# Calming influences

By Greg Smith, Head of Retail at Devon Funds

It was another volatile month for financial markets, but one that in the end produced a relatively benign outcome for investors. Trade developments were front and centre, with the angst around "Liberation Day" replaced by relief as Donald Trump announced a 90-day pause for trading partners to negotiate trade deals. Frictions with China also ebbed and flowed as tit-for-tat tariff increases gave way to olive branches, and exemptions on various categories of goods, and as the talk of the potential for negotiations continued to bubble away. After a hectic and volatile month, US markets staged a huge comeback – the S&P 500 was down 11% at one point, but closed April down just 0.7%, and just 9% off its record high, set in February. The tech sector surged back, with the Nasdaq closing the month 1.6% higher.

Donald Trump's "Liberation Day" put markets on the back foot at the start of the month, but investor nerves were soothed in dramatic fashion as Trump announced a 90-day tariff pause and lowered the baseline on many countries to 10%. The S&P 500 has since recovered all the ground lost post-April 2nd. The benchmark recently rose for nine consecutive sessions, the longest winning streak in the last 20 years.

The Trump administration went on to claim that "200 deals" were in the pipeline, and that this was "always part of the plan." The alternative theory is that Trump buckled to pressure from within his own party, his inner circle, trading partners, corporations, polls, and, possibly most significantly, the market meltdown.

Investors weren't discerning the reasons either way, despite Trump raising the tariffs on imports from China to 145%. Following the pause announcement, the S&P 500 leapt 9.5% (the biggest one-day gain since 2008 and the third....READ MORE

# MARKET INDICES

Index	Region	Monthly Return	1 Yr. Return
S&P/NZX50G	NZ	-3.0%	-0.5%
S&P/ASX200G	AUSTRALIA	3.6%	9.8%
MSCI World Index	GLOBAL	0.9%	12.6%
S&P500	USA	-0.7%	12.1%
FTSE100	UK	-0.7%	8.2%
NIKKEI 225	JP	1.2%	-4.3%
NZ 90 Day Bank Bill	NZ	0.3%	5.1%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (NZD)	GLOBAL	0.9%	6.9%

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### AT A GLANCE

Prices as at 30 April 2025

DEVON ALPHA FUND

\$2.1912

DEVON AUSTRALIAN FUND

\$1.7396

DEVON DIVERSIFIED INCOME FUND

\$1.4640

DEVON DIVIDEND YIELD FUND

\$1.7474

DEVON GLOBAL IMPACT BOND FUND

\$1.3484

DEVON GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY FUND

\$1.9604

**DEVON TRANS-TASMAN FUND** 

\$4.5858

DEVON SUSTAINABILITY FUND

\$3.1412

ARTESIAN GREEN & SUSTAINABLE BOND FUND

\$1.0513

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# **DEVON ALPHA FUND**

### **FUND OUTLINE**

The Alpha Fund invests in a concentrated portfolio of approximately 10 to 15 select companies predominantly listed on the NZ and Australian share markets.

The Fund does not follow any index, is actively managed and aims to generate capital growth over the long term. Currency exposure is actively managed.

## **KEY HOLDINGS**

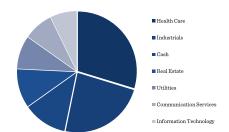
## ASSET ALLOCATION











### ALLOCATION

New Zealand Equities	46.8%
Australian Equities	41.2%
Currency Hedge	0.0%

Cash	12.0%
Total	100.0%

PERFORMANCE	1 Mth	3 Mth	1Yr	3 Yr p.a	5 Yr p.a	10 Yr p.a
Devon Alpha Fund	-0.9%	-8.7%	-1.6%	3.6%	8.8%	6.6%
OCR + 5%	0.7%	2.1%	10.0%	9.3%	5.6%	3.7%

<sup>\*</sup>Devon Alpha Fund returns are after all fees and expenses, but before tax which varies by investor

# **NET PERFORMANCE**

Based on \$10,000 invested at 1 January 2011



NOTE: Further information on the Devon Alpha Fund can be found in our Quarterly Fund Updates by visiting https://devonfunds.co.nz/alpha-fund or by clicking HERE

### COMMENTARY

The Alpha strategy navigated the volatility in local markets reasonably well during the month, although we did finish with a negative absolute return. Positive contributors to the portfolio during April included Resmed which rallied 4.9% and Goodman Group that closed up 5.5%.

