Milford
Monthly Fund Overview

July 2026

Still waters

July saw global share markets deliver a broadly flat return, masking significant volatility beneath the surface. A rotation within technology stocks drove sharp reversals in several holdings, while a stronger New Zealand dollar and softer bond markets meant Milford funds overall registered a modest negative return for July, a rare interruption to an otherwise positive run.

The technology rotation was the dominant theme. Holdings that had lagged in recent months rebounded strongly — Microsoft (+24.6%) and Amazon (+13.9%) were standout contributors, a reward for the positions we added during their June weakness. Meanwhile, some of the recent high-flyers gave back ground, with Taiwan Semiconductor (-15.4%) and Micron (-28.7%) the most notable detractors. Outside of technology, the broader share market was steadier, with investor optimism around global growth continuing to support a wide range of companies.

Bond markets weakened, driven by a re-escalation of Middle East tensions and a renewed rise in oil prices. With global growth remaining robust and inflation elevated, markets continue to price the risk of further central bank rate hikes, keeping pressure on bonds.

The New Zealand dollar staged a sharp rebound in July, partly reflecting US dollar weakness but predominantly driven by the RBNZ hiking rates — characterised as a removal of policy accommodation. While further hikes are possible,we believe market pricing of four additional hikes over the next year is overdone. This keeps us constructive on New Zealand bonds and relatively neutral on the outlook for the New Zealand dollar from current levels.

Looking ahead, the partial unwinding of speculative excess in AI-related stocks has left the theme on a more sustainable footing — and we are more optimistic about opportunities within it as a result. Beyond technology, the broader investment backdrop remains supportive, with company fundamentals still solid. However, much of this optimism is already reflected in market pricing, so we are maintaining a disciplined approach to positioning. This means balancing exposure to areas where we continue to see opportunity with resilience should growth expectations ease.

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Milford Fund Performance as at 31 July 2026

Milford Investment Funds

	Past month	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since Fund inception (p.a.)	Unit price $	Fund size $
Multi-Asset Funds							
Conservative Fund[*]	0.11%	1.74%	5.91%	3.26%	4.87%	1.2900	946.8 M
Diversified Income Fund[*]	0.32%	3.59%	6.82%	4.64%	8.71%	2.0375	3,662.6 M
Balanced Fund	-0.33%	4.17%	7.87%	5.50%	8.77%	3.7608	2,712.0 M
Active Growth Fund	0.14%	5.11%	9.96%	7.07%	11.36%	6.9737	5,957.4 M
Australian Absolute Growth Fund	1.61%	2.07%	3.85%	4.23%	6.97%	1.7452	169.0 M
Aggressive Fund	-1.61%	6.20%	10.95%	6.97%	7.50%	1.4373	4,309.0 M
Cash and Fixed Income Funds							
Trans-Tasman Bond Fund[*^]	-0.44%	2.75%	5.93%	2.52%	4.09%	1.1982	2,181.6 M
Global Corporate Bond Fund[*^]	-1.40%	1.23%	4.96%	1.48%	3.06%	1.0500	412.6 M
Cash Fund	0.22%	2.71%	4.33%	3.70%	2.81%	1.2285	1,052.4 M
Equity Funds							
Global Equity Fund[†]	-1.69%	9.60%	12.42%	6.81%	9.65%	3.3489	2,839.6 M
Trans-Tasman Equity Fund[*]	1.73%	0.84%	5.07%	3.74%	9.92%	4.5742	794.0 M
Dynamic Fund[#]	-3.23%	-1.96%	7.73%	5.22%	10.95%	3.7212	950.0 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 September2015, 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)	19/08/2026
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. $140.6 million invested in Milford's Investment Funds as of July 2026.

Milford Fund Performance as at 31 July 2026

Milford KiwiSaver Plan

	Past month	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since Fund inception (p.a.)	Unit price $	Fund size $
KiwiSaver Conservative Fund	-0.13%	1.85%	5.84%	3.30%	6.49%	2.3375	467.6 M
KiwiSaver Moderate Fund	-0.30%	3.08%	6.93%	4.41%	6.51%	1.4807	340.5 M
KiwiSaver Balanced Fund	-0.47%	4.58%	8.23%	5.71%	9.01%	3.8993	2,593.6 M
KiwiSaver Active Growth Fund^	-0.12%	5.70%	10.21%	7.28%	11.51%	7.1533	9,003.3 M
KiwiSaver Aggressive Fund	-1.69%	6.08%	10.84%	6.92%	10.55%	1.9993	3,345.3 M
KiwiSaver Cash Fund	0.21%	2.71%	4.33%	3.71%	2.99%	1.2056	194.6 M

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CANSTAR PROVIDER OF THE YEAR KIWISAVER 2020 - 2025

CANSTAR OUTSTANDING VALUE KIWISAVER SCHEME 2020 - 2025

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)	0.59%	7.56%	5.14%	2.48%	4.15%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index (AUD)	2.26%	6.01%	10.4%	8.01%	7.91%
MSCI World Index (local currency)*	0.22%	20.48%	18.12%	11.88%	13.93%
MSCI World Index (NZD)*	-2.7%	20.96%	20.41%	15.09%	15.64%
S&P/NZX NZ Government Bond Index	-1.35%	3.63%	5.13%	0.42%	0.63%
Bloomberg Global Agg. Bond (USD-Hedged)	-1.02%	2.2%	4.13%	0.42%	1.22%
S&P/NZX 90-Day Bank Bill Rate	0.2%	2.72%	4.33%	3.68%	2.81%

*With net dividends reinvested

Milford staff and their families have approx. $58.3 million invested in Milford's KiwiSaver Plan as of July 2026.