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Hello

and welcome to the latest newsletter of

Alistair Bean & Associates – Financial Advisers

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The Lay and the Technical

As always, my intention is that I will use as much of “the Lay” as possible. I’m required for legislative and compliance reasons to also use “the Technical.” Please feel you can come to me if you would like a definition of any technical term or phrase that I include in any report.

Around the World in 19 Days Study and Research Edition

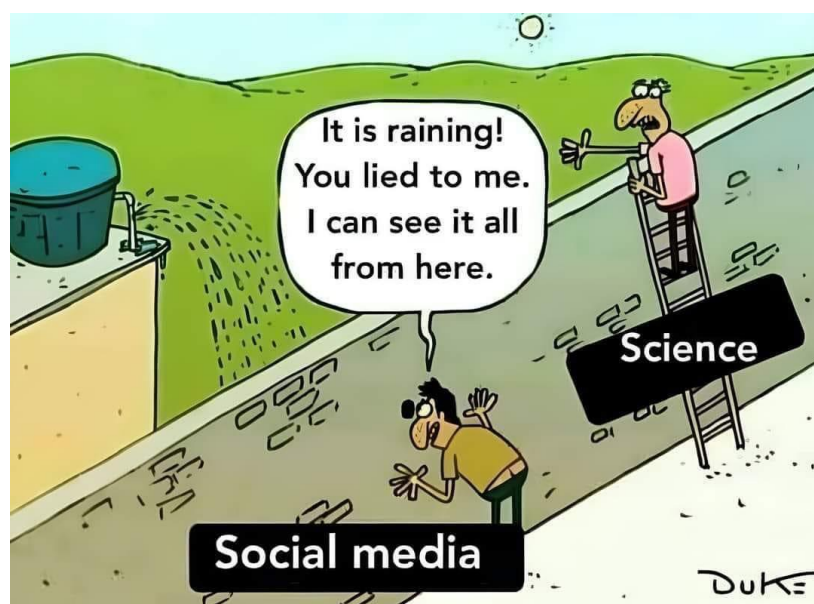


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As many of you know, in the last quarters I have attended study and research tours to Sydney Australia for 5 days and then 19 days to London England via San Francisco on the way there and Tokyo on the way back with a select group of other sophisticated, Industry savvy like-minded Advisers, hosted by intermediary - Heathcote Investment Partners to Australia and Platform Partners/Providers - Consilium and FNZ to England. I have delayed this Quarterly Newsletter until after my return.

I truly went around the world this time as the route via USA and then Back via Japan is a complete circumnavigation. I flew with Air NZ, Virgin Atlantic and British Airways. I have to say that the service and comfort on Air NZ was far better than that of British Airways who were very average and Virgin Atlantic which were still leaps and bounds ahead of British Airways but not up to the standards of Air New Zealand.

Prior to this regular business travel, the focus was on the consideration of reviewing/rebalancing Client portfolios relative to current market activity and events which have affected the worlds global economies and therefore funds, direct shares, inflation, interest rates and all other things financial. The headlines have been boundless and a Journalist's delight, with a perpetual buffet of endless media speculative saturation of daily occurrences and, the instantaneous often lacking verified facts that constantly spook the masses, which is where I do my best to come in and decipher and define.



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While I attend incredibly valuable local presentations from those who have travelled from overseas to NZ shores, to enhance my knowledge further, I travel annually to meet face to face with Fund Managers in the Fund Managers own offices and to see firsthand what is occurring on the ground in the Cities and Countries that I visit with my own eyes.

This is part of my best practice to perform due diligence, that I choose to do on your behalf, when making recommendations for investment of a diversification of assets in your individual portfolios relative to your own circumstances, rather than sitting in a meeting room watching a brief on-screen presentation with a visiting speaker or viewing a webinar - that still provides very good information but not as valuable as actually being there, with a more than adequate dedicated amount of time to focus on the facts and figures that I am truly after when making these decisions for your consideration. Then also meeting with these Specialists after hours to get a more relaxed but in-depth viewpoint.

Like any of you who have travelled over the last 2-3 years may have perhaps noticed as I have observed during this time, that the entire world is buzzing and looking to the future! It's busy - Greater Tokyo alone has a population of around 36 Million (*its huge!*) in a country of over 126 million and only 2,820 recorded as homeless and only 2.6% unemployed decreasing by 10,000 from the previous year.

More and more people are back to work in offices although some still work from home. Public transport is full including airplanes as are Restaurants, Cafes, Theatre, Sporting events and Concerts. Shopping Malls, Business Districts, Public Parks, Trucks on Roads are all a hive of activity and cues at customs in all airports are at what seems to be record levels. (*I almost missed my flight at Heathrow once again but managed to talk my way through the First-Class lounge saying that I was a gold member which I am with the Air NZ network but not the British Airways network*). In short, the world economy is on fire and has recovered incredibly well since the pandemic and is somewhat continuing to do so.

"mind you, most of you know me as the eternal optimist and yes I am. Here are some reasons why that I have covered in previous newsletters..."