Our investment in GPT Group also enjoyed positive returns with their shares up 6.2%. Investors have been supportive of the Australian diversified property group as the value proposition is supported by the prospect of lower interest rates and their new CEO has refreshed the strategy, with a focus on co-investment, as opposed to direct ownership.

A notable drag on performance was our unhedged exposure to our Australian stocks with the New Zealand Dollar/Australian Dollar cross-rate rising by over 2%. We believe that this impact to the portfolio will likely reverse over the next few months.

# PORTFOLIO MANAGER **Slade Robertson**



Slade has primary responsibility for stock selection and portfolio construction for the Australian Alpha, Diversified and Income funds. Slade

is also the Managing Director at Devon and has overall responsibility for the business. Slade has over 20 years' industry experience.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>The benchmark for Alpha changed to OCR + 5% from 1 September 2022



# **DEVON TRANS-TASMAN FUND**

### **FUND OUTLINE**

The **Trans-Tasman Fund** provides a broad and actively managed exposure to the New Zealand and Australian equity markets.

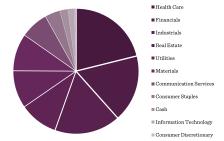
This Fund invests in a select portfolio of well researched companies, which are primarily New Zealand and Australian listed companies. The Australian dollar currency exposure is typically unhedged.

# **KEY HOLDINGS**

# ASSET ALLOCATION











# **ALLOCATION**

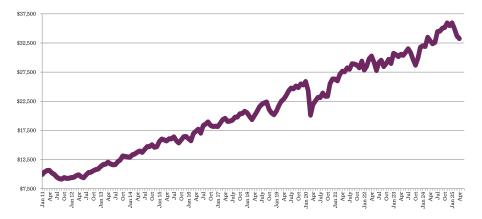
New Zealand Equities	50.2%	Cash	2.1%
Australian Equities	47.7%	Total	100.0%

PERFORMANCE	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr p.a	5 Yr p.a	10 Yr p.a
Devon Trans-Tasman Fund	-1.3%	-7.5%	1.1%	3.2%	8.6%	7.4%
50:50 NZX50 Gross & ASX200 Index Unhedged	-0.7%	-7.1%	3.7%	3.3%	7.5%	7.8%

 $<sup>^*</sup>$ Devon Trans Tasman Fund returns are after all fees and expenses, but before tax which varies by investor and expenses.

# **NET PERFORMANCE**

Based on \$10,000 invested at 1 January 2011



NOTE: Further information on the Devon Trans-Tasman Fund can be found in our Quarterly Fund Updates by visiting https://devonfunds.co.nz/trans-tasman-fund or by clicking  $\underline{\text{HERE}}$ 

### COMMENTARY

The Trans-Tasman portfolio underperformed its benchmark during April amid considerable market volatility. Our best performer over the month was Stockland which closed higher by 12.0%. This company was supported by positive housing policies being articulated by both key political parties and rate cut expectations. Telstra also rallied 7.1% on positive industry trends.

Key holding Stockland reported their Q3 sales update during the month and importantly reiterated FY25 Funds from Operations guidance of 33.0-34.0¢ (post-tax), including 6,200 -6,700 residential lot settlements at a low-20% margin. The political backdrop remains favourable for the company with the Labor government's commitment to provide \$10 billion of funding to build 30,000 affordable homes within five years. Combined with the expectation of future rate cuts, this suggests a support environment for this investment.

# PORTFOLIO MANAGER Tama Willis



After a long period in international investment markets, Tama returned to NZ after a very successful career in London and Singapore

to join Devon's investment team. Tama holds primary responsibility for Devon's Trans- Tasman Fund. Tama is widely regarded as a leading expert on resource and mining stocks.

