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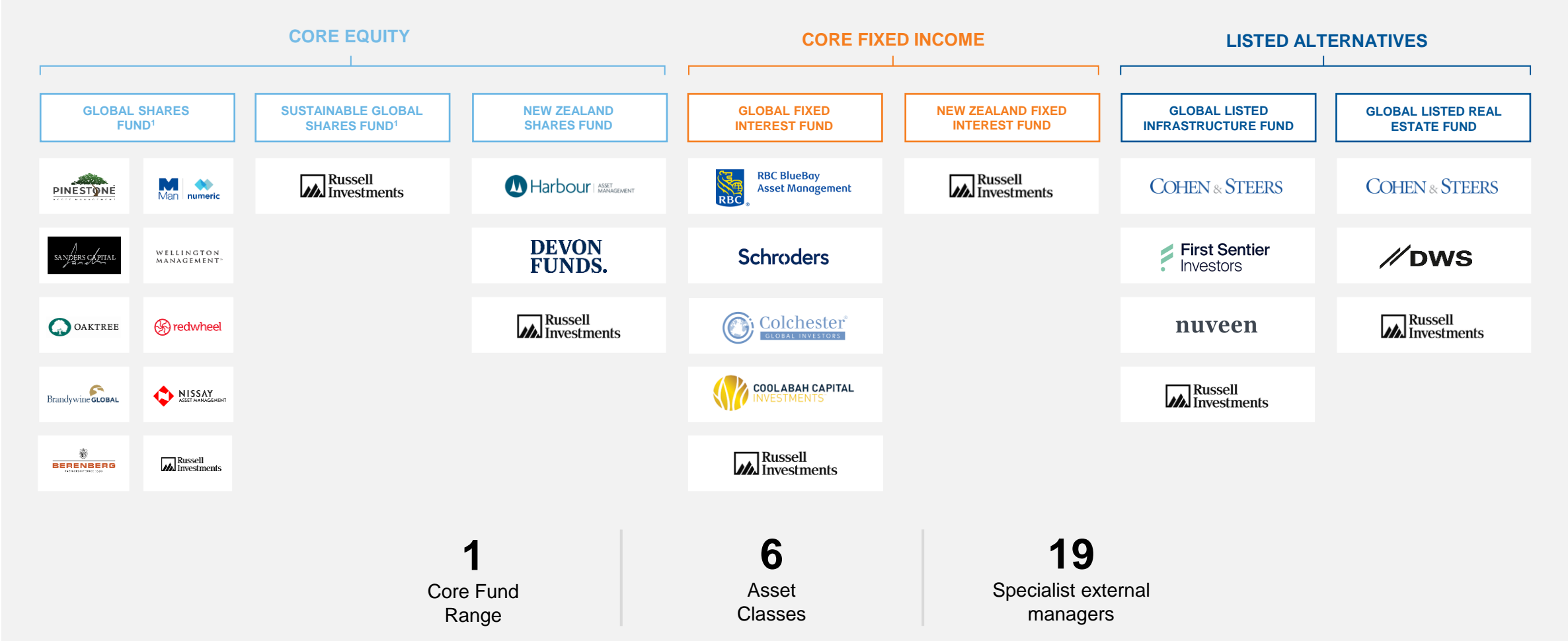
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Russell Investments New Zealand fund overview

Diversified, time-tested core portfolio holdings in Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE) structure



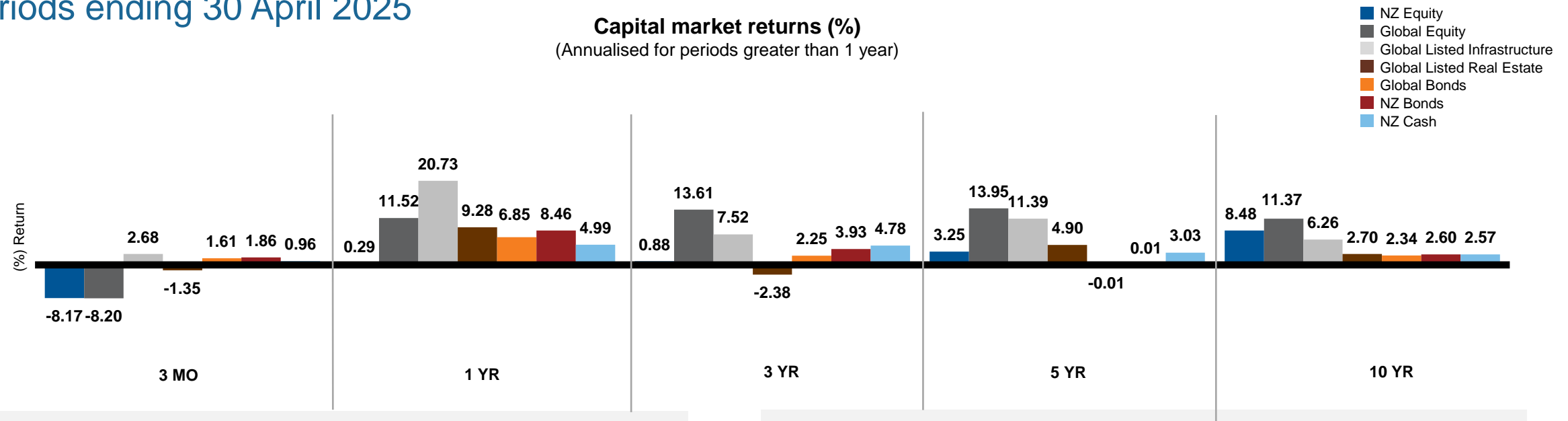


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Capital markets

Periods ending 30 April 2025

Capital market returns (%)
(Annualised for periods greater than 1 year)



