

Monthly Update as at 31 March 2024

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



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## FUND COMMENTARY

The Global Growth 2 Fund rose 2.6% during the month, taking its 12-month return to 14.8%.

March was really a continuation of February, and thus, we saw further gains for equity markets against a backdrop of falling inflation, which should lead to interest rate cuts. Corporate results have generally been good, and additional excitement around AI provided an extra tailwind that helped the fund's performance. Indeed, two of the fund's best performers were strongly linked to the AI theme, with Nvidia rising another 14% and TSMC rising 13% as chip demand related to AI infrastructure stayed high.

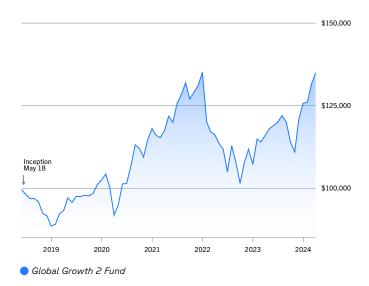
Another good performer was Dexcom, which makes Continuous Glucose Monitors for diabetes patients. The shares rose 20% in the month as the company is gaining a share in a growing market, and it has some exciting new product launches on the horizon. Newmont Mining, the large gold miner, rose 16% from oversold levels as the gold price broke out to new all-time highs. The only substantial negative performer was Adobe, which fell 10% after its guidance for 2024 was slightly below estimates, and investors became concerned about greater competition. We believe the company remains very well positioned.

The fund was very active in the month as we reduced the number of holdings as part of our strategy to increase higher conviction weights. We took profits in Alcon and Equinix which had performed well, and exited small holdings in Alexandria Real Estate and Beijer Ref.

Markets have run hard for a few months, and whilst there could well be some near-term consolidation, we believe the outlook remains bright for equities. Hence, our cash levels are currently below 5%.

## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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



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

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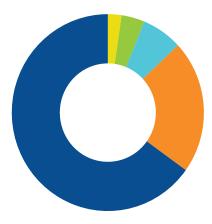
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PERFORMANCE					
	l month	l yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5yrs (p.a.)	Annualised sinc inception
Global Growth 2 Fund	2.6%	14.8%	4.7%	7.7%	5.2%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	3.9%	25.0%	10.3%	11.6%	10.2%

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				
<ul> <li>Cash (including Derivatives)</li> </ul>	2.3%			
Asian Equities	3.9%			
Emerging Market Equities	6.8%			
European Equities	21.9%			
<ul> <li>US and Canadian Equities</li> </ul>	65.0%			



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

## TOP FIVE EQUITY HOLDINGS

Amazon.Com Inc

Iberdrola SA

Microsoft Corporation

Stryker Corp

TotalEnergies SE

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

UNIT PRICE

\$1.34

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION 5.2% p.a. after fees and before tax FUND STATUS

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