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# **DEVON AUSTRALIAN FUND**

### **FUND OUTLINE**

The **Australian Fund** invests in a select portfolio of companies, which are primarily Australian listed companies.

The Australian market is much larger than the New Zealand market and offers exposure to a number of sectors that are not available in New Zealand. The Australian dollar currency exposure of this Fund is typically unhedged.

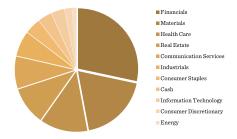
# **KEY HOLDINGS**

# ASSET ALLOCATION









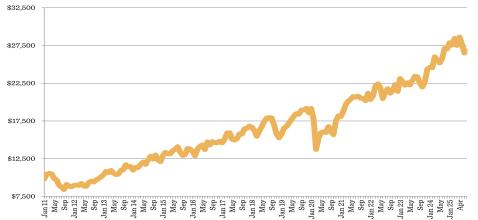
# ALLOCATION

New Zealand Equities	0.0	1%	Cash Total		3.7%	
Australian Equities	96.	3%				
PERFORMANCE	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr p.a	5 Yr p.a	10 Yr p.a
Devon Australian Fund	1.0%	-6.5%	4.8%	6.1%	11.9%	7.4%
ASX200 Index Gross (NZD)	1.5%	-5.9%	7.9%	6.6%	12.5%	8.1%

<sup>\*</sup>Devon Australian Fund returns are after all fees and expenses, but before tax which varies by investor.

### **NET PERFORMANCE**

Based on \$10,000 invested at 1 January 2011



 $NOTE: Further information on the Devon Australian Fund can be found in our Quarterly Fund Updates by visiting https://devonfunds.co.nz/australian-fund or by clicking <math display="block">\underline{HERE}$ 

### COMMENTARY

The Australian strategy delivered solid absolute returns during the month although it did finish slightly behind its benchmark. There were many strong contributors, including our investments in GPT Group (+6.2%), CAR Group (+5.8%) and Goodman Group (+5.5%).

The most significant negative relative impact on the portfolio was our underweight in CBA, which continued to defy expectations by rallying 10.4%. With a significant investor conference being held in Sydney in early May, there will be a good platform for a substantial portion of ASX listed companies to inform the market as to how they are navigating the current operating climate. We will have the majority of the Devon investment team at this event to meet with many of these companies. Although the broad economic environment has been shocked by Trump's tariff announcements, we are confident that we can identify quality management teams and business that are continuing to grow, despite the uncertainty.

# PORTFOLIO MANAGER Slade Robertson



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# **DEVON DIVIDEND YIELD FUND**

### **FUND OUTLINE**

The **Devon Dividend Yield Fund** invests in a carefully selected portfolio of New Zealand and Australian listed companies.

These stocks are chosen for their attractive dividend yields and growth prospects with the aim of maintaining the dividend yield and capital value in real terms. The Australian dollar currency exposure is typically fully hedged.

### **KEY HOLDINGS**

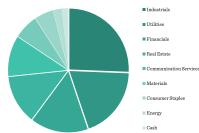
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# ASSET ALLOCATION



# **ALLOCATION**

New Zealand Equities	70.9%
Australian Equities	27.4%
Currency Hedge	99.8%

Cash	1.7%
Total	100.0%
Yield	5.9%

PERFORMANCE	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr p.a	5 Yr p.a	Since Inception
Devon Dividend Yield Fund	-1.2%	-4.6%	0.0%	1.0%	7.5%	8.3%
50:50 NZX50 & ASX200 Index Gross	0.3%	-6.0%	4.7%	3.6%	7.3%	9.6%

<sup>\*</sup>Devon Dividend Yield Fund returns are after all fees and expenses, but before tax which varies by investor.

### NET PERFORMANCE

Based on \$10,000 invested at 1 January 2013



NOTE: Further information on the Devon Dividend Yield Fund can be found in our Quarterly Fund Updates by visiting https://devonfunds.co.nz/dividend-vield-fund or by clicking HERE

### COMMENTARY

The Dividend Yield strategy offers investors a forecasted annual gross yield of 5.9% and is expected to grow well ahead of inflation. Top performers during April were Scentre Group (+7.7%), Telstra (+7.1%), and National Australia Bank (+6.2%). Meanwhile, key underperformers were Mainfreight (-10.0%), Port of Tauranga (-7.2%), and Freightways (-5.7%).

