were slightly higher in the month after a poor end to 2024, driven by hopes that the new administration in the U.S. would stimulate investment and lower taxes, as well as by their attractive valuations. However, tariff announcements by the new U.S. president at the end of the month will likely lead to increased volatility for a while. It is our firm view that higher tariffs are not beneficial for economies or consumers, so we can only hope that reason will prevail. Until then, we remain focused on finding attractively valued smaller-company equities that can grow under different economic scenarios.

One such company is Merit Medical, which rose by 13% during the month to new all-time highs, driven by its steady compounding growth profile and the confirmation of the launch of its new Wrapsody stent. Other large holdings that performed well included Colliers (real estate services) and CBIZ (accounting for small businesses). Holdings that underperformed included NVE Corp, which has not yet seen an uptick in order momentum, and ELF Beauty (cosmetics and skincare for young consumers). ELF Beauty is a new holding and a company that has been rapidly gaining market share in the low-end cosmetics market with affordable yet high-quality products. We believe the company has significant room to grow outside the U.S., even if domestic growth is slowing. Tariffs are not helpful for this company, hence the recent share price weakness, but we think it can offset this through price increases. We initially bought only a small position.

Other new holdings started in January included Advanced Energy Industries (AEI), National Vision, and RadNet, as we continue increasing our weight in U.S. equities. AEI sells power equipment for semiconductor, industrial, and medical end markets, which we expect to pick up during 2025, along with benefiting from sales into the rapidly growing data centre market. National Vision is an eyeglasses retailer in the U.S., where new management is expected to reinvigorate the brand in what is a structurally growing market. RadNet owns a series of diagnostic imaging centres and has strong growth potential, as well as an AI business focused on analysing data from millions of scans to achieve better patient outcomes.

## 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 smaller companies, international managed funds and other products issued by Pie Funds.

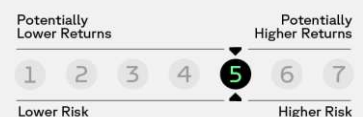
Inception date

September 2013

Standard withdrawal period

10 working days

Risk indicator



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# Global Growth Fund

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## PERFORMANCE

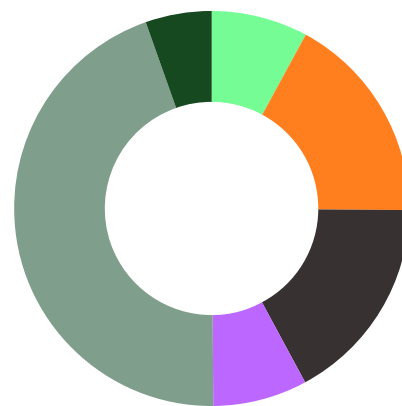
	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	10 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Global Growth Fund	-0.2%	4.5%	1.3%	7.4%	7.8%	8.6%	8.6%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	2.7%	19.1%	8.7%	9.6%	8.9%	10.0%	10.7%

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

1. S&P Global SmallCap Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD).

## INVESTMENT MIX

Cash (including Derivatives)	7.9%
Emerging Market Equities	17.2%
European Equities	17.0%
UK Equities	7.7%
US and Canadian Equities	44.7%
Listed Property	5.4%



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

## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

CBIZ Inc
Colliers International Group Inc
Hillman Solutions Corp
Littelfuse Inc
William Blair SICAV - EMK SMC I Class

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

## UNIT PRICE

\$2.55

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

8.6% p.a.

after fees and before tax

## FUND STATUS

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# Global Growth 2 Fund

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



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Head of Global Research



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Senior Investment Analyst



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Founder and Chief Investment Officer

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## FUND COMMENTARY

The Global Growth 2 Fund returned 5.6% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 19.5%.

The fund had a strong month, significantly outperforming its benchmark, with substantial gains from several core holdings and a generally positive start to the fourth-quarter earnings reporting season. Global equity markets have had a volatile beginning to 2025, with recent news about the Chinese AI model DeepSeek impacting many share prices. Furthermore, tariff announcements by the new U.S. president at the end of the month will likely lead to increased volatility for a while. It is our firm view that higher tariffs are not beneficial for economies or consumers, so we can only hope that reason will prevail.

