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#### **FUND COMMENTARY**

The Global Growth Fund rose 3.0% during the month, taking it to a 12-month return of 6.0%.

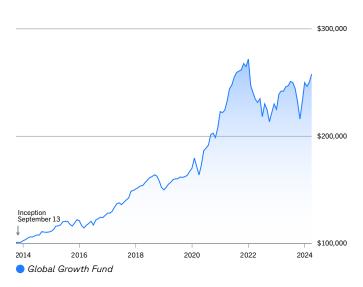
March was really a continuation of February, and thus, we saw further gains for equity markets against a backdrop of falling inflation, which should lead to interest rate cuts. Corporate results have generally been good, and additional excitement around AI provided an extra tailwind. Smaller companies also managed to keep up with larger companies as the market started to broaden, a trend we expect to continue.

The best performers in the month included Century Pacific Food, which rose 21% as investors began to appreciate its attractive valuation and its key raw material input costs softened. Boku also performed well, rising 14% after reporting excellent results and continued strong growth of its digital wallet business in emerging markets. DiscoverIE bounced from oversold levels, and Invisio rose after announcing a very large order for its new Intercom product. The only significant detractor was Hudson Technologies, which fell 25% after stating that a large contract may not fully repeat in 2024. We have kept our holding as we believe that prices for its reclaimed refrigerant gases are set to increase sharply this year due to regulations restricting new supply.

The fund was active during the month, exiting several small holdings as we re-focus on increasing our weightings in our highest conviction ideas. In this respect, we exited positions in some smaller underperforming holdings, including Pets at Home, Wilcon Depot and Eurogroup. We took profits in Winmark after it reached our valuation, and exited Bytes Technology and Royal Unibrew. A new position was started in Blackbaud, which is a US company operating a software-as-a-service model in the US. Blackbaud has a dominant market share in serving the not-for-profit sector, and it has recently implemented a new pricing strategy.

#### **CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE**

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



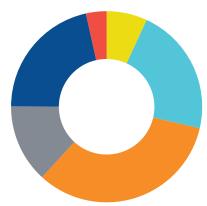
## **FUND DETAILS** Recommended 5 years minimum investment period Objective Capital growth over a period exceeding five years. Description Invests predominantly in listed international smaller companies, international managed funds and other products issued by Pie Funds. Inception date September 2013 Standard 10 working days withdrawal period Risk indicator Potentially Lower Returns 1 2 7 6 Lower Risk Higher Risk

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	3.0%	6.0%	3.4%	10.4%	9.8%	9.3%	9.4%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	4.6%	19.5%	6.6%	10.4%	9.8%	10.7%	10.6%

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

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

INVESTMENT MIX	
Cash (including Derivatives)	6.9%
<ul><li>Emerging Market Equities</li></ul>	21.8%
European Equities	33.3%
<ul><li>UK Equities</li></ul>	13.3%
<ul> <li>US and Canadian Equities</li> </ul>	21.5%
<ul><li>Listed Property</li></ul>	3.1%



Asset allocation is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent; therefore, the aggregate may

## **TOP FIVE EQUITY HOLDINGS**

CBIZ Inc

Century Pacific Food Inc

Discoverie Group PLC

Grupo Traxion SAB de CV

William Blair SICAV

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

**UNIT PRICE** 

\$2.56

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

9.4% p.a.

after fees and before tax

# **FUND STATUS**

CLOSED OPEN



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