NZ equity: NZX 50 with Imputation Credits Index

Global equity: (MSCI ACWI Index) Global market index that includes large/mid-cap stocks across developed and emerging markets

Global listed infrastructure: (S&P Global Listed Infrastructure Index – NZD Hedged) Index for global publicly traded infrastructure securities

Global listed Real Estate: (FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed – NZD Hedged) Index for global publicly traded real estate securities

Global bonds: (Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index – NZD Hedged) Broad index for Global Fixed Income market

NZ bonds: (Bloomberg NZBond Composite 0+ Yr TR NZD) Broad index for NZ Fixed Income market

Cash: Bloomberg NZBond Bank Bill TR NZD – short dated New Zealand bank bills

CAPITAL MARKETS to 30 April 2025:

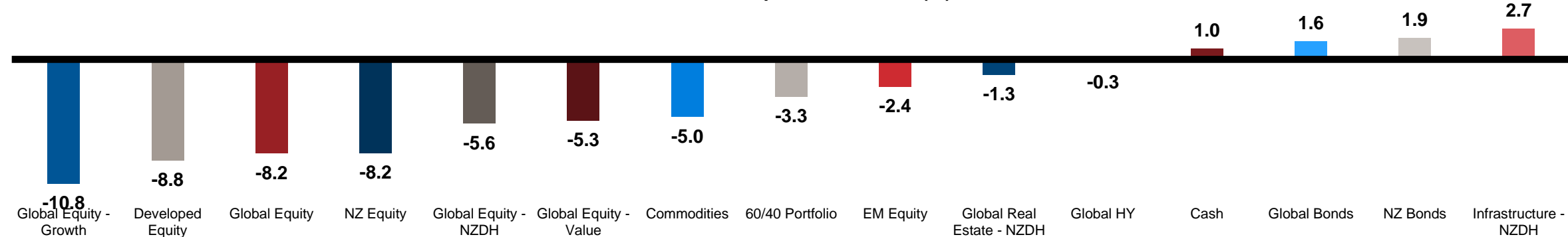
- **NZ equities** extended their decline into April, led by weakness in the Consumer Discretionary sector – namely The Warehouse Group and Hallenstein Glasson Holdings.
- **Global equities** It was a turbulent month for global equities, marked by sharp volatility amid escalating trade tensions. However, markets found some relief late in the month as President Trump signalled a greater willingness to negotiate with key trade partners. Despite the partial recovery, global equities remain down ~6% year-to-date.
- **Global Listed Infrastructure** proved resilient in April, delivering modest gains while other asset classes struggled. The performance was driven by strength in the Utilities and Industrials sectors.
- **Global bonds** saw mixed performance during the month. U.S. Treasury yields rose slightly, with the 10-year yield ending April at 4.17%, amid persistent inflation concerns.
- **NZ bonds** government bond yields rose modestly, with the 10-year yield reaching 4.46% by month-end, reflecting market adjustments in response to local and global economic data.

Source: Russell, Bloomberg, MSCI, FTSE and S&P Index returns denominated in NZD and represent past performance, are not a guarantee of future performance, and are not indicative of any specific investment. Attribution data as of latest available 25 Apr 2025.

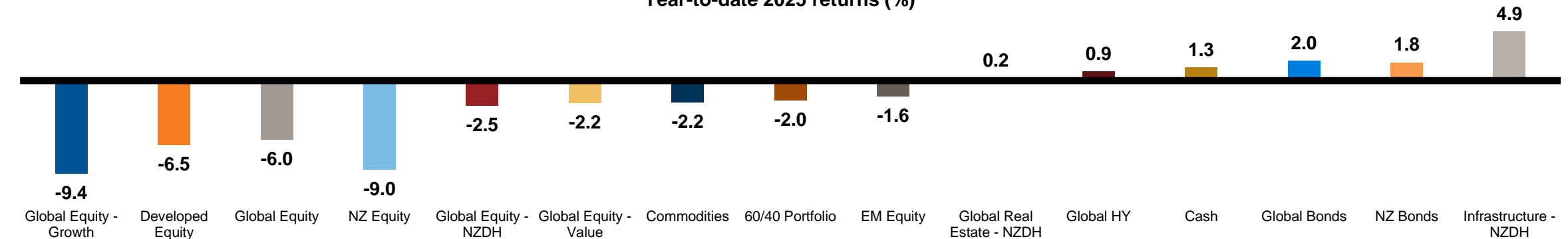
Capital markets

Key asset classes for New Zealand investors

3 months to 30 April 2025 returns (%)