Top performers in January included Spotify, Thermo Fisher, and EssilorLuxottica. Spotify is experiencing strong operational leverage as it increases prices, validating our thesis so far. Thermo Fisher reported strong earnings, with signs of improving demand for its laboratory equipment. EssilorLuxottica is seeing growing excitement around smart glasses and strong demand for its premium lenses. Constellation Energy was the best performer, rising 34% after announcing a large deal to acquire Calpine, another power generation company in the U.S. Newmont also performed well, rising 15% as gold prices hit new highs.

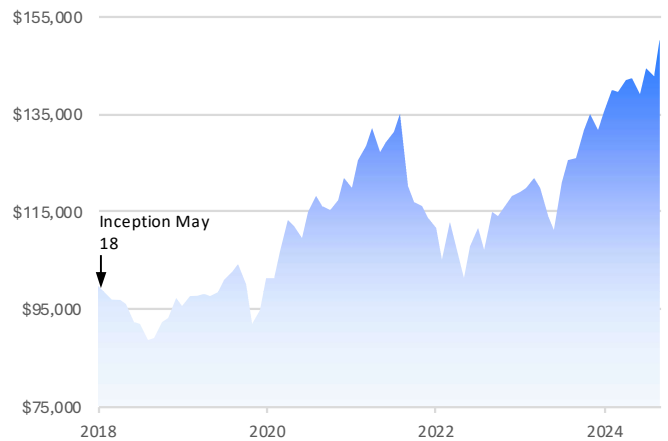
The worst performer was Manhattan Associates, a leader in warehouse management software. Despite strong earnings, the shares fell sharply due to a softer outlook for 2025, driven by weaker demand in its professional services segment. Its key cloud sales are still growing strongly, but we are reviewing our holding.

During the month, we bought back into Salesforce and Mastercard - companies we have held before - as we expect them to continue producing robust earnings growth. We also initiated a position in KKR, the listed private equity manager, as we see a strong growth outlook for private capital in the coming decade.

These purchases were funded by further reducing our position in Nvidia and exiting Advanced Micro Devices, as we believe the increasing efficiency of evolving AI models, such as DeepSeek, will erode the premiums these companies can charge for their AI chips. We think our other holdings in AI-related infrastructure stocks - such as data centres, mega-cap tech, and semiconductors - remain well-positioned, and we are looking to add more companies in the software sector.

## 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	5 working days
Risk indicator	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Potentially Lower Returns</span> <span>Potentially Higher Returns</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <span>1</span> <span>2</span> <span>3</span> <span>4</span> <span style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">5</span> <span>6</span> <span>7</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; font-size: small;"> <span>Lower Risk</span> <span>Higher Risk</span> </div>





# Global Growth 2 Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Global Growth 2 Fund	5.6%	19.5%	7.7%	7.6%	6.3%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	2.9%	24.8%	11.1%	11.3%	11.1%

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)	4.4%
Asian Equities	2.2%
Emerging Market Equities	2.5%
European Equities	19.6%
US and Canadian Equities	64.7%
Listed Property	6.5%



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
JPMorgan Chase & Co
Meta Platforms Inc
Microsoft Corporation
Schneider Electric SE

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

### UNIT PRICE

\$1.49

### ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

6.3% p.a.

after fees and before tax

### FUND STATUS

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# Growth UK & Europe Fund

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



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Senior Investment Analyst



**MIKE TAYLOR**  
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## FUND COMMENTARY

The Growth UK & Europe Fund returned 1.7% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 10.9%.

In January, global equity markets were focused on digesting the incoming U.S. President's policies and the implications of the Chinese-created AI platform, DeepSeek. In Europe, additional factors were at play, including the upcoming German election in February, yet another newly formed government in France, and spiking bond yields in the UK. Despite these many moving parts, the fund delivered a positive return during the period.

