



Chairman's Fund

Monthly Update as at 29 February 2024

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FUND COMMENTARY

The Chairman's Fund returned 2.9% in February, bringing it to a 12-month return of 11.3%.

February was a strong month for the fund, with stocks rallying off the back of a positive AI newsflow from chipmaker NVDA and robust US growth, as evidenced by the global broadening out of the rally.

It is now the 4th month since the market put in a low at the end of October 2023, coinciding with a topping out of global interest rates; it was nice to see our Australasian Funds catch a bid at last. Our small cap portfolios had plenty of activity as February is the month for half- or full-year reporting. This resulted in several positions rallying strongly on positive earnings surprises or takeovers. There have been a few takeovers, including CSR Limited (+27%). French building materials company, Saint-Gobain, made a \$9.00/share all-cash offer, representing a 39% premium to the three-month average price.

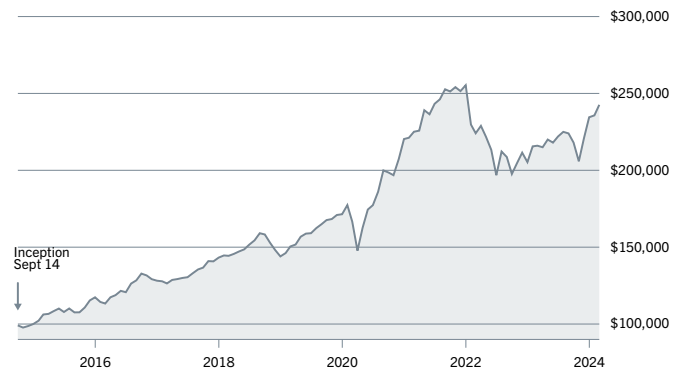
But by and large, the rally in Australia and around the world was dominated by tech stocks that benefit positively from the AI revolution. The Chairman's Fund has exposure to this theme through several different verticals, including the semi-conductor industry with stocks like NVDA and AVGO, though megacap tech with META, GOOG, AMZN & MSFT, though datacentres including EQIX, DLR, NXT, MAQ, and software business that utilise AI like SPOT, DUOL. Ultimately, AI will touch every business in some way in the next 5-10 years. We are looking for early adopters and also screening our existing holdings for companies that might be disrupted.

Despite the strong rally of the last four months, the backdrop of an AI boom, falling inflation, interest rate cuts, positive global growth, and an improving manufacturing cycle currently outweigh the risks from geo-political concerns and higher valuations. Finally, valuations never cause stocks to top or bottom; it's always other micro and macroeconomic factors. Recall former Fed Chair Alan Greenspan, who famously said in the 90s that stocks were "irrationally exuberant", and the market rallied for another three years?

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CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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



● Chairman's Fund

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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> Potentially Lower Returns Potentially Higher Returns </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; font-size: small;"> Lower Risk Higher Risk </div>

TOP FIVE EQUITY HOLDINGS

- Discoverie Group PLC
- Frp Advisory Group PLC
- Mermaid Marine Australia Ltd
- Nexus AG
- William Blair SICAV

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order and exclude Cash and Cash Equivalents



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PERFORMANCE

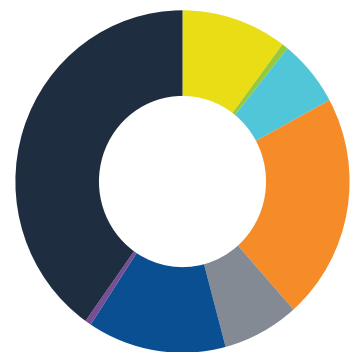
	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Chairman's Fund	2.9%	11.3%	2.3%	9.9%	9.7%	9.8%
MARKET INDEX: COMPOSITE¹	2.9%	8.6%	4.4%	7.3%	8.3%	7.9%

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)).

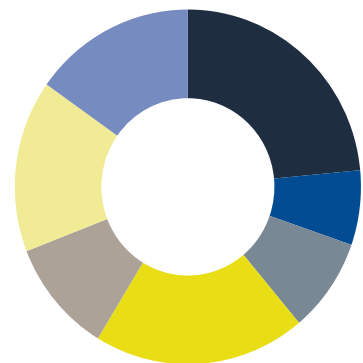
INVESTMENT MIX

Cash (including Derivatives)	10.2%
Asian Equities	0.6%
Emerging Market Equities	6.3%
European Equities	21.3%
UK Equities	7.4%
US and Canadian Equities	13.4%
New Zealand Equities	0.6%
Australian Equities	40.1%



HOLDINGS

Global Growth	23.5%
Australasian Growth	6.8%
Australasian Growth 2	8.6%
Australasian Dividend Growth	19.8%
Australasian Emerging Companies	10.4%
Growth UK & Europe	15.7%
Global Growth 2	15.2%



Net of Chairman's cash holdings

UNIT PRICE

\$2.40

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

9.8% p.a.

after fees and before tax

FUND STATUS

CLOSED

OPEN



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