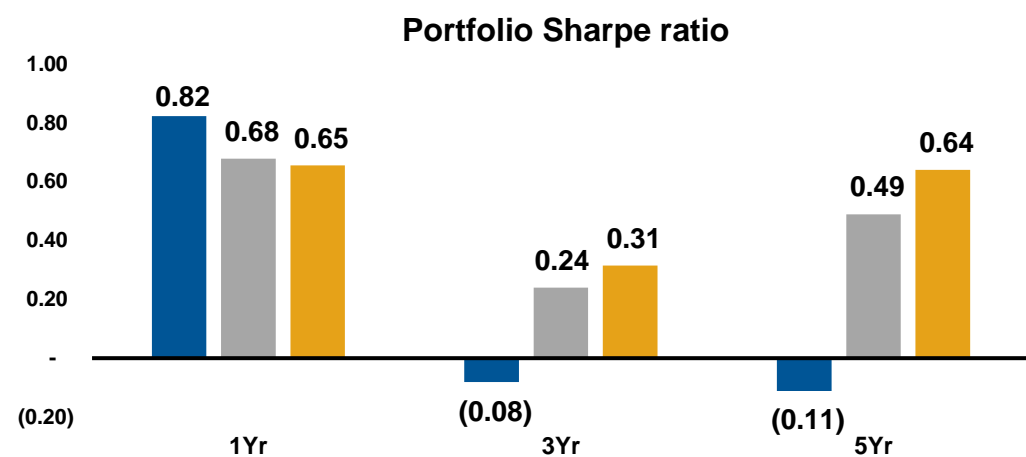
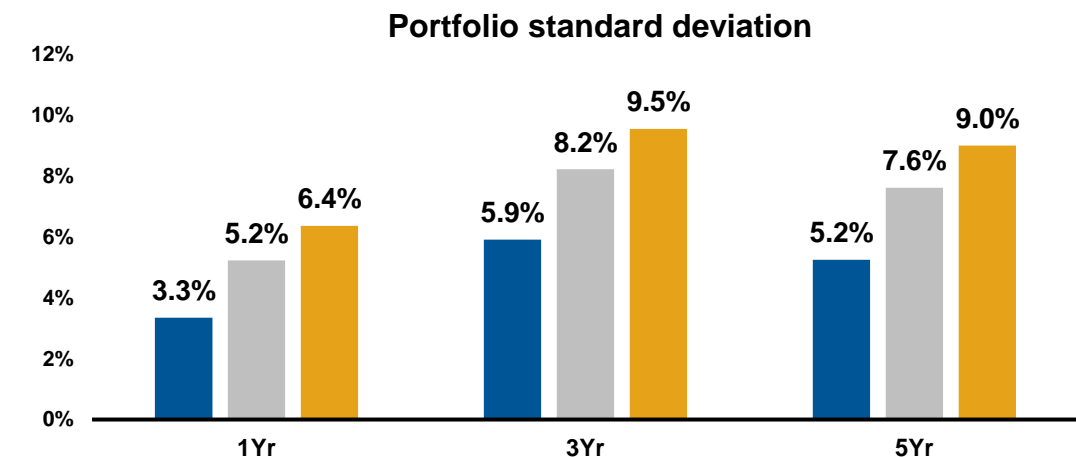
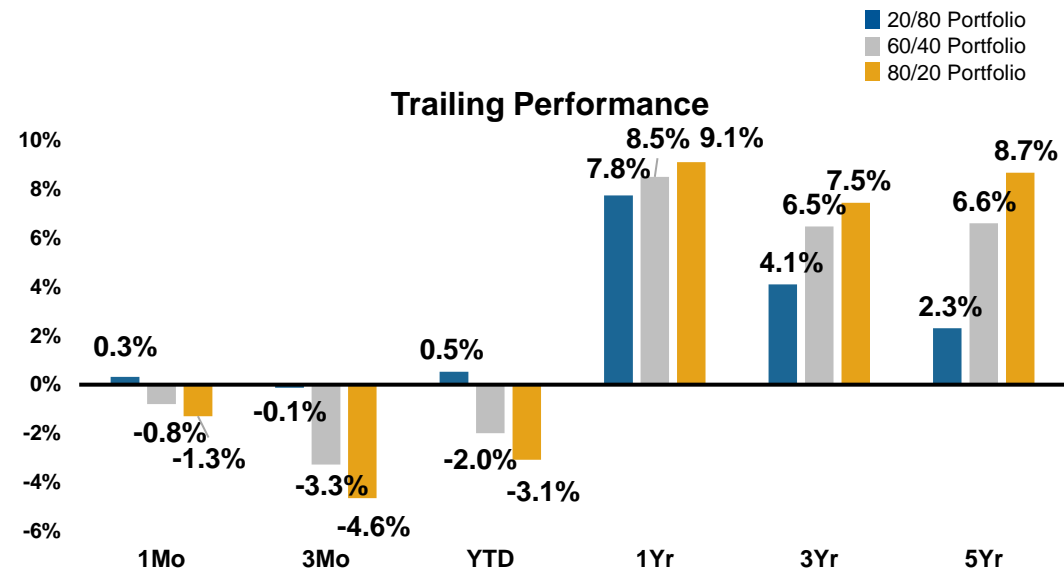
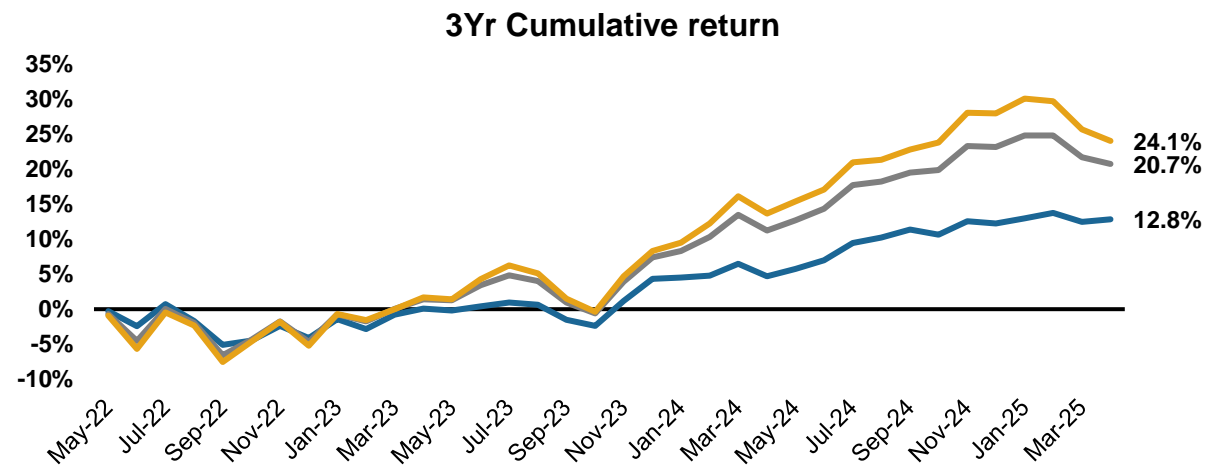
Year-to-date 2025 returns (%)