A few stocks outperformed significantly during the month. Invisio, a Swedish defense business, announced strong order intake, pushing the stock roughly 20% higher. Dynavox, a relatively new addition to the fund, was upgraded by a broker, leading to a similar share price increase. Finally, Trustpilot reported better-than-expected preliminary numbers, driving its stock to its highest level in three years.

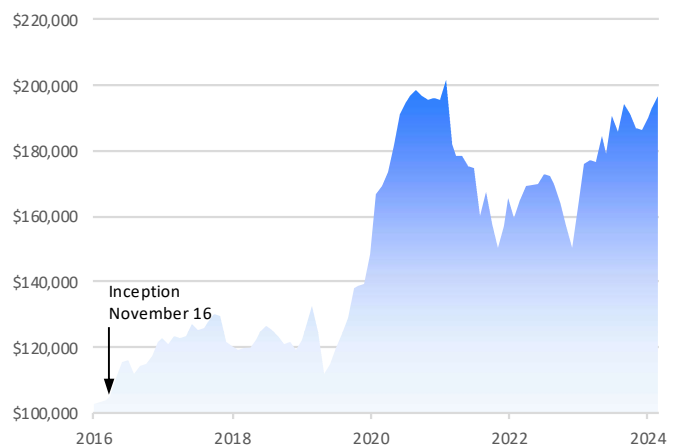
On the negative side, Trainline was impacted by the UK government's suggestion that it might create a publicly owned rival to the platform. The stock had been on a solid upward trajectory, supported by increasing earnings estimates, but fell by more than 10% on this news. We reduced our holding by roughly one-third. Meanwhile, Bonesupport, which has been a stellar performer, declined following news that a surgical procedure using its bone replacement product resulted in a fatality. While it is highly unlikely that Bonesupport was at fault, the negative sentiment understandably weighed on the share price.

We added two new positions to the fund. Fuchs, a distributor of niche automotive lubricants and greases with a high-return profile, represents a classic German 'Mittelstand' business. We believe it will benefit from any business-friendly policy reforms introduced after the German election. Envipco, a Norwegian manufacturer of reverse vending machines - automated recycling machines for plastic bottles and aluminium cans - was also added. With the EU enforcing a 90% recyclable plastic bottle target by 2029, this sector has strong growth potential.

We believe the fund is well positioned as we enter February, a month in which many European companies will release their full-year earnings reports.

## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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## FUND DETAILS

Recommended minimum investment period: 5 years

Objective: Generate income and capital growth over a period exceeding 5 years.

Description: Invests predominantly in listed UK and European small companies.

Inception date: November 2016

Standard withdrawal period: 10 working days

Risk indicator

Potentially Lower Returns | Potentially Higher Returns

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Lower Risk | Higher Risk



# Growth UK & Europe Fund

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## PERFORMANCE

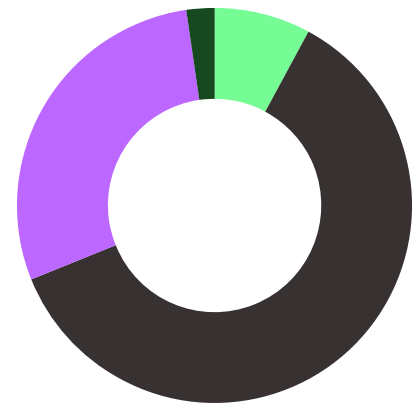
	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Growth UK & Europe Fund	1.7%	10.9%	2.5%	8.2%	6.9%	8.5%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	4.2%	13.3%	2.9%	5.6%	5.2%	8.9%

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

1. S&P Europe Small Cap Gross Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD).

## INVESTMENT MIX

Cash (including Derivatives)	7.9%
European Equities	61.0%
UK Equities	28.8%
Listed Property	2.3%



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

## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

Biogaia AB
Boku Inc
Discoverie Group PLC
Frp Advisory Group PLC
ID Logistics SAS

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

### UNIT PRICE

\$1.95

### ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

8.5% p.a.

after fees and before tax

### FUND STATUS

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# Conservative Fund

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**MIKE TAYLOR**  
Founder and Chief  
Investment Officer



**TRAVIS MURDOCH**  
Head of Fixed Income and  
Portfolio Manager

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Conservative Fund delivered a return of 1.5% during the month, bringing its 12-month performance to 7.7%.

