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Slice of Pie

Keeping you up to date with Pie Funds and the markets



A message from Mike

A Closer Look at Australia's Resilience

“We exist to make money for clients so performance matters more than growing our customer base.”



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A Closer Look at Australia's Resilience

April saw a reversal of the strong positive market sentiment we have had since November last year. You will recall I said last month that the market never rallies in a straight line, and in April, there were two clear catalysts for a market pullback. We witnessed heightened tension in the Middle East, with Iran and Israel in direct conflict, and interest rates on long-term government bonds climbed around 0.5%, as sticky inflation in the US caused traders to reprice the likelihood of interest rate cuts. In the US, the bond market started the year with six 0.25% cuts priced in, and as I write this, there is barely one rate cut priced for 2024. So, the market digested this new information by re-adjusting stocks lower and bond yields higher. However, US first quarter 2024 tech earnings are coming in pretty solid; therefore, at this stage, I'm comfortable labelling this a pullback. Every year, the market has at least one 5% pullback. This is perfectly normal.

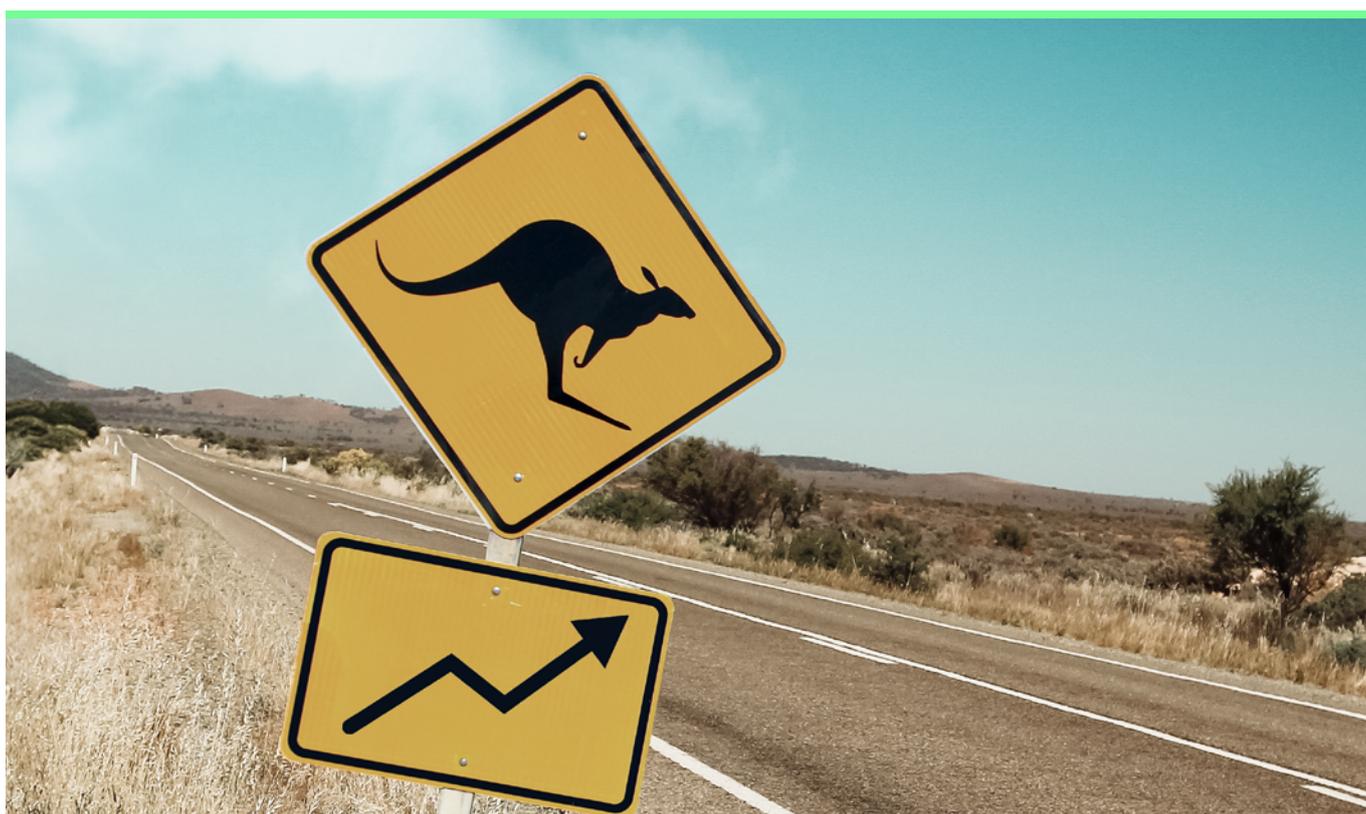
Scores on the doors for April performance, below.

Stock	April 2024	1 Year
NZX 50	-1.22%	-0.52%
ASX 200	-2.95%	4.86%
Stoxx 600*	-1.52%	8.20%
S&P 500	-4.20%	20.78%
Nasdaq	-4.40%	28.06%
Dow Jones	-5.00%	10.90%

Worst month for S&P 500 and Nasdaq since Sep 2023.