Source: Morningstar Direct, Russell Investments. Global Equity: MSCI ACWI Net Index; Global Eq Hedged: MSCI ACWI Net Index – NZDH, Global Equity - Growth: MSCI ACWI Growth Net Index; Global Equity - Value: MSCI ACWI Value Net Index, Developed Equity: MSCI World Net Index; NZ Equity: S&P/NZX 50 with Imputation TR NZD; Global Real Estate – NZDH: FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed NR HNND, Infrastructure - NZDH: S&P Global Infrastructure Index NZDH; Global High Yield: ICE BofA Dv Mkts HY Constrained NZDH; Cash: Bloomberg NZBond Bank Bill TR NZD; EM Equity: MSCI Emerging Markets Index; Global Bonds: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index NZDH; NZ Bonds: Bloomberg NZBond Composite 0+ Yr TR NZD; Commodities: Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return; 60/40 Portfolio: 21.5% Global Equity Unhedged, 21.5% Global Equity 100% NZD Hedged, 12% NZ Equity, 32% Global Bonds, 2.5% Infrastructure, 2.5% Global Real Estate, 8% NZ Bonds. Index returns to 28 Feb 2025, are denominated in NZD and represent past performance, are not a guarantee of future performance, and are not indicative of any specific investment. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

Portfolio dashboard

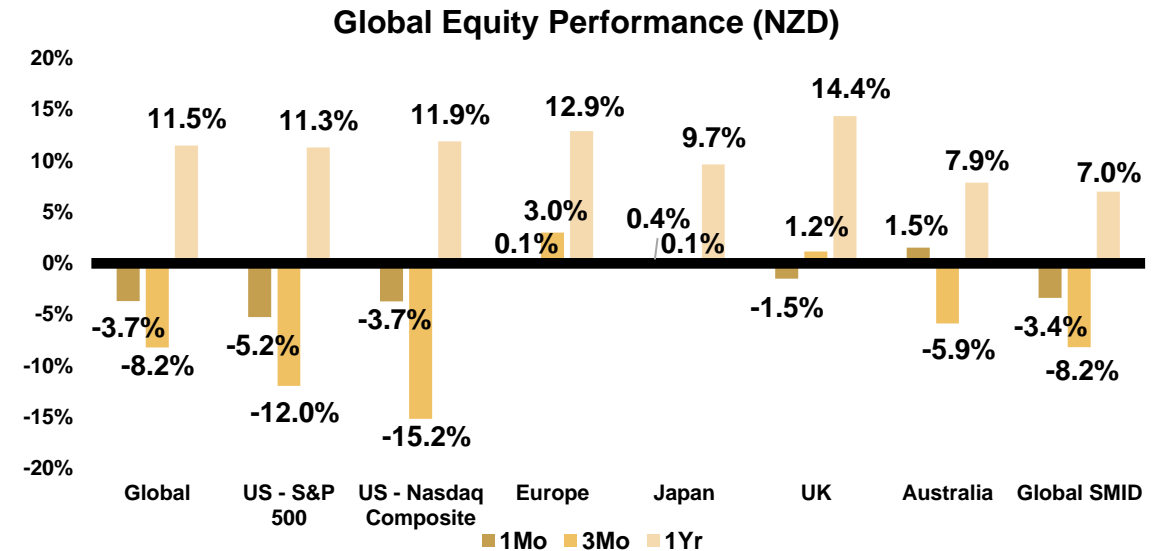
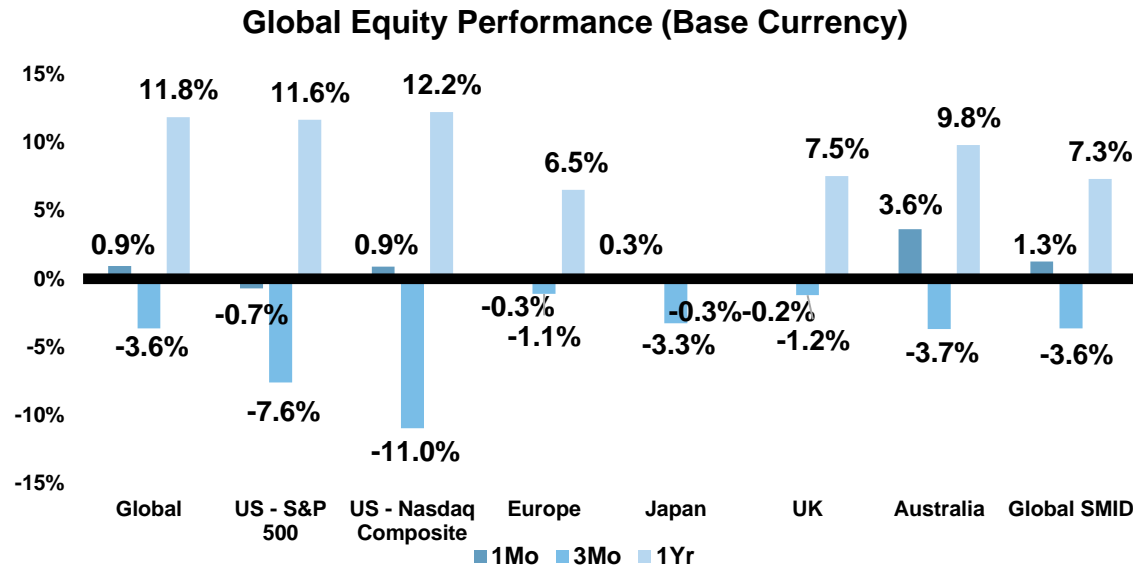
Periods ending 30 April 2025