After a weaker December, the Fund bounced back with a strong January, outperforming its benchmark, with substantial gains from several core holdings and a generally positive start to the fourth-quarter earnings reporting season. Global equity markets have had a volatile beginning to 2025, with recent news about the Chinese AI model DeepSeek impacting many share prices. Furthermore, tariff announcements by the new U.S. president at the end of the month will likely lead to increased volatility for a while. It is our firm view that higher tariffs are not beneficial for economies or consumers, so we can only hope that reason will prevail.

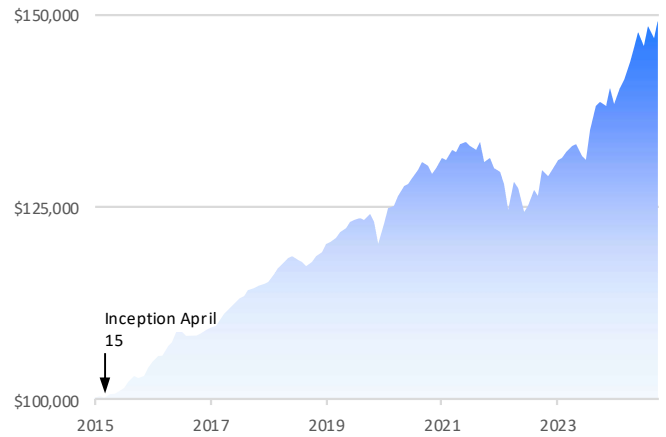
Top performers in January included Spotify, Thermo Fisher, and EssilorLuxottica. Spotify is experiencing strong operational leverage as it increases prices, validating our thesis so far. Rising gold prices, now trading at all-time highs, also led to positive gains in our gold holdings. We also experienced a good month for our Australasian investments.

It was another volatile month in fixed income with mixed performance across geographies. Bond markets began the month under pressure as strong economic data in the US drove 10-year government bond yields to 4.79%, the highest since October 2023. However, lower-than-expected inflation data took the pressure off bond yields, and after a reassuring FOMC meeting, where the Fed reassured markets it was more likely to cut than raise rates, US yields ended the month lower than where they started. Closer to home, NZ government bonds underperformed with yields closing the month higher which reversed some of the previous month's outperformance, despite the lack of fundamental news.

In summary a solid start to 2025, in what is undoubtedly going to be an interesting year for investors. Safe to say that there will be nothing boring about this year. We look forward to it, and that's what makes our job what it is: stressful but also rewarding.

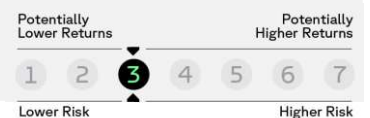
## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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## FUND DETAILS

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 fixed-interest securities and some cash, with an allocation to equities (directly or through other products issued by Pie Funds). It may also invest in other products such as term deposits and bonds.
Inception date	April 2015
Standard withdrawal period	5 working days
Risk indicator	



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# Conservative Fund

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## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Conservative Fund	1.5%	7.7%	4.3%	3.7%	3.8%	4.2%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	1.1%	9.4%	4.7%	4.0%	4.6%	4.8%

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

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 (including Derivatives)	19.2%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	15.6%
International Fixed Interest	37.3%
Australasian Equities	5.7%
International Equities	22.2%



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

## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

ASB Bank Ltd 4.71% 18/10/2027
Bank of New Zealand 4.889% 19/11/2029
International Business Machine 3.625% 06/02/2031
Morrison & Co High Conviction Infrastructure Fund
Transpower New Zealand Ltd 4.977% 29/11/2028

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

## UNIT PRICE

\$1.24

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

4.2% p.a.

after fees and before tax

## FUND STATUS

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# Chairman's Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**MIKE TAYLOR**  
Founder and Chief  
Investment Officer



**MICHELLE LOPEZ**  
Head of Australasian Equities and  
Co-Portfolio Manager

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Chairman's Fund delivered a return of 3.0% during the month, bringing its 12-month performance to 15.9%.