April was a volatile month within equity markets and the strategy took advantage of several opportunities. One of these was Mainfreight, as the share price sold off by over 20% in a matter of weeks. We are attracted to the business's management team quality, balance sheet strength, and ability to generate long term growth as they continue claiming market share around the world. Importantly, the business has a net cash position and capital expenditures which are well and truly covered by operating cash flow. This allows Mainfreight to support a stable and growing dividend policy through the economic cycle.

# PORTFOLIO MANAGER Patrick Washer



Patrick has primary responsibility for stock selection and portfolio construction for the Dividend Yield Fund. Patrick also holds research responsibilities for

the property, aged care and transport sectors.

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# **DEVON DIVERSIFIED INCOME FUND**

### **FUND OUTLINE**

The **Devon Diversified Income Fund** aims to give New Zealanders access to a diverse and good quality portfolio of high yielding investments. The Fund aims to generate better-than-bank income rates by investing in a carefully selected portfolio of government and corporate bonds, cash, listed property, infrastructure, utility companies, high yielding equities, credit securities and other yielding financial assets.

# **KEY HOLDINGS**

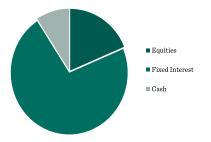
### ASSET ALLOCATION

Bonds









67.2%

# ALLOCATION New Zealand Equities

Australian Equities	6.7%		Cash		8.7%		
PERFORMANCE	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr p.a	5 Yr p.a	Since Inception	
Devon Diversified Income Fund	0.1%	-0.0%	5.8%	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%	
75% BB Composite 0-5yr Index, 25% 50:50 Composite NZX50 Gross and	0.9%	0.0%	5.1%	5.8%	4.2%	2.9%	

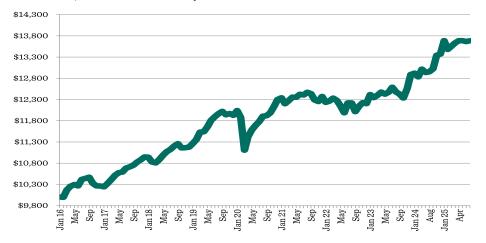
 $<sup>^*</sup>$ Devon Diversified Income Fund returns are after all fees and expenses, but before tax which varies by investor.

17.4%

# **NET PERFORMANCE**

ASX 200 Index hedged to NZD

Based on \$10,000 invested at 1 January 2016



# COMMENTARY

Global bonds rallied during the month with the yield on US 10-year Treasuries finishing down at 4.16%. This reasonably benign outcome was not a fair reflection of the pricing dynamics that occurred intra-month as investors navigated the chaos that stemmed from the announcement by Donald Trump of his "Liberation Day" tariffs. Although the primary target of these initiatives was China, the tariffs proposed on the rest of the world were bigger and broader than expected. This resulted in extreme volatility across markets, but Trump has subsequently signalled a clear intention to negotiate back on many of his initial positions. Jerome Powell from the Federal Reserve issued a stark economic warning from the trade proposals, identifying upward risks to inflation and downward risks to growth, and this was met with a strong rebuke from Trump. The Fed are expected to keep rates on hold when they meet in early May. The RBNZ cut the OCR by 0.25% in April.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>The Devon Diversified Income Fund's benchmark changed to a blended market index from 10th December 2024



# **DEVON SUSTAINABILITY FUND**

### **FUND OUTLINE**

The **Devon Sustainability Fund** invests in a select portfolio of well researched New Zealand and Australian listed companies.

The Fund looks to invest in companies that score highly on overall environmental, social and corporate governance performance. The Fund also employs an ethical screen which will prohibit investment into certain companies and sectors.