Source: Morningstar Direct, Russell Investments. See Appendix 1 for portfolio weightings. Trailing return periods greater than one-year are annualised. Index returns are denominated in NZD and represent past performance, are not a guarantee of future performance, and are not indicative of any specific investment. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

Global equity performance

Periods ending 30 April 2025

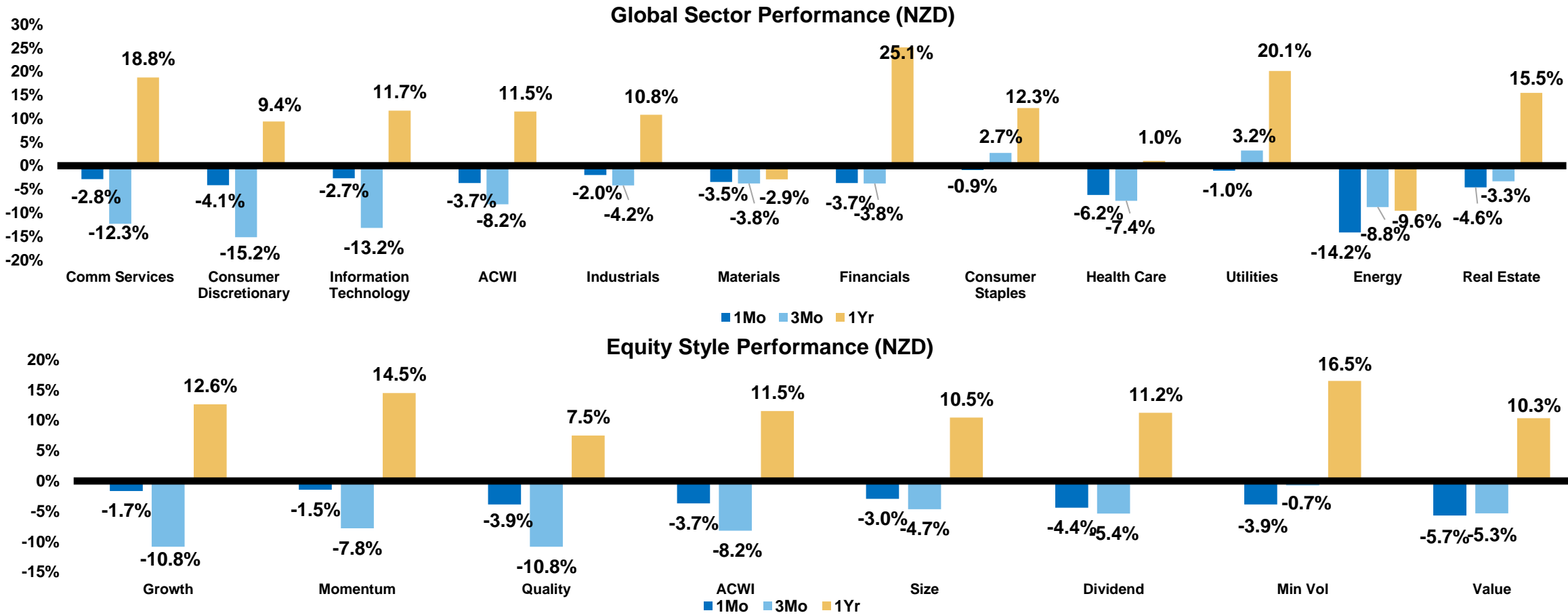


- Towards the end of the month, market sentiment was boosted by signs of de-escalating trade tensions between the US and China.
- Durable goods orders in the US, jumped by 9.2% in March, according to a preliminary estimate. This followed a 0.9% increase the previous month and far exceeded the 2.0% uptick expected. The sharp rise was largely due to significant orders for commercial aircraft.
- US purchasing manager's index (PMI) data showed a marked slowdown in US services growth while manufacturing activity unexpectedly increased. The picture was similar in Europe.
- Retail sales dropped 0.4% MoM in February, in line with expectations. This was a slight improvement from the previous month's 0.6% decline.
- The MSCI Europe ex UK Index was flat over April in NZD terms. Information technology was the best-performing sector while consumer staples and utilities lagged.
- The FTSE 100 index was down 1.5% over the month. In the economy, there was bad news for the chancellor in the latest government borrowing figures, which revealed the last financial year's borrowing exceeded forecasts by nearly £15 billion and was over £20 billion higher than the previous year, prompting speculation that higher taxes and/or big cuts in spending lie ahead.