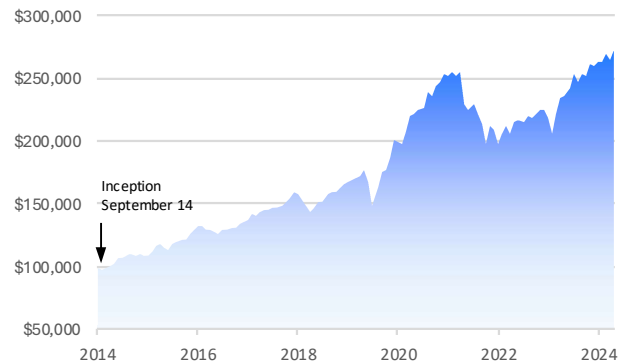
Market dynamics during the month left us with plenty of topics for discussion and 2025 has been one of the fastest starts to a year that I can remember. There has been plenty of news flow and new information to digest to start the year including: Stargate, AI, DeepSeek, tariffs, inauguration, Jevons Paradox, LA fires, Big Tech earnings, the USD move. In this environment, the bulls have tried their best to keep calm and carry on through all the turbulence, and January was a positive start to the year, but the pressure of uncertainty keeps them from peacefully grazing on stocks. I am expecting plenty of volatility this year, which may cause the herd to shift around a lot looking for greener pastures. We will do our best to navigate this, moving with the herd when appropriate, or positioning ourselves prior. But please forgive me in advance, it will not be possible to foresee every twist and turn that is likely to eventuate this year!

Strong performance for our Australasian Funds, in particular Australasian Growth 2, and our International large cap fund, Global Growth 2, both returning c. 6% for the month gave the Chairman's Fund a solid start to 2025, in what is undoubtedly going to be an interesting year for investors. Some stocks to call out include Swedish Audio equipment company Invisio (up 18.9%) as they supply the European military, Spotify up 22.6% on expanding margins, and in Australia, we had a number of small caps with >20% moves including Dropsuite, Generation Development Group, Genesis minerals, Telix and Plenti.

Safe to say that there will be nothing boring about 2025, unless of course, all the antics become boring after a while! We look forward to it either way, makes the job what it is.

## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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## 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

Potentially Lower Returns      Potentially Higher Returns

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Lower Risk      Higher Risk

## 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



# Chairman's Fund

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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	3.0%	15.9%	5.7%	8.9%	9.5%	10.3%	10.1%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	3.6%	16.5%	6.6%	7.6%	7.1%	9.1%	8.5%

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)	9.3%
Australasian Equities	42.4%
International Equities	48.3%

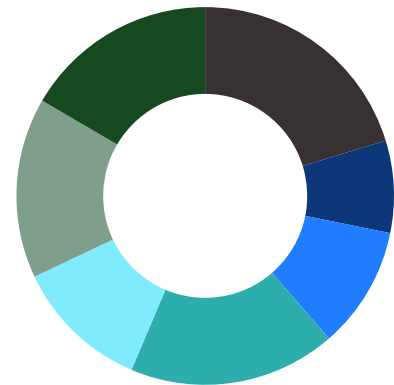
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## HOLDINGS

Global Growth	20.3%
Australasian Growth	7.9%
Australasian Growth 2	10.5%
Australasian Dividend Growth	17.8%
Australasian Emerging Companies	11.6%
Growth UK & Europe	15.5%
Global Growth 2	16.6%

Net of Chairman's cash holdings



## UNIT PRICE

\$2.71

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

10.1% p.a.

after fees and before tax

## FUND STATUS

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# Pie Fixed Income Fund

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**TRAVIS MURDOCH**  
Head of Fixed Income and  
Portfolio Manager



**MIKE TAYLOR**  
Founder and Chief  
Investment Officer

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Fixed Income Fund returned 0.3% this month, bringing its 12-month performance to 5.4%.

It was another volatile month in fixed income with mixed performance across geographies.

