

# **Fund Update**

# PIE FUNDS MANAGEMENT SCHEME: PIE AUSTRALASIAN EMERGING COMPANIES FUND

# Fund update for the quarter ended: 31.12.23

This fund update was first made publicly available on 26.01.24

# What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Pie Australasian Emerging Companies Fund has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. Pie Funds Management Limited (**Pie Funds**) prepared this update in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. This information is not audited and may be updated.

# Description of this fund

The Pie Australasian Emerging Companies Fund seeks to provide investors with long term capital growth by investing predominantly in a concentrated portfolio of hand-picked Australasian Emerging Companies, where Pie Funds considers value is greatest and the opportunity of earnings growth is high. The Pie Australasian Emerging Companies Fund may also invest in other types of financial products such as cash and other types of equities and unlisted equities.

Total value of fund as at 31.12.23	\$120,514,790
The date the fund started	02.04.13

# What are the risks of investing?<sup>1</sup>

Risk indicator for the Pie Australasian Emerging Companies Fund

< Potentially Lower Returns Potentially Higher Returns				Returns >		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
< Lower Risk Higher Risk				gher Risk >		

The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the fund's assets goes up and down. A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way.

To help you clarify your own attitude to risk, you can seek financial advice or work out your risk profile at www.sorted.org.nz/tools/investor-profiler.

Note that even the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment, and there are other risks that are not captured by this rating.

This risk indicator is not a guarantee of a fund's future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for the last five years. While risk indicators are usually relatively stable, they do shift from time to time. The risk indicator will continue to be updated in future fund updates.

See the product disclosure statement (**PDS**) for more information about the risks associated with investing in this fund.

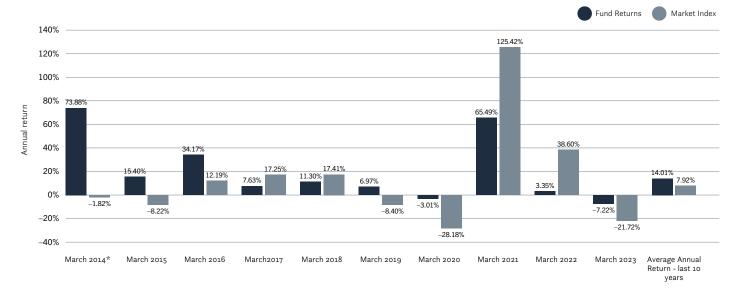
# How has the fund performed?

	Average over past 5 years	Past Year
Annual return (after deductions for charges and tax)	13.12%	17.93%
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	13.70%	18.09%
Market Index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	13.61%	-0.15%

The market index is the S&P/ASX Emerging Companies Index Total Return (75% hedged to NZD). Note: Benchmark update on 5th Dec 2023, previously S&P/ASX Emerging Companies Index Total Return (NZD unhedged).

Additional information about the market index is available on the offer register.

# Annual return graph



This shows the return after fund charges and tax for each year ending 31 March since the fund started. The last bar shows the average annual return for the last 10 years up to 31 December 2023. Important: This does not tell you how the fund will perform in the future.

† Returns in this update are after tax at the highest prescribed investor rate (**PIR**) of tax for an individual New Zealand resident. Your tax may be lower.

\*For the period 2 April 2013 - 31 March 2014

# What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the Pie Australasian Emerging Companies Fund are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2023, these were:

	% of net asset value
Total fund charges	1.85%
Which are made up of:	
Total management and administration charges	1.85%
Including	
Manager's basic fee	1.85%
Other management and administration charges	0.00%
Total performance-based fees	0.00%
Other charges	\$ amount per investor
Other charges	\$0.00

#### Fees are exclusive of GST, if any.

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds, although these are not currently charged by Pie Funds).

## Example of how this applies to an investor

Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

Lucy had \$10,000 in the fund at the start of the year and did not make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Lucy incurred a gain after fund charges were deducted of \$1,809 (that is 18.09% of her initial \$10,000). Lucy did not pay any other charges. This gives Lucy a total gain after tax of \$1,793 for the year.

# What does the fund invest in?

This shows the types of assets that the fund invests in.<sup>2</sup>



#### Target investment mix

Australasian equities 100%

**Hedging:** We actively manage all currency exposure. It is not our intention to 100% hedge the currency at all times; some overseas securities may be unhedged. The hedged foreign currency exposure (as a percentage of total foreign currency exposure of the fund) is 63.48% (unhedged 36.52%).

# **Top 10 investments**

	Name	% of fund net assets	Туре	Country	Credit rating (if applicable)
1	Mermaid Marine Australia Ltd	8.04%	Australasian equities	AU	
2	IPD Group Ltd	7.14%	Australasian equities	AU	
3	Duratec Ltd	6.34%	Australasian equities	AU	
4	Service Stream Ltd	5.27%	Australasian equities	AU	
5	Fleetwood Ltd	4.40%	Australasian equities	AU	
6	Dropsuite Ltd	4.31%	Australasian equities	AU	
7	JPM Call Account - AUD	4.28%	Cash and cash equivalents	AU	A+
8	Kip McGrath Education Centres	4.10%	Australasian equities	AU	
9	Audinate Group Ltd	3.76%	Australasian equities	AU	
10	BNZ Call Account - NZD	3.65%	Cash and cash equivalents	NZ	AA-

The total value of the top 10 individual assets of the fund make up 51.29% of the net asset value of the fund.

# **Key personnel**

Name	Current position	Time in current position	Previous or other current position	Time in previous or other current position
Michael Taylor	Executive Director and	1 year and	Executive Director and Chief	15 years and
	Chief Investment Officer	9 months	Executive Officer, Pie Funds	5 months
Kent Williams	Portfolio Manager (Lead)	1 years and 5 months	Analyst, AMP Capital	8 years and 0 months
Michelle Lopez	Head of Australasian Equities and	0 years and	Head of Australian Equities,	3 years and
	Portfolio Manager (Co)	11 months	Abrdn	9 months

# **Further information**

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the Pie Australasian Emerging Companies Fund, and some additional information from the offer register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz.

## Notes

- 1. During times of extreme market volatility, the risk may be greater than indicated, particularly for this fund as it invests in smaller and emerging companies; such companies can be more volatile when markets sell down. Past performance may not be a reliable indicator for the risk of the fund.
- 2. For further information on each of the asset classes refer to the PDS and the SIPO.