Source: Morningstar Direct, Russell Investments. Global: MSCI ACWI NR USD, Europe: MSCI Europe Ex UK NR EUR, UK: FTSE AllSh TR GBP, Australia: S&P/ASX 200 TR AUD, Japan: TOPIX TR JPY, US - S&P 500: S&P 500 NR USD, US - Nasdaq Composite: NASDAQ Composite TR USD, Global SMID: MSCI ACWI SMID NR USD. Index returns represent past performance, and are not a guarantee of future performance, nor are they indicative of any specific investment. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

Global sector and style performance

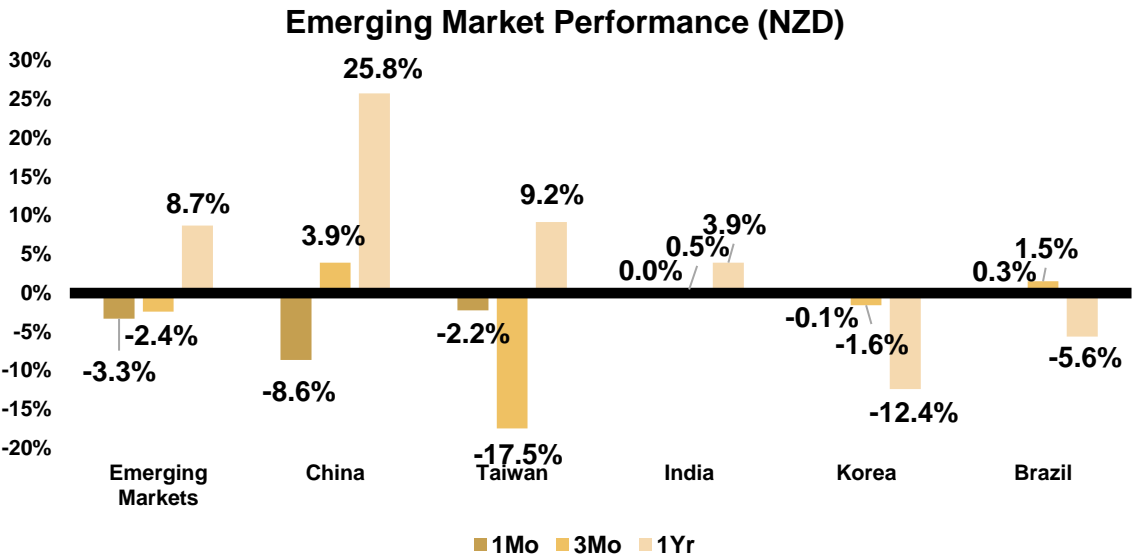
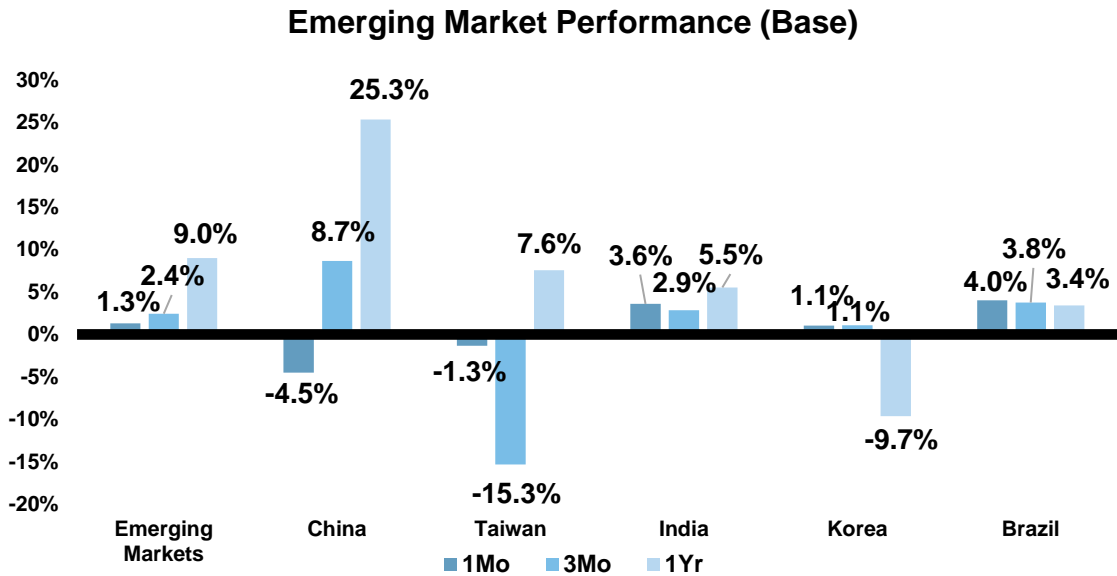
Periods ending 30 April 2025



Source: Morningstar Direct, Russell Investments. Energy: MSCI ACWI Energy Net Index, Utilities: MSCI ACWI Utilities Net Index, Materials: MSCI ACWI Materials Net Index, Financials: MSCI ACWI Financials Net Index, Real Estate: MSCI ACWI/EQUITY REITS Net Index, Health Care: MSCI ACWI Health Care Net Index, Consumer Discretionary: MSCI ACWI Consumer Discretionary Net Index, Consumer Staples: MSCI ACWI Consumer Staples Net Index, Information Technology: MSCI ACWI Information Technology Net Index, Industrials: MSCI ACWI Industrials Net Index, Comm Services: MSCI ACWI Comm Services Net Index, Growth: MSCI ACWI Growth Net Index, Momentum: MSCI ACWI Momentum Net Index, Quality: MSCI ACWI Quality Net Index, Size: MSCI ACWI Size TILT Net Index, ACWI: MSCI ACWI Net Index, Dividend: MSCI ACWI Dividend TILT Net Index, Min Vol: MSCI ACWI Minimum Vol Net Index, Value: MSCI ACWI Value Net Index. Index returns are denominated in NZD and represent past performance, are not a guarantee of future performance, and are not indicative of any specific investment. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