Even though the cost of living is currently recorded as high, as is employment, the Worldometer [Worldometer - real time world statistics](https://worldometers.info) (worldometers.info) website tells me that the current world population is on its way to 8.2billion with around (10%) 805million being over age 65 as at the end of 2023 [Population ages 65 and above, total | Data \(worldbank.org\)](https://data.worldbank.org) and India now having the world's largest population of 1.452 billion, China 1.418 billion. (Click on the links and you will discover lots of other virtual fun facts) What this indicates is that we are living longer and therefore require more of our wants - food warmth, shelter and needs - Cars, iPhone, new fridges and TV's, not to mention expensive food and wine etc...

Because of this (population growth), world economies keep growing and wealth increases year on year.

Perhaps, conversely to this but also positive at the same time, is that the world poverty clock [World Poverty Clock](#) shows that we have reduced extreme poverty, defined as the inability to feed, clothe and shelter ourselves down to 7.7% in 2024 from 44% in 1970 [Extreme poverty: How far have we come, and how far do we still have to go? - Our World in Data](#) (In the early 1,800's it was as high as 90%).

So with technology, medicines and opportunity, the world has done quite a good job and at this rate will wipe out extreme poverty in our lifetime. The sad thing is that extreme poverty could be wiped out tomorrow apart from the fact that there is always someone who likes to be in control.

My observations continue to be, that there is more good news than there is bad.

Portfolio rebalance detail in the next section.

Market and Portfolio Commentary

As advised by email, the below approved investments were traded as part of my overall Client review after returning from my overseas research missions. These moves are already paying off and showing increase in portfolio values for all as a result, so the investment on this travel is proving to be very much worthwhile as I write. *(for greater detail on the below, Clients will be able to check their email inboxes and are always welcome to fully discuss further with me as many of you already have)*

Ryman Healthcare, Port of Tauranga, Napier Port Holdings, Antipodes Asia Fund, Antipodes China Fund, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, Capital Group New Perspective Fund, Dexus Asian REIT Fund, Fletcher Building.

a2Milk and Synlait Milk have settled their dispute regarding exclusivity, pricing and other issues and a2 will support the Synlait equity raise. This has given much comfort to the market for continuity of supply and the shares in both had increased as a result – link below *(control/click)* Their results also have once again shown a continued trend of increase in ongoing consolidated profit.

<https://api.nzx.com/public/announcement/436290/attachment/424841/436290-424841.pdf>



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Rocket Lab was an absolute superstar in recent times with better than expected financial results, two successful launches within eight days of each other, two Spacecraft delivered to NASA for mission to Mars. Further successful development and engine testing on their Neutron Mid-size Rocket capable of carrying Astronauts, additional US funding received, collaboration with other space companies. Results link below.

[FINAL-Rocket-Lab-Q2-2024-Earnings-Presentation.pdf \(q4cdn.com\)](#)

KiwiSaver and Tax reports

"Start planning now to ensure you receive the full Government Contribution if you have not already done so!"

KiwiSaver – Government Contributions are paid in early July each year to all Clients who qualify. The first year you become a KiwiSaver member, for the Govt. grant, the amount you receive is pro-rata to the time invested. For each successive year you receive the full contribution, provided you add the minimum amount of \$1,042.86 annually.

A pre-reminder, try and ensure you, your family, your friends have **deposited at least \$1,042.86** pa to get the free 50% net return of \$521.43 (approx. \$20/wk.) from the NZ Govt. Over 18 and under age 65 - Just do this !! (18-65 is ageist and the Govt should change the rules here!!)

- **Claim your \$521.43 before mid-June each year**
- **For additional lump sum or regular deposits, contact me and I will advise the procedure for your respective funds**
- **New KiwiSaver Option Announced - *KiwiWRAP***

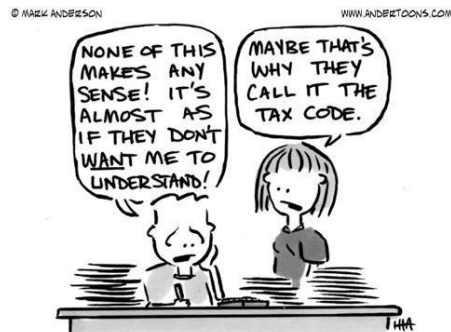


The KiwiSaver subsidy **cut-off date is 30 June each year.** Ensure those of you, and also any of your family members, (or anyone you know) who regularly contribute to KiwiSaver receives your eligible \$521.43 free money from the Government for the year – 50 cents in the dollar limited to \$1,042.86 (approx. \$20 per week) invested.

Remember: if you did not get it last year, simply start a \$20 per week direct credit to your fund, and you won't miss out next year.

Talk to me further if necessary. Tell friends, families, colleagues to do the same. One million KiwiSaver investors did not claim \$550,000,000 worth of Government contribution in 2018 and likely similar in successive years and this year as well.

