# Milford
# Monthly Fund Overview

August 2026

## Software resurgence

Global shares made a strong start to August and largely held their gains through the month, helping Milford's growth funds deliver positive performance. Bond markets, by contrast, continued to struggle in August amid elevated inflation and renewed expectations of rate hikes. Our lower-risk fund performance was broadly flat.

Technology companies led global shares higher again. Notably, the rally broadened beyond semiconductors to software stocks, as investors re-evaluated how these companies might make money from artificial intelligence (AI). Our key holding Microsoft was a strong contributor, up 9.4%. Some technology hardware stocks also performed well, particularly Nvidia which rallied 10% on strong results and revised growth forecasts. However, not all technology names participated — Amazon and Google gave back ground, falling 4.3% and 6% respectively.

Encouragingly, New Zealand and Australian shares also delivered modestly positive performance, though the gains were far from broad-based. In New Zealand, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare rallied 9.1% on strong earnings, while in Australia, BHP rose 9.8% on continued optimism around commodity demand. Our Dynamic Fund benefited from the strong performance of small cap Australian gold miners.

Bond yields drifted gradually higher again in August, resulting in bond underperformance that was cushioned by the interest earned on our holdings. As a result, our bond funds were broadly unchanged over the month. Sticky inflation and investor repricing of further central bank hikes continue to weigh on bonds, compounded by substantial bond issuance from technology companies. As yields rise, we are becoming more constructive on the outlook for bonds — particularly in New Zealand, where we continue to focus our fixed income investments.

Looking ahead, strong global growth and company earnings continue to provide a solid backdrop for shares. Against that, rising bond yields and central bank rate rises remain a headwind, and shares and bonds face growing issuance from technology companies funding their growth ambitions. Consequently, we are wary of some near-term choppiness in markets as they absorb the additional supply. Our funds remain well diversified, and we will look to take advantage of any opportunities this volatility creates.

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# Milford Fund Performance as at 31 August 2026

## Milford Investment Funds

| | Past month | 1 year | 3 years (p.a.) | 5 years (p.a.) | 10 years (p.a.) | Since Fund inception (p.a.) | Fund size $ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Multi-Asset Funds** | | | | | | | |
| Conservative Fund* | -0.01% | 0.99% | 5.88% | 3.11% | 4.46% | 4.83% | 941.5 M |
| Diversified Income Fund* | 0.12% | 2.75% | 7.26% | 4.33% | 6.02% | 8.67% | 3,685.5 M |
| Balanced Fund | 0.46% | 3.76% | 8.21% | 5.15% | 7.61% | 8.76% | 2,749.0 M |
| Active Growth Fund | 0.78% | 4.68% | 10.47% | 6.71% | 9.49% | 11.35% | 5,995.0 M |
| Australian Absolute Growth Fund | 1.52% | 2.00% | 4.71% | 4.05% | – | 7.09% | 162.5 M |
| Aggressive Fund | 2.17% | 8.16% | 12.51% | 6.88% | – | 7.82% | 4,436.1 M |
| **Cash and Fixed Income Funds** | | | | | | | |
| Trans-Tasman Bond Fund*^ | 0.01% | 1.76% | 5.67% | 2.58% | 3.27% | 4.06% | 2,187.4 M |
| Global Corporate Bond Fund*^ | 0.20% | 0.61% | 4.89% | 1.54% | – | 3.06% | 416.5 M |
| Cash Fund | 0.23% | 2.68% | 4.25% | 3.74% | – | 2.81% | 1,014.0 M |
| **Equity Funds** | | | | | | | |
| Global Equity Fund† | 1.51% | 11.20% | 13.64% | 6.73% | 10.82% | 9.71% | 3,007.1 M |
| Trans-Tasman Equity Fund* | 1.03% | 0.47% | 6.55% | 3.05% | 9.48% | 9.94% | 793.8 M |
| Dynamic Fund# | 4.56% | -4.08% | 9.53% | 4.92% | 10.37% | 11.25% | 997.1 M |

