



Pie KiwiSaver Balanced Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 May 2025

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The Pie KiwiSaver Balanced Fund returned 4.0% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 6.3%.

The resilience and corresponding strength of global markets surprised investors. During the month of May, with all major indices posting solid gains. Notably, a host of positive earnings announcements from the tech sector and a quietening down of the global tariff war were the main catalysts. And whilst volatility was still high, it was much lower and generally calmer than the chaos of April 2025.

May saw mixed performance across asset classes, with fixed income, which makes up a significant portion of portfolios, facing notable headwinds.

Global bond markets declined, driven by rising yields in the US amid ongoing concerns about persistent fiscal deficits, compounded by a credit rating downgrade from Moody's. In New Zealand, the RBNZ cut the OCR by 0.25% to 3.25% but maintained a hawkish tone, despite ongoing economic weakness, which is expected to cap inflation and support further easing.

Equities, led by the industrials sector, contributed positively, particularly in portfolios with significant exposure to global growth strategies. Tactical overweights in airlines and strong stock selection drove outperformance, with Celestica rising ~25% on positive earnings momentum. Jabil (+27%) and Finning (+11%) also performed well, while Life360 rallied on upgraded subscription revenue guidance.

Detractors included Eli Lilly and Halozyme (both -18%) on sector-specific regulatory concerns, and Judo Capital following reduced loan growth targets.

Cash levels remain elevated to manage volatility, with a continued focus on high-quality, growth-oriented opportunities.

Meanwhile, with global long-term interest rates creeping higher, investors can't completely relax just yet. However, we remain optimistically cautious that, with the US administration now focusing on growth and meaningful "deals," the worst of the tariff volatility could be in the rearview mirror.

CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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



FUND DETAILS

Recommended minimum investment period

5 years

Objective

Seeks to provide members with steady capital growth over a period exceeding 5 years.

Description

Invests in equities with a reasonable allocation towards fixed interest.

Inception date

August 2018

Risk indicator





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PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Balanced Fund	4.0%	6.3%	7.1%	4.6%	5.3%
MARKET INDEX ¹	3.4%	10.5%	9.7%	8.5%	7.4%

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied.

1. The market index is a composite index (10% NZBond Bank Bill Index (NZD), 10% Bloomberg NZBond Credit 0+ Yr Index (NZD), 20% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index (100% hedged to NZD), 10% S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries* Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD), 50% S&P Global Broad Market (BMI) Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD)). *Prior to 1 May 2025 this was ASX All Ordinaries.

INVESTMENT MIX

Cash and cash equivalents	16.9%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	8.0%
International Fixed Interest	18.9%
Australasian Equities	13.1%
International Equities	43.1%



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

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

Apple Inc
iShares Bitcoin Trust
Microsoft Corporation
Morrison & Co High Conviction Infrastructure Fund
NVIDIA Corp

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

UNIT PRICE

\$1.47

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

5.3% p.a.

after fees and before tax

FUND STATUS

CLOSED

OPEN



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