Bond markets began the month under pressure as strong economic data in the US drove 10-year government bond yields to 4.79%, the highest since October 2023. Coupled with ongoing concerns about the lack of progress on inflation in recent months, markets entertained the notion that the Fed may be forced to hike interest rates later in the year. However, lower-than-expected inflation data alleviated concerns and took the pressure off bond markets, and the FOMC meeting at the end of the month reassured markets that the next move from the Fed was more likely to be a rate cut than a rate hike. After round-tripping, US government yields ended the month lower than where they started.

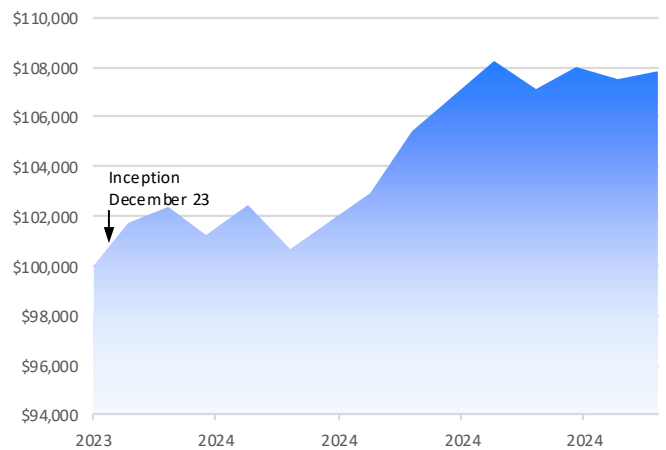
Elsewhere, bond markets were equally indecisive. At home, New Zealand government bonds underperformed with yields closing the month higher, reversing some of the previous month's outperformance, despite the lack of fundamental news. The RBNZ meets on 19 February where they are expected to cut the OCR by another 0.5% to 3.75%. We continue to think that they have been too slow to cut rates and have done unnecessary damage to the economy. We think they will need to cut the OCR by another 0.5% to 3.25% at the following meeting in April, which arguably would still only get rates to a level considered neutral for the economy.

Looking forward, we expect ongoing volatility in bond markets as the new US government formulates policy, including tariffs which could have different outcomes for different countries.

Nonetheless, we continue to think bond yields are at attractive levels, which provide a cushion against negative returns if rates were to rise further and the potential for attractive capital gains if interest rates fall.

## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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## FUND DETAILS

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: December 2023

Standard withdrawal period: Up to 5 working days

### Risk indicator







# Pie Fixed Income Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Fixed Income Fund	0.3%	5.4%			6.7%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	0.5%	5.3%			7.0%

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

1. 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)	2.6%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	28.7%
International Fixed Interest	68.6%

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



## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

ASB Bank Ltd 4.71% 18/10/2027
Bank of New Zealand 4.889% 19/11/2029
International Business Machine 3.625% 06/02/2031
JPMorgan Chase & Co 5.336% 23/01/2035
Transpower New Zealand Ltd 4.977% 29/11/2028

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

## UNIT PRICE

\$1.08

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

6.7% p.a.

after fees and before tax

## FUND STATUS

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# Pie Property & Infrastructure Fund

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



**MIKE TAYLOR**  
Founder and Chief  
Investment Officer



**TOBY WOODS\***  
Senior Investment Analyst



**MATT YOUNG\***  
Investment Analyst -  
Global

*\*Toby Woods and Matt Young are responsible for research and analysis*

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Property & Infrastructure Fund returned 1.6% this month, bringing its 12-month performance to 7.8%.

The Fund experienced another volatile month in what continues to be a challenging market for investors. Right now, only two key factors seem to be driving stock prices: AI and Trump. While the Fund recovered in January from a weaker December, we are still feeling some residual market turbulence. Traditionally, infrastructure assets are well insulated from short-term technology trends and geopolitical events, but that's not the case at present. Real estate has also faced ongoing headwinds, with both commercial and residential sectors experiencing challenges.