Worst month for Dow Jones since Sep 2022.

** Stoxx 600 (Europe)*



I visited our Sydney office in April to spend some time with our investment team on the ground, talking to companies, analysts, local economists and brokers. I found the visit to be really rewarding and not just for the warmer weather. The Aussies are fairly optimistic, and it's plain to see the difference between our two economies. They have a surplus, and we have a deficit. House prices are going up; ours are going down. Jobs are still plentiful, and yet our unemployment rate is still rising. Finally, confidence and sentiment are better than here in NZ. It's for this reason that almost all of our investments down under are Australian. There are just more opportunities.

This is reflected in the performance of our Australasian small cap funds, which have had a very strong run over the past 12 months, and even in April, and our Australasian Emerging Companies Fund bucked the trend to finish with a small positive for the month. This is compared to a big sell-off in global small caps during the month, which saw the US Russell 2000 Small Companies Index falling 7%.

Next month, I will be heading north to spend some time with our UK-based investment team, and I will be taking a few weeks' leave. During my leave I'll be undergoing a full immersion language course to refine my French – wish me luck. Rest assured, you're in safe hands, and you can anticipate an interesting piece I've written on the coming challenges and opportunities in the infrastructure sector, specifically in the Power market, in next month's edition. You will also hear from our CEO, Ana-Marie Lockyer, whilst I'm on leave.

The value of our investment team's physical presence on the ground in both Australia and the UK (not forgetting

here in NZ, of course!) cannot be overstated. I look forward to sharing some tales from my time with the UK team on my return and, of course, to let you know how my French immersion went

2024 Tax Statements will be available by 15 May 2024 in the documents section of your online portal.

Thank you again for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me on mike@piefunds.co.nz

À bientôt!



Mike Taylor
Founder & Chief
Investment Officer

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Market Watch

GOLD RUSH - WHY INVESTORS ARE BUYING GOLD THIS YEAR

Founder & Chief Investment Officer Mike Taylor and the NZ Herald's Liam Dann discuss the latest in markets.



Monthly Updates

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Funds Snapshot

Monthly Update as at 30 April 2024



KIWISAVER



AUSTRALASIAN GROWTH



GLOBAL GROWTH



DIVERSIFIED

FUND DETAILS

	Fund Status	Inception Date	Unit Price	Standard Withdrawal Period (working days)	Lead Portfolio Manager(s)	Co-Portfolio Manager
Pie KiwiSaver Conservative		Aug-18	\$1.18		M. Taylor, T. Murdoch	
Pie KiwiSaver Balanced		Aug-18	\$1.34		M. Taylor, T. Murdoch	
Pie KiwiSaver Growth		Aug-18	\$1.55		M. Taylor, T. Murdoch	
Australasian Growth		Dec-07	\$7.49	15	M. Goltsman	M. Ross
Australasian Growth 2		Aug-15	\$2.57	10	M. Lopez	K. Williams
Australasian Dividend Growth		Sep-11	\$4.56	10	M. Ross	M. Goltsman
Australasian Emerging		Apr-13	\$6.60	15	K. Williams	M. Lopez
Global Growth		Sep-13	\$2.47	10	G. Thornewill, T. Woods* & M. Taylor	
Global Growth 2		May-18	\$1.31	5	G. Thornewill, T. Woods* & M. Taylor	
Growth UK & Europe		Nov-16	\$1.78	10	G. Thornewill, T. Woods* & M. Taylor	
Conservative		Apr-15	\$1.17	5	T. Murdoch, M. Taylor	
Chairman's***		Sep-14	\$2.45	15	M. Taylor	M. Lopez
Fixed Income		Dec-23	\$1.01	5	T. Murdoch, M. Taylor	
Property & Infrastructure		Dec-23	\$1.03	5	M. Taylor, T. Woods & M. Young**	

*Guy Thornewill and Toby Woods are responsible for research and analysis

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***Minimum investment is \$500,000



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PERFORMANCE

	1 month	3 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)	Total since inception
Pie KiwiSaver Conservative	-1.5%	1.0%	6.5%	-0.1%	3.1%	3.0%	18.4%
Pie KiwiSaver Balanced	-2.1%	3.6%	10.9%	-1.2%	5.6%	5.4%	35.0%
Pie KiwiSaver Growth	-2.2%	4.8%	12.9%	-3.0%	8.1%	8.2%	56.5%
Australasian Growth	-0.9%	8.3%	26.4%	-1.9%	6.7%	13.2%	660.5%
Australasian Growth 2	-1.5%	11.1%	18.7%	-6.5%	8.3%	11.5%	158.7%
Australasian Dividend Growth	-3.3%	6.8%	20.5%	7.2%	13.8%	16.0%	551.4%
Australasian Emerging	0.4%	8.7%	20.0%	5.8%	13.4%	18.7%	565.0%
Global Growth	-3.7%	0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	9.2%	8.9%	148.4%
Global Growth 2	-2.2%	4.6%	11.2%	2.6%	6.3%	4.7%	31.9%
Growth UK & Europe	-3.0%	1.1%	5.0%	-2.2%	7.5%	8.1%	79.0%
Conservative	-1.3%	0.0%	5.3%	1.7%	2.9%	3.7%	38.5%
Chairman's	-2.4%	4.8%	11.5%	0.9%	9.4%	9.8%	147.0%
Fixed Income	-1.7%	-1.6%					0.7%
Property & Infrastructure	-2.7%	0.8%					2.9%

Figures are after fees and before any individual tax except for the KiwiSaver returns which are before fees and any individual tax.