### **KEY HOLDINGS**

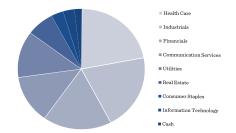
# ASSET ALLOCATION











### ALLOCATION

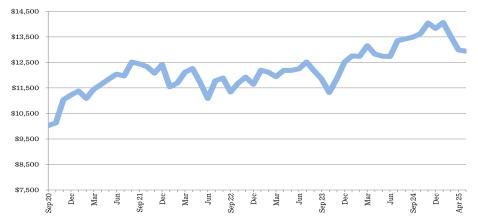
New Zealand Equities	57.4%	Cash	1.9%
Australian Equities	40.7%	Total	100.0%

PERFORMANCE	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr p.a	3 Yr p.a	Since Inception
Devon Sustainability Fund	-0.4%	-8.0%	0.9%	1.8%	5.7%
50:50 NZX50 Portfolio Index & ASX200 Index	0.0%	-5.7%	4.8%	2.9%	6.0%

 $<sup>^*</sup>$ Devon Sustainability Fund returns are after all fees and expenses, but before tax which varies by investor and  $^*$ 

### **NET PERFORMANCE**

Based on \$10,000 invested at 31 August 2020



 $NOTE: Further information on the Devon Sustainability Fund can be found in our Quarterly Fund Updates by visiting \\https://devonfunds.co.nz/devon-sustainability-fundor by clicking \\\underline{HERE}$ 

### COMMENTARY

The Sustainability Fund underperformed its benchmark in April. The Fund's Australian holdings performed well during the month; however, it was underweight the Australian market relative to benchmark. This positioning slightly detracted from performance, given the significant divergence between the Australian market (+3.6%) and the New Zealand market (-3.5%).

We continue to find attractive investment opportunities emerging in New Zealand, particularly as the headwinds from the economic downturn begin to ease.

Stocks that performed strongly in April included Stockland (+12.0%), Telstra (+7.1%), and ResMed (+4.9%). ResMed delivered a strong quarterly result, highlighting continued demand for its sleep apnea devices and masks, with revenue growing 8%. The company's gross margin exceeded investor expectations and was at the upper end of their prior earnings guidance. Management also confirmed that their medical devices are largely exempt from the recently announced U.S. tariffs.

# PORTFOLIO MANAGER Ben Jenkin



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responsibility for the telco, media and technology sectors, as well as a wide ranging number of industrial companies.

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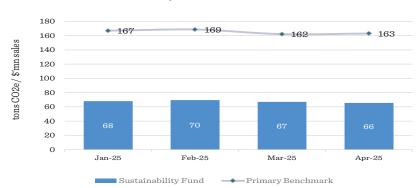




### **DEVON SUSTAINABILITY FUND**

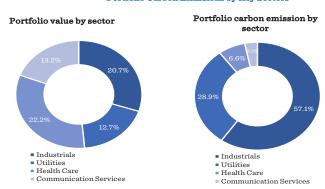
# CARBON INTENSITY - PORTFOLIO VS BENCHMARK

Carbon Intensity - Portfolio vs Benchmark



### PORTFOLIO CARBON EMISSIONS BY KEY SECTORS

#### Portfolio Carbon Emissions by Key Sectors



The industrials, utilities, and communication sectors make up 47% of the portfolio by value, but they account for 89% of the carbon emissions in the portfolio

# **ESG PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

	MSCI ESG Ratings	MSCI ESG Quality score	Portfolio
Portfolio	AA	7.62	Sustainability Fund
			Primary Benchmark
Benchmark	AA	7.44	50:50 composite S&P/NZX50 Portfolio Index & S&P/ASX200G Index
Benchmark	AA	7.44	•

PERFORMANCE	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1Yr	Since Inception
ESG relative performance	2.4%	2.6%	3.5%	4.4%	5.7%

 $^*\text{ESG Relative Performance is the MSCIESG Score of the Devon Sustainability fund compared to the MSCIESG Score of the Benchmark and th$ 

# PORTFOLIO HOLDING'S DISCLOSURE SUMMARY

### Portfolio Holding's Summary

% of companies reporting to TCFD standards	90.7%
% of companies committed to Net Zero	72.1%
% of companies committed to Carbon Neutral	9.3%
% of companies with no commitment to either	18.6%