Emerging market performance

Periods ending 30 April 2025

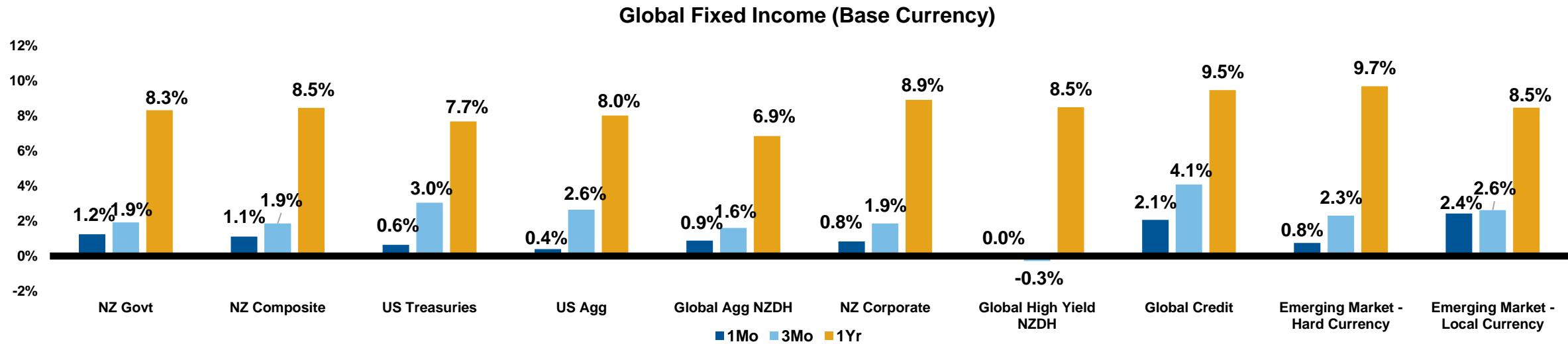


- The MSCI EM Index was down 3.3% for the month, driven largely by Taiwan’s underperformance.
- Brazilian equities reached a seven-month high following the gains in developed markets, prompted by signs of easing trade tensions.
- In India, shares did rise, although sentiment was impacted by nervousness over the recent terror attacks in Kashmir.
- In Mexico, retail sales fell by 1.1% YoY in February following a 2.7% rise in January.
- Other economic activity in Mexico declined by 0.7% YoY in February, the steepest fall since March 2024.
- In Indonesia, the central bank left its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 5.75%, in line with expectations.

Source: Morningstar Direct, Russell Investments. Emerging Markets: MSCI EM NR USD, China: MSCI China NR LCL, Taiwan: MSCI Taiwan NR LCL, India: MSCI India NR LCL, Korea: MSCI Korea NR LCL, Brazil: MSCI Brazil NR LCL. Index returns represent past performance, and are not a guarantee of future performance, nor are they indicative of any specific investment. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

