



Pie KiwiSaver Conservative Fund

Monthly Update as at 30 April 2024

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FUND COMMENTARY

The Pie KiwiSaver Conservative Fund returned -1.5% during the month, bringing its 12-month return to 6.5%.

April was a more difficult month for global equities, especially for small caps. In the US, the Russell 2000 smaller company index fell 7%, and the DOW was down 5%, as bond yields moved higher following recent data showing that the steep declines in inflation have slowed. We still expect inflation to fall further during 2024, but interest rate cuts in the US have now been pushed out to later in the year or even 2025, except in Europe, where the ECB is expected to cut rates in June. However, continued strong earnings from US large-cap tech reinforce our view that the AI theme has plenty of runways and is a multi-year story.

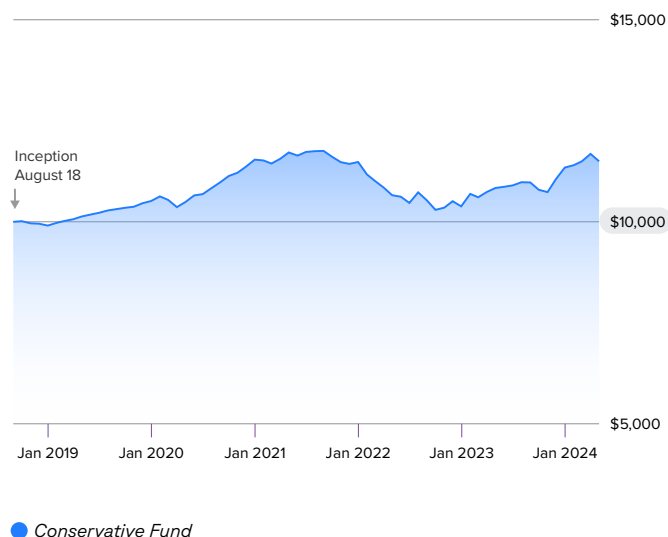
After a significant re-pricing in global yields year-to-date, we think the bulk of the pain has been taken for now. Bond yields are attractive, providing a cushion against rates moving higher and potential for capital gains when rates fall. The Fund is well diversified and positioned to take advantage of ongoing geographic divergence in government bonds. We continue to think Europe will be the first to cut rates next month, followed closely by New Zealand.

The best performing equity holdings during April were TotalEnergies and Newmont. TotalEnergies, the large French oil and renewable energy producer gained as the oil price initially rose early in the month due to geopolitical tensions. Newmont, the large gold mining company, rose after reporting excellent results, helped by a rapid rise in the gold price in recent months, which has been largely driven by central bank buying. We initiated one new position in the month, the Danish affordable jewellery retailer Pandora.

In summary, despite the pullback in markets during the month, we were pleased the Fund held up well, and we remain optimistic about the opportunities for upside we see within the current holdings.

CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

If you had invested \$10,000 at inception, the graph below shows what it would be worth today, before fees and tax.



FUND DETAILS

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 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 | <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; margin-top: 5px;"> Lower Risk Higher Risk </div> |

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PERFORMANCE

| | 1 month | 1 yr | 3 yrs (p.a.) | 5 yrs (p.a.) | Annualised since inception |
|---------------------------|---------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Conservative Fund | -1.5% | 6.5% | -0.1% | 3.1% | 3.0% |
| MARKET INDEX ¹ | -1.3% | 7.1% | 2.6% | 3.5% | 3.9% |

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 | 18.5% |
| New Zealand Fixed Income | 12.9% |
| International Fixed Income | 44.4% |
| Australasian Equities | 3.0% |
| International Equities | 21.2% |



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

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|------------|
| Contact Energy Ltd | 6.398% | 21/11/2030 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co | 5.336% | 23/01/2035 |
| Mercury NZ Ltd | 5.64% | 19/06/2028 |
| Pfizer Inc | 4.65% | 19/05/2030 |
| TotalEnergies SE | 3.455% | 19/02/2029 |

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order and exclude cash.

UNIT PRICE

\$1.18

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

3.0% p.a.

before fees and before tax



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