### **STEWARDSHIP**

In April, we met with the outgoing CFO of Worley in our offices. Worley is a global engineering, advisory, and project management company. The company operates across the energy, chemicals, and resources sectors. Whilst Worley is not currently held in our funds, it has been in the past and provides good insight into the global energy transition. The CFO announced in March that he was stepping down, effective 30 June 2025. Succession planning appears to have been well managed; he has had the opportunity to hand-pick his successor, who has come from within the business, something we often view favourably.

Importantly, we discussed the energy transition and any impact that Trump's "drill, baby, drill" pledge, aimed at ramping up fossil fuel extraction, has had so far. Worley has an ambition-aligned goal of deriving 75 percent of its revenue from sustainability-related work (which includes gas as a transition fuel), and given the projects they work on, they have insight into the pipeline of sustainability-related projects occurring globally. The CFO said they have seen project timelines move forward, into 2026 and 2027. This could be considered a leading indicator of what is to come in the US under Trump's administration.

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responsibility for the telco, media and technology sectors, as well as a wide ranging number of industrial companies.

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# DEVON GLOBAL IMPACT BOND FUND

### **DURATION**

Contribution to Duration (Years)							
Sector A	ccount	Benchmark	Difference				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	-0.00	-0.00	-0.00				
US Government	1.05	1.10	-0.05				
Credit*	4.37	4.74	-0.37				
Asset Backed Securities	0.04	0.01	0.03				
Mortgage Backed	0.81	0.59	0.22				
Commercial Mortgage	0.04	0.03	0.01				
Other	0.01	0.09	-0.08				
Cash Offset	-	-	-				
	6.32	6.56	-0.24				

The Fund invests into the Wellington Global Impact Bond Fund, managed by Wellington Management. Wellington Management is one of the world's leading investment management firms with over US\$1 trillion in assets under management worldwide across a broad range of asset classes. They have been providing innovative investment solutions to clients for more than 85 years. Wellington Management seeks to understand the world's social and environmental problems and to identify and invest primarily in debt issued by companies and organisations that they believe are addressing these needs in a differentiated way through their core products, services and projects. The Wellington Global Impact Bond Fund aims to improve access to, and the quality of, basic life essentials, reduce inequality and mitigate the effects of climate change.

### **CREDIT RATING**

Percent of Market Value						
Quality	Account	Benchmark	Difference			
Cash	4.35	0.32	4.03			
AAA	33.02	12.25	20.77			
AA	31.61	41.27	-9.65			
Α	7.47	31.58	-24.11			
BBB	15.58	14.30	1.28			
BB	5.69	0.01	5.68			
В	2.80	-	2.80			
Below B	0.14	-	0.14			
Cash Offset	-1.37	-	-1.37			
Not Rated	0.71	0.27	0.43			
	100.00	100.00				

\*Duration & Credit Rating as at 30 April 2025

They seek to identify securities which it believes fall into three primary impact categories: life essentials, human empowerment and the environment. Within these categories the Fund will invest across "Impact Themes" including, but not limited to the following:

**Life Essentials**: affordable housing, clean water and sanitation, health, sustainable agriculture and nutrition.

**Human Empowerment**: digital divide, education and job training, financial inclusion, safety and security.

**Environment**: alternative energy, resource efficiency and resource stewardship.

# **DEVON GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY FUND**

The Fund invests into the Wellington Global Stewards Fund, managed by Wellington Management. Wellington Management is one of the world's leading investment management firms with over US\$1 trillion in assets under management worldwide across a broad range of asset classes. They have been providing innovative investment solutions to clients for more than 85 years. Wellington Management seeks to invest in companies globally, that generate high return on capital relative to their peers, and whose management teams and boards display exemplary stewardship to sustain those returns over time. Wellington define stewardship as how companies balance the interests of all stakeholders (customers, employees, communities and the supply chain) in the pursuit of profits and how they incorporate material environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities in their corporate strategy. The underlying Wellington Fund differentiates itself by:

Long-term horizon - the intention is to hold stocks for over 10 years. The belief is the longer the holding period, the greater the potential performance benefits from superior stewardship.

