



# Pie KiwiSaver Growth Fund

Monthly Update as at 29 February 2024

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



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## FUND COMMENTARY

The Pie KiwiSaver Growth Fund returned 4.3% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 16.3%.

February was another strong month for the Fund. The gains were driven by solid earnings reports from the majority of companies, as well as increased optimism around spending on AI. The earnings report for Nvidia was the most closely watched event of the month, and the company did not disappoint, posting 265% sales growth, which was well ahead of estimates, leading to the share price rising 16% on the day and 29% over the month. We have owned Nvidia in the fund since the end of 2022, and while we have taken some profits due to the strong gains, it remains an important holding.

Staying with the AI theme, we added a holding in Broadcom during the month, which provides networking chips and software which help enable digital connectivity, with growth being accelerated by growing spending on AI infrastructure. Similarly, we initiated a position in NextDC, a data centre operator in Asia-Pacific, with an impressive pipeline of new data centre development over the next five years, with a land bank to enable this. We also added a holding in Meta, as it is using AI to more effectively target its users' advertising, driving growth in revenue per user. Other new positions were added in Intuit, a US tax software specialist, and Duolingo, which operates an online foreign language learning platform. Duolingo reported strong results after we added the position, pushing the shares up 22% on the day.

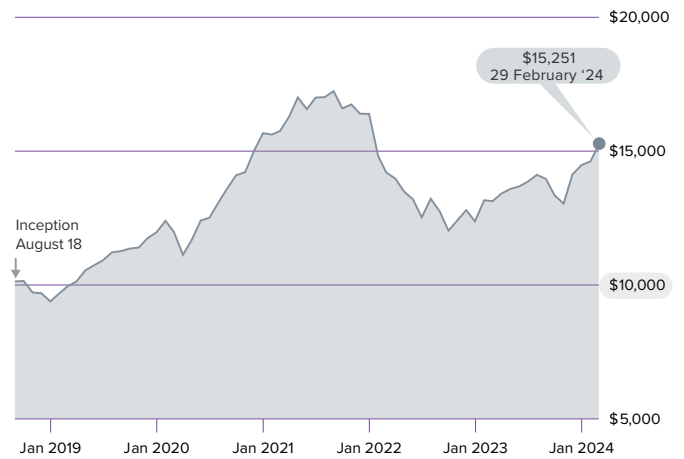
Our position in printed circuit board designer Altium was sold following a take-over offer by Canadian listed company Renesas at \$68.50/share, a 34% premium to its closing price. Altium's Board has unanimously recommended the offer. Proceeds were reinvested into Australian listed technology leaders Wisetech and NextDC.

Fixed Income had a tough month as resilient economic growth data and signs of stickiness in the last mile of inflation saw bond markets heed the warnings of central banks that interest rate cuts may not arrive as soon as previously anticipated.

The fund's performance in February was also boosted by strong gains for Schneider Electric, Spotify, and Alcon, which all posted strong earnings results. The main detractor was Newmont Mining, which underperformed our expectations of results. Overall, we remain positive on the outlook for global equities.

## 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.



● Growth Fund

## FUND DETAILS

Recommended minimum investment period	7 years
Objective	Seeks to maximise capital growth for members over a period exceeding 7 years.
Description	Invests primarily in International and Australasian equities with a focus on globally-known brands, along with a cash and fixed interest exposure, directly and/or through investment in other funds also managed by Pie Funds.
Inception date	August 2018
Risk indicator	<p>Potentially Lower Returns</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>Potentially Higher Returns</p> <p>Lower Risk Higher Risk</p>

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## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
<b>Growth Fund</b>	4.3%	16.3%	-0.7%	9.3%	8.4%
<b>MARKET INDEX<sup>1</sup></b>	3.3%	17.5%	9.4%	9.9%	8.5%

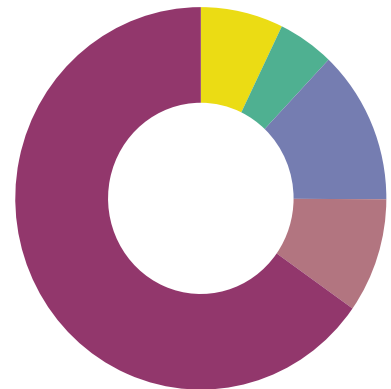
We report fund performance before fees and before individual PIR tax applied.

- The market index is a composite index (5% NZBond Bank Bill Index (NZD), 5% Bloomberg NZBond Credit 0+ Yr Index (NZD), 10% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index (100% hedged to NZD), 15% S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD), 65% S&P Global Broad Market (BMI) Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD)).

## INVESTMENT MIX

Cash and cash equivalents	7.2%
New Zealand Fixed Income	4.9%
International Fixed Income	13.0%
Australasian Equities	9.7%
International Equities	65.3%

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



## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

Alphabet Inc
Amazon.Com Inc
Apple Inc
Microsoft Corporation
Morrison & Co High Conviction Infrastructure Fund

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order and exclude cash.

## UNIT PRICE

# \$1.55

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

# 8.4% p.a.

before fees and before tax



## Pie Funds

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