However, it's not all doom and gloom. We view much of the current price swings as noise, and it's important for long-term property and infrastructure investors not to react to every headline coming out of Washington. Looking ahead to 2025 and beyond, we remain focused on several key investment themes, including:

- Energy infrastructure – supporting the electrification of everything
- AI infrastructure – particularly data centres
- Airports – benefiting from a steady increase in travel across all demographics
- Retirement housing & medical services – driven by an aging population

Key contributors in January included Constellation Energy, which surged after announcing its acquisition of Calpine, a privately held independent power producer. This deal is expected to boost EPS by 25% per year by 2030. Prologis and Talen Energy also delivered solid gains.

On the downside, Infratil and Digital Realty declined following the DeepSeek news, while European renewable player EDPR was hit hard by Trump's stance on clean energy and his attempts to roll back the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

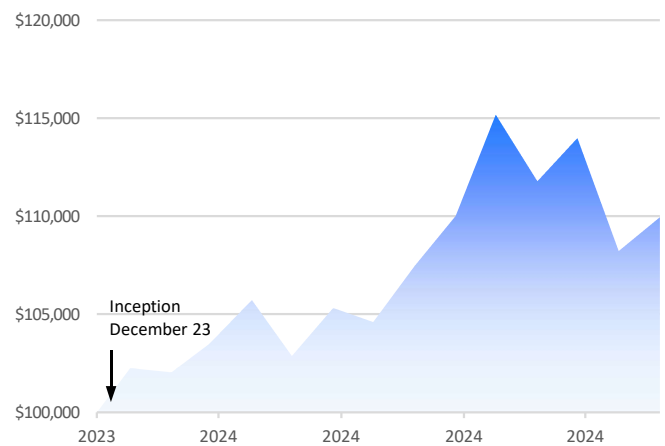
Additionally, now that the Fund is well established, we will be increasing the allocation managed by Pie Funds and reducing that managed by third-party provider, Morrison. We are confident this will provide a better outcome for our investors.

Interest rates are still expected to fall in New Zealand, Australia, Europe, and the UK, but may remain on hold in the US, given recent developments. A reminder: property and infrastructure assets tend to perform better in a stable or falling interest rate environment.

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## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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## FUND DETAILS

Recommended minimum investment period: 7 years

Objective: Capital growth over a period exceeding seven years.

Description: Invests predominantly in listed property and infrastructure securities, directly and/or through externally managed funds.

Inception date: December 2023

Standard withdrawal period: 5 working days

Risk indicator: Potentially Lower Returns (1-5) to Potentially Higher Returns (6-7). Current risk level is 6, indicating a higher risk profile.

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# Pie Property & Infrastructure Fund

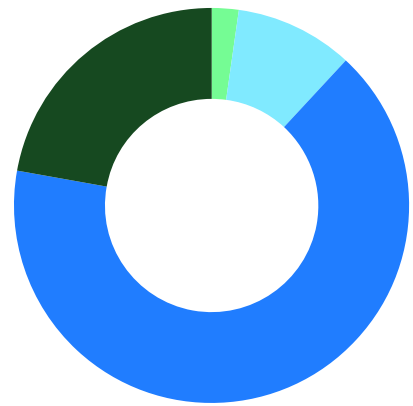
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PERFORMANCE					
	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Property & Infrastructure Fund	1.6%	7.8%			8.5%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	2.0%	20.0%			18.0%

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

\*The market index is a composite index (70% S&P Global Infrastructure Fund Net Total Return Index (100% Hedged to NZD), 30% S&P Global REIT Total Return Index (100% Hedged to NZD))

INVESTMENT MIX	
Cash (including Derivatives)	2.2%
Australasian Equities	9.7%
International Equities	66.0%
Listed Property	22.2%



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

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)
Constellation Energy Corp
Infratil Ltd
Morrison & Co High Conviction Infra Aus Feeder NZH
Summerset Group Holdings Ltd
Talen Energy Corp

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

<p>UNIT PRICE</p> <p><b>\$1.10</b></p>	<p>ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION</p> <p><b>8.5% p.a.</b></p> <p><i>after fees and before tax</i></p>	<p>FUND STATUS</p> <p><b>CLOSED</b> <b>OPEN</b></p>
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