Highly selective – typically 35-45 stocks, only relying on their own internal ESG research.

Active engagement – holding those in charge of investee companies to account and encouraging companies to commit to net zero carbon emissions by 2050 in alignment with the Paris Agreement.

					Since
PERFORMANCE	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr p.a	Inception
Devon Global Impact Bond Fund	0.8%	1.3%	6.7%	2.2%	1.4%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index Hedged NZD	0.9%	1.6%	6.9%	2.3%	1.4%
PERFORMANCE	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr p.a	Since Inception
Devon Global Sustainability Fund	-1.5%	-7.7%	6.0%	10.1%	9.0%
MSCI All Country World Index in NZD, 50% hedged to NZD	-2.3%	-7.2%	10.5%	11.7%	9.6%

 $<sup>^{*}</sup>$ Benchmark performance figure is indicative only and will be finalised in the mid month report.











\*Key Holdings as at 30 April 2025

Please note that monthly reports will be produced for the Devon Global Impact Bond Fund and Devon Global Sustainability Fund later this month. These reports will include data on top holdings, performance, asset allocation, and fund commentaries. These reports will be sent out separately from those for Devon's other retail funds each month and will be available on the Devon Funds website.

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# ARTESIAN GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE BOND FUND (NZD)

### **FUND OUTLINE**

The **Artesian Green and Sustainable Bond Fund (NZD)** offers New Zealand-based investors a Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE) vehicle through which to invest in the Artesian Green and Sustainable Bond Fund (AUD).

Through this structure, the Fund will invest in a diversified portfolio of liquid, predominately investment grade fixed and floating rate green and sustainable bonds. Artesian are committed to integrating ESG into their investment processes, with a focus on responsible investment.

### **KEY HOLDINGS**

# ASSET ALLOCATION



### ALLOCATION

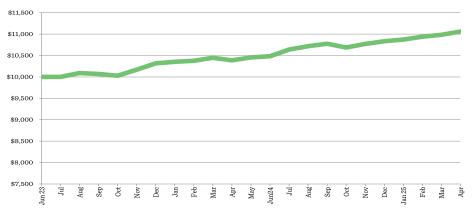
Artesian Green & Sustain- able Bond Fund (NZD)	97.3%	Cash		2.7%		
Currency Hedge (100% to NZD) 99.2%		Total		100.0%		
PERFORMANCE	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	Since Inception		
Artesian Green & Sustainable Bo Fund (NZD)*	ond 0.68%	1.72%	6.46%	5.99%		
Artesian Green & Sustainable Bo Fund PIR Return (NZD)**	ond 0.77%	1.80%	6.95%	6.38%		
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index 100% Hedged to NZD	0-5 Yr 1.07%	1.95%	6.46%	5.95%		

<sup>\*</sup>Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund (NZD) returns are after all fees and expenses, but before tax which varies by investor.

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# **NET PERFORMANCE**

Based on \$10,000 invested at 30 June 2023



NOTE: Further information on the Artesian Green Fund can be found in our Quarterly Fund Updates by visiting \$\$https://devonfunds.co.nz/artesian-green-and-sustainable-bond-fund-nzd or by clicking \$\$HERE\$\$

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### COMMENTARY

Outperformance in April came from the Fund's positions in QIC Shopping Centre Fund (Green), European Investment bank (Green), African Development Bank (Social) and BNG Bank (Sustainable). Underperformance came from the Fund's positions in Power SA (Green), Contact Energy (Green), Industrial Bank of Korea (Green) and Transpower (Green).

# PORTFOLIO MANAGER

### **David Gallagher**

David joined Artesian in June 2013. Prior to joining Artesian, David spent



nine years in the United Kingdom working for Deutsche Bank and RBS. David has extensive risk and portfolio management trading experience.

In David's previous role with RBS, David managed a credit portfolio with outright risk ranging between £1-2.5 billion.

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