



# Pie KiwiSaver Balanced Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 August 2024

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## FUND COMMENTARY

The Pie KiwiSaver Balanced Fund returned 1.3% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 16.2%.

August was certainly a wild ride, with a significant uptick in market volatility after a relatively quiet 12 months. Last month, we noted that the Volatility Index (VIX) rose to its third-highest level (the others being during the GFC and COVID), marking the fastest rise and then equally important, the fastest fall in history. In hindsight, some crowded trades, like Japan (which saw the Nikkei initially crash around 25% before recovering), were not enough to undermine the solid economic fundamentals. This serves as a gentle reminder to never take anything for granted as an investor! The good news for Balanced Fund investors is that this environment was positive for the Fund which made another new all-time high during the month.

As interest rates fell during the month, our investments into property, infrastructure and fixed income saw the biggest gains, as they all benefit from falling rates. Additionally, the NZX performed well as a rebound in business sentiment and the promise of interest rate relief spurred some bargain hunting, particularly among property and consumer names. We are actively looking to increase our exposure to NZ companies for the first time in several years. The international funds also reviewed their exposure to China (via global companies), and we have no direct holdings, as we remain concerned about the depth of the property-related slowdown.

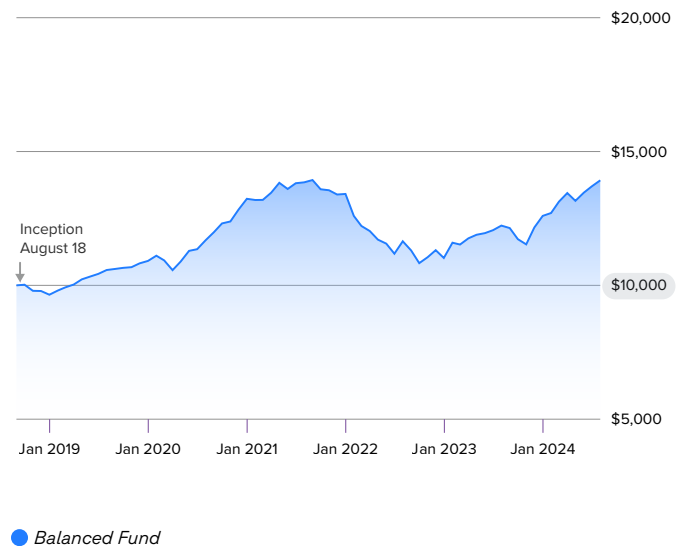
Our exposure to Gold performed well during the month as the price of a gold bar exceeded US\$1m for the first time. We also added Uber as a new holding. Their strength in mobility and delivery underlies the fact that for most people, UBER now has infrastructure-like qualities; when you want to get around a city, they are often the first choice.

Looking ahead to the next three months, it's likely that volatility will remain elevated. We expect the market to become increasingly focused on the US election as we approach November. However, interest rate cuts from central banks and positive GDP growth should provide the markets with enough resilience to navigate the political uncertainty.

For more information on our funds, please visit [www.piefunds.co.nz/Investor-Documents](http://www.piefunds.co.nz/Investor-Documents)

## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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

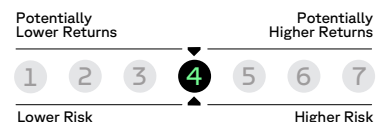


## FUND DETAILS

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, directly and/or through investment in the Pie KiwiSaver Growth Fund and/or through other funds also managed by Pie Funds.

Inception date August 2018

Risk indicator





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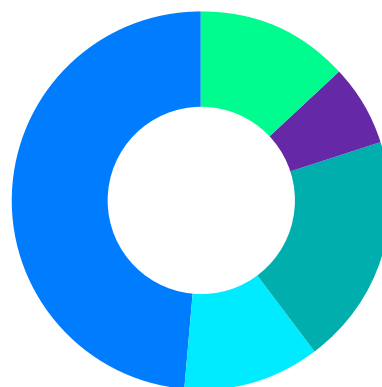
	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Balanced Fund	1.3%	16.2%	0.8%	6.3%	6.3%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	0.5%	13.6%	6.4%	7.6%	7.4%

We report fund performance before fees and 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 All Ordinaries Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD), 50% S&P Global Broad Market (BMI) Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD)).

## INVESTMENT MIX

Cash and cash equivalents	13.3%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	6.9%
International Fixed Interest	19.6%
Australasian Equities	11.6%
International Equities	48.5%



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

## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

Amazon.Com Inc
Microsoft Corporation
Morrison & Co High Conviction Infrastructure Fund
Prologis Inc
Transpower NZ Ltd 4.977% 29/11/2028

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order and exclude cash.

### UNIT PRICE

# \$1.44

### ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

# 6.3% p.a.

before fees and before tax



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