For details of how investment performance is calculated, and returns at each PIR please see www.milfordasset.com/funds-performance/view-performance#tabperformance.
Performance figures are after total Fund charges have been deducted and at 0% PIR. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.
Inception dates for the Funds: Active Growth Fund: 1 October 2007, Trans-Tasman Equity Fund: 1 October 2007, Balanced Fund: 1 April 2010, Diversified Income Fund: 1 April 2010, Global Equity Fund: 12 April 2013, Dynamic Fund: 1 October 2013, Trans-Tasman Bond Fund: 2 December 2013, Conservative Fund: 1 September 2015, Global Corporate Bond Fund: 1 February 2017, Australian Absolute Growth Fund: 1 March 2018, Cash Fund: 1 March 2019, Aggressive Fund: 21 June 2021.
* Performance figures include the reinvestment of the Funds' distribution.
^ Returns prior to 1 March 2018 are from when the Fund was previously offered to wholesale investors only and have been adjusted for current Fund charges.
† Returns prior to 1 October 2018 are from when the Fund was structured to achieve an absolute return.
# Closed to new investment.

## Upcoming Distributions

| Fund | Target | Payment Date |
|---|---|---|
| Conservative Fund | 0.6 cents (Quarterly) | 14/10/2026 |
| Diversified Income Fund | 0.95 cents (Quarterly) | 18/11/2026 |
| Trans-Tasman Bond Fund | 0.7 cents (Quarterly) | 16/09/2026 |
| Global Corporate Bond Fund | 0.55 cents (Quarterly) | 16/09/2026 |

**Milford, its staff and their families, have approx. $140.2 million invested in Milford's Investment Funds as of August 2026.**

# Milford Fund Performance as at 31 August 2026

## Milford KiwiSaver Plan

| | Past month | 1 year | 3 years (p.a.) | 5 years (p.a.) | 10 years (p.a.) | Since Fund inception (p.a.) | Fund size $ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| KiwiSaver Conservative Fund | 0.00% | 1.12% | 5.89% | 3.15% | 4.45% | 6.45% | 469.7 M |
| KiwiSaver Moderate Fund | 0.13% | 2.43% | 7.12% | 4.18% | – | 6.44% | 344.0 M |
| KiwiSaver Balanced Fund | 0.69% | 4.41% | 8.65% | 5.40% | 7.83% | 9.01% | 2,632.1 M |
| KiwiSaver Active Growth Fund^ | 0.86% | 5.44% | 10.73% | 6.93% | 9.72% | 11.50% | 9,113.7 M |
| KiwiSaver Aggressive Fund | 2.09% | 7.95% | 12.32% | 6.82% | – | 10.74% | 3,426.7 M |
| KiwiSaver Cash Fund | 0.24% | 2.68% | 4.26% | 3.74% | – | 2.99% | 190.1 M |

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^Based on the performance of the AonSaver AMT Milford Aggressive Fund until 31 March 2010 and the Milford KiwiSaver Active Growth Fund from 1 April 2010.

**Milford KiwiSaver Plan is the proud winner of Consumer NZ People's Choice for ninth consecutive year**

## Key Market Indices

| | Past month | 1 year | 3 years (p.a.) | 5 years (p.a.) | 7 years (p.a.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S&P/NZX 50 Gross Index (with imputation credits) | 1.67% | 8.4% | 7.23% | 1.82% | 4.52% |
| S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index (AUD) | 1.54% | 4.4% | 11.24% | 7.81% | 8.51% |
| MSCI World Index (local currency)* | 2.4% | 20.88% | 19.76% | 11.82% | 14.63% |
| MSCI World Index (NZD)* | 1.9% | 20.07% | 20.37% | 15.15% | 15.54% |
| S&P/NZX NZ Government Bond Index | 0.02% | 2.34% | 5.35% | 0.67% | 0.31% |
| Bloomberg Global Agg. Bond (USD-Hedged) | 0.1% | 1.75% | 4.21% | 0.48% | 0.92% |
| S&P/NZX 90-Day Bank Bill Rate | 0.22% | 2.66% | 4.24% | 3.71% | 2.82% |

*With net dividends reinvested

**Milford staff and their families have approx. $59.3 million invested in Milford's KiwiSaver Plan as of August 2026.**