Global fixed income performance

Govt, credit and broad market performance to 30 April 2025

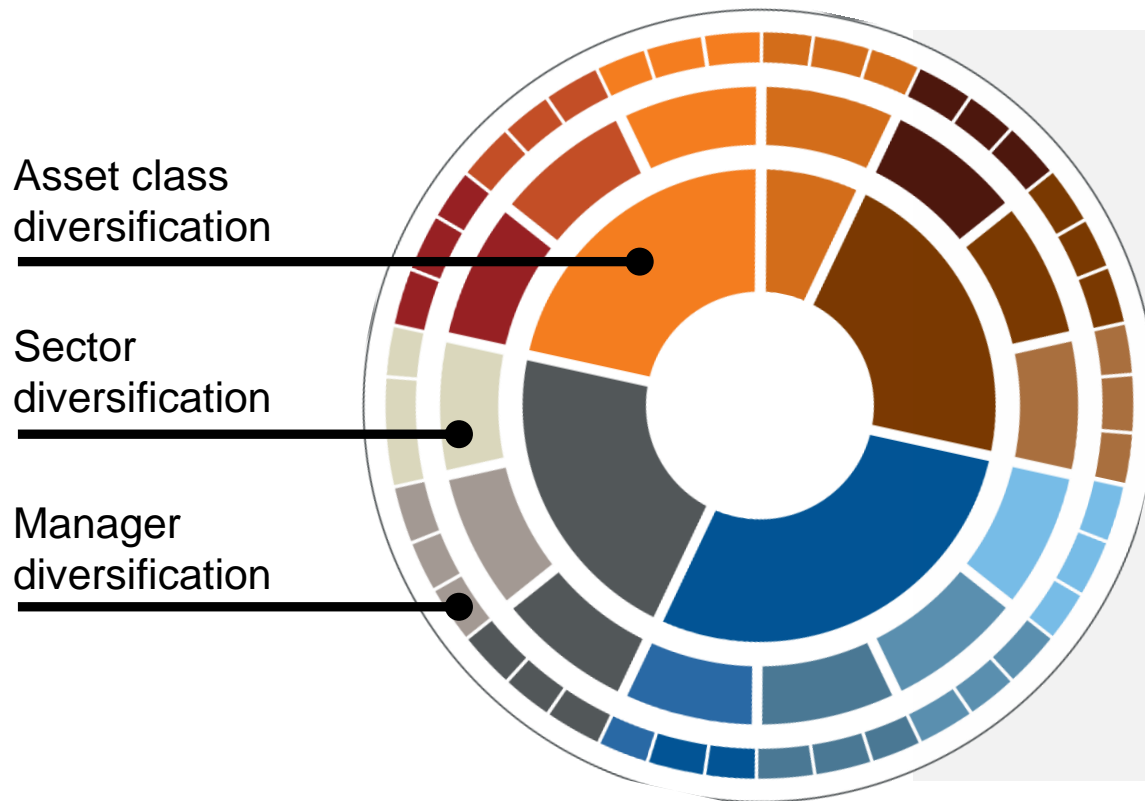


- The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index ended the month 0.9% higher.
- Issuance in the investment grade market matched expectations and was generally oversubscribed amid a preference for higher quality bonds.
- In Europe, the German government cut its growth forecast for this year from 0.3% to flat growth.
- The European Central Bank chief economist said in an interview that tariff uncertainty would hinder economic growth but that a recession in the region was unlikely.
- German bunds benefitted from safe-haven appeal, ending the month unchanged at 2.47%.
- In the UK, the yield on 10-year gilts fell nine bps to 4.48%. This followed the Debt Management Office’s decision to reduce the issuance of new long-dated bond sales. In addition, weaker inflation in March reinforced expectations of further interest rate cuts by the Bank of England.

Source: Morningstar Direct, Russell Investments. NZ Govt: Bloomberg NZBond Govt 0+ Yr TR NZD; NZ Composite: Bloomberg NZBond Composite 0+ Yr TR NZD; Global Agg NZDH: Bloomberg Global Aggregate TR Hdg NZD; US Treasuries: Bloomberg US Treasury TR USD (1987); US Agg: Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD NZ Corporate: S&P/NZX NZ Corp Bond Invest Grade NZD; Global High Yield NZDH: ICE BofA Dv Mkts HY Constnd TR HNZD; Global Credit: Bloomberg Global Credit TR USD ; Emerging Market - Local Currency: Bloomberg EM Local Currency Govt TR USD; Emerging Market - Hard Currency: Bloomberg EM Hard Currency Agg TR USD. Index returns are denominated in base currency and represent past performance, are not a guarantee of future performance, and are not indicative of any specific investment. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

Managing through volatility

The future is uncertain, we focus on making the most of it.



Stay the course

We know investors tend to ride their emotions, but history shows that staying invested during downturns tends to be rewarded.

Stay diversified

No one asset class or style always outperforms. No single manager is great at everything.

Stay invested

In times of market volatility some investors choose to move to cash investments, while others try to time the market. Unfortunately, these investors are often buying high and selling low—and miss the rallies that follow the challenging periods.

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Decades of global investment experience

50+ years

Investment consulting

40+ years

Multi-manager funds and outsourced investing

30+ years

Working alongside New Zealand investors

Significant global scale

\$590.8bn

Assets under management

\$1.6tn

Assets under advice

\$101.5bn

Assets managed on behalf of financial advisers

Long-standing track record in New Zealand

1992

Opened office in NZ

\$3.1bn

Funds under management for NZ clients

\$12bn

Assets under advice

30+ clients

Integrated global investment platform

Research & advice

› Capital markets insight

› Asset allocation tools

› Proprietary risk systems

Fund management & implementation

› Manager research

› Proprietary factor strategies

› Global multi-asset investing

› In-house trading

› Efficient implementation



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Appendix 1

Russell Investments portfolio weightings

PORTFOLIO DATE	ASSET CLASS	INDEX	20/80 (%)	60/40 (%)	80/20 (%)
30/11/2017	NZ Equity	S&P/NZX 50 with Imputation TR NZD	4.00	12.00	16.00
	Global Equity	MSCI ACWI NR	8.00	21.50	27.00
	Global Equity – Hedged	MSCI ACWI Hedged 100% to NZD	8.00	21.50	27.00
	NZ Bonds	Bloomberg NZBond Composite 0+ Yr TR NZD	16.00	8.00	4.00
	Global Bonds	Bloomberg Global Aggregate TR Hdg NZD	64.00	32.00	16.00
	Global Listed Real Estate	FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed NR HNZD	0.00	2.50	5.00
	Global Listed Infrastructure	S&P Global Infrastructure Hdg NR NZD	0.00	2.50	5.00

Your relationship management team

Scott O’Ryan

Business Development Manager



Scott is based in the Auckland office. He is part of the team that is responsible for growing Russell Investments’ profile within the financial advisory and wealth management sector.

Prior to joining Russell Investments in 2020, Scott worked at Morningstar, where he held senior roles in the Client Solutions team and was involved in delivering data and research to advisory and institutional clients. Prior to returning to New Zealand in 2019, Scott held a variety of roles within Morningstar’s Data and Research teams in the United Kingdom.

Scott is a graduate of Massey University (2010, 2011), holding a degree in Business Studies and a postgraduate diploma in Finance. He has also completed a Masters in Public Administration at the London School of Economics (2017).

Education

- Masters of Public Administration, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Postgraduate Diploma – Finance, Massey University
- Bachelor of Business Studies, Massey University
- New Zealand Certificate in Financial Services (L5) (Investment) [V2]

Experience

- Years with Russell Investments: 4
- Years in the industry: 13

Falesha Kidd

Associate Business Development Manager



Falesha is also based in the Auckland office and part of the team that is responsible for growing Russell Investments’ profile within the financial advisory and wealth management sector, mainly through distributing the firm’s range of multi-manager and directly managed funds.

Prior to joining Russell Investments in 2023, Falesha worked as a Client Relationship Manager for Syndex, dealing with some of New Zealand’s largest private market issuers and investors.

Education

- Bachelor of Commerce, Victoria University of Wellington

Experience

- Years with Russell Investments: 2
- Years in the industry: 5