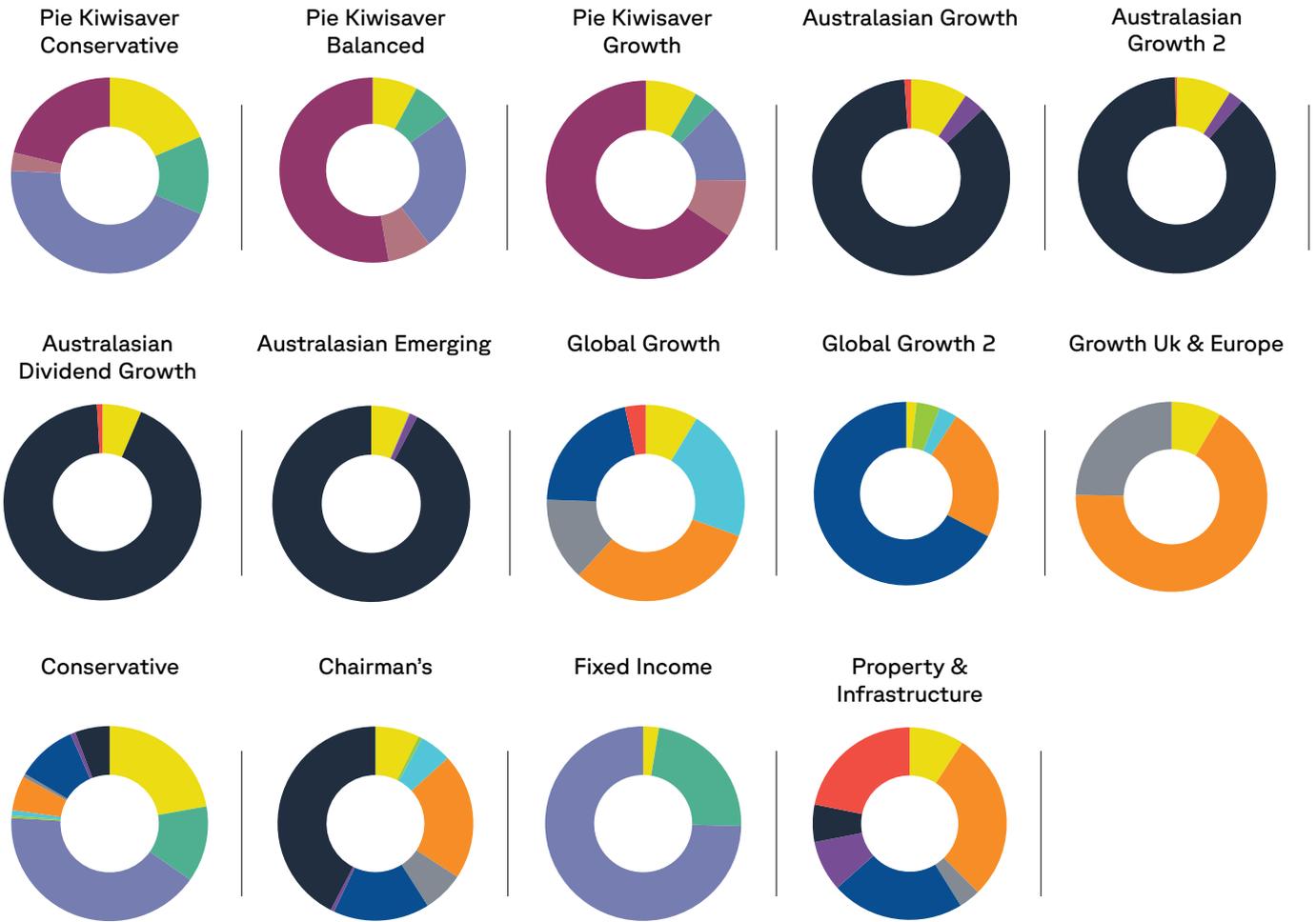


Funds Snapshot

Monthly Update as at 30 April 2024

Total Funds Under Management: \$2b

INVESTMENT MIX



- Cash and cash equivalents*
 - Asian equities
 - UK equities
 - Australian equities
 - New Zealand fixed income
 - Emerging markets equities
 - US and Canadian equities
 - Listed property
 - International fixed income
 - European equities
 - New Zealand equities
 - Australasian equities
 - International equities
- *including short and long derivatives*



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