Talk to me about **KiwiWRAP** – The KiwiSaver option that allows you to choose the investments you want in your own KiwiSaver Portfolio including direct shares worldwide and over 400 other options (switch or invest now, minimum \$50,000 deposit).



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Tax reports will be with by around **25th May each year**, check with us after this date and we can send you another copy if you don't get one.

Also you may have found that you had tax to pay this year on overseas earnings in your portfolio, this may be because you did not have tax deducted from your overseas investments depending on which investments you hold in your individual portfolio, so you may already have received this gross amount of earnings into your portfolio without the deduction occurring. To pay any tax charged here, just contact me for a withdrawal if you would like to do this for payment. Your own tax professional will assist with an explanation of your own individual full tax circumstances.

ABAFS10 Limited Index

The ABAFS10 Limited Index represents the total of the individual current values of the top ten holdings of all investments I manage for clients (excluding cash) and represents their percentage asset allocations as charted below to the end of each calendar quarter.

*(The investment names held are commercially sensitive, but the information is available to all clients of **ABAFS Limited**.)*

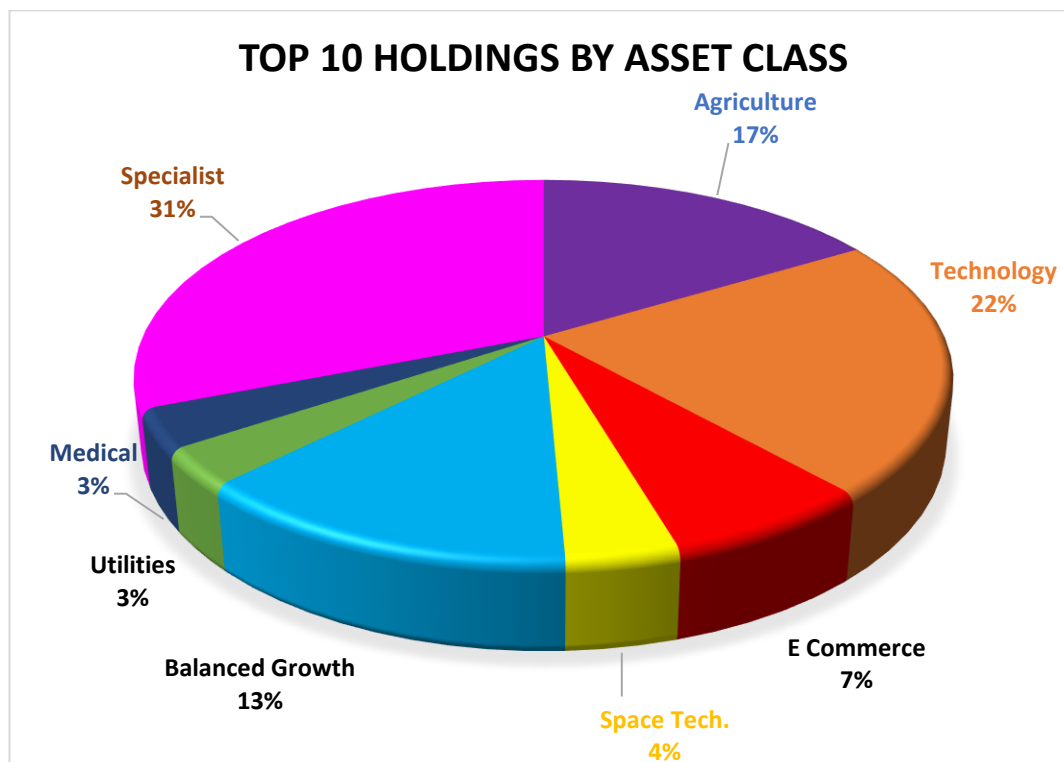
The current cumulative net value as of 30 June 2024 increased by 12.06% for the quarter to

NZ\$720.84

ABAFS Ltd Index 01 April 2024 to 30 June 2024 previous quarter was \$643.23

*(As a comparison, **NZX50 Index** saw a decrease in value of -2.72% % over the previous period.)*

"Past performance is no guarantee of future performance!"



Conclusion

It was great news last week as the NZ Reserve Bank finally cut interest rates and indicated that they will now continue to do so regularly for the foreseeable future, with this trend being repeated worldwide. This is excellent news for borrowers but also sharemarkets as investors start to look for dividends as income from shares as opposed to lowering term deposit rates, with supply and demand pressures then likely to push prices up for equities as a result.

Our NZ OCR rate is now 5.25%

Australia	4.35%	UK	5.00%
USA	5.50%	India	6.50%
Japan	0.25% (up from 0.10%)	Canada	4.50%
China	3.35%	Russia	18.00%
Türkiye	50.00%		

I met a close relative at Leicester Square while in town...



As always,

Best Regards

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Links to both the Schroder Sustainable Global Core PIE Fund and the Fairlight Global Small & Mid Cap Fund. – feel free to discuss further with me.

[AUF-Schroder-Sustainable-Global-Core-Fund-PDS-AUEN.pdf \(schroders.com\)](#)

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