

# Balanced Fund

## Portfolio Investment Entity

### Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 May 2026



## Portfolio Managers



**Mark Riggall**  
Portfolio Manager



**Paul Morris**  
Co-Portfolio Manager

The Fund returned 1.4% in May, bringing the one-year return to 6.3%. Fund performance continues to be driven by technology shares, as enthusiasm for companies benefiting from AI grows.

On the income side, outperformance from New Zealand and Australian bonds helped performance. Global share markets have kept rising since the lows in March, but most of this growth has come from technology stocks, where strong demand for AI is fuelling earnings growth. This was evident with the performance of Nvidia (+5.8%), Taiwan Semiconductor (+5.7%) and memory company Micron (+87.8%). Investors are also becoming more comfortable with software companies' ability to incorporate AI, with Microsoft shares rallying 10.7%. Outside technology, share price performance was lacklustre. New Zealand and Australian shares rose only modestly. The Fund benefited from market performance through derivative exposure. In fixed income, New Zealand and Australian bonds performed better than US equivalents. This has helped fund performance as we have been increasing our exposure locally over the past few months.

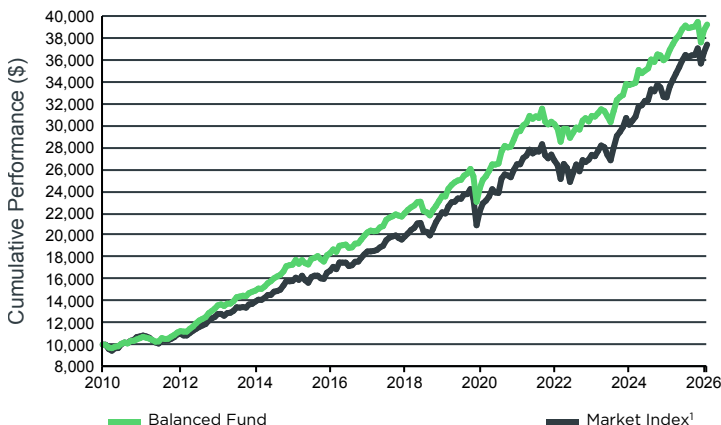
Looking ahead we are wary of bubble-like dynamics, with how quickly share prices have risen. We are putting more focus on managing risk in the fund by keeping some exposure to capture upside moves whilst trying to cushion any downside volatility. Encouragingly, there are plenty of overlooked opportunities in shares outside of technology. Together with solid New Zealand bond yields, we remain optimistic about returns over the medium term.

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For previous fund reports see [milfordasset.com/fund-reports](http://milfordasset.com/fund-reports).

## Cumulative Fund Performance

(after fees and before tax)



Assumes the growth of \$10,000 invested at the Fund's inception date.

## Key Fund Facts

**Objective<sup>2</sup>** To provide capital growth over the minimum recommended investment timeframe

**Description** Diversified fund that primarily invests in equities, with a significant allocation to fixed interest securities

<b>Minimum recommended investment timeframe</b>	5 years +
<b>Target Allocation</b>	39% Income Assets / 61% Growth Assets
<b>Neutral FX Exposure</b>	13.0%
<b>Net Asset Value (NAV)</b>	\$2,653.1 M
<b>Buy-sell Spread</b>	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)
<b>Inception Date</b>	1 April 2010
<b>Benchmark</b>	Not applicable
<b>Base Fund Fee<sup>3</sup></b>	1.05%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	The Fund may invest into related Milford funds that charge performance fees.
<b>Total Fund Fees<sup>4</sup></b>	1.07% (includes an est. performance fee)

	Lower risk			Higher risk			
<b>Risk Indicator</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Potentially lower returns				Potentially higher returns		

## External Ratings



The Milford Balanced Fund has a Morningstar Medalist Rating™ of 'Bronze' as of 24-04-2026

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### Investment Performance after fees as at 31 May 2026<sup>5</sup>

Unit Price: \$3.7341

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Balanced Fund (Gross Of Tax)	1.35%	-0.59%	6.26%	8.37%	5.87%	8.82%
After Tax 10.50%	1.22%	-0.62%	5.97%	7.94%	5.54%	8.35%
After Tax 17.50%	1.14%	-0.64%	5.78%	7.65%	5.31%	8.04%
After Tax 28.00%	1.01%	-0.68%	5.49%	7.22%	4.98%	7.59%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	1.94%	0.94%	11.38%	11.19%	7.16%	8.50%

### Top Equity Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Microsoft	1.51%
Amazon	1.47%
Contact Energy	1.17%
NVIDIA	1.15%
Apple	1.11%
Alphabet	1.03%
Infratil	0.92%
National Grid	0.91%
NatWest Group	0.88%
SSE	0.86%

### Current Asset Allocation

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash <sup>#</sup>	5.35%	8%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	17.05%	6%
International Fixed Interest	21.66%	25.0%
New Zealand Equities	6.68%	10.5%
Australian Equities	8.48%	13.5%
International Equities	33.04%	30%
Listed Property	5.20%	7%
Commodities	2.25%	0.0%
Other	0.29%	0.0%

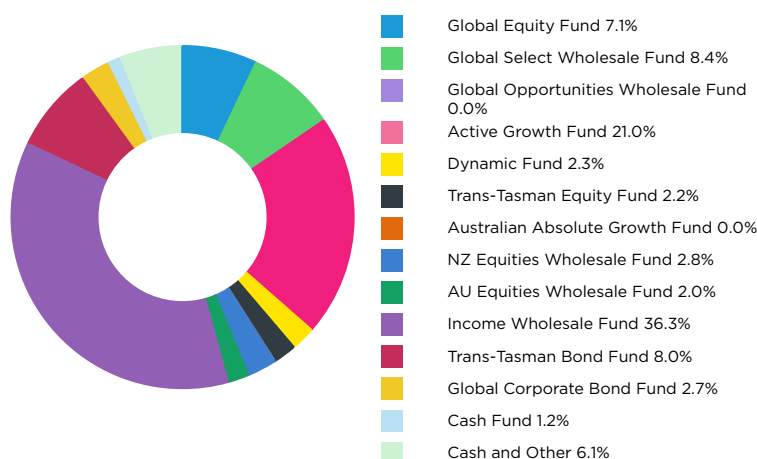
<sup>#</sup> The actual cash held by the Fund is 9.15%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

### Top Fixed Interest Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
NZ Govt. 4.5% 2035	1.93%
NZLGFA 3.5% 2033	1.38%
NZLGFA 2.25% 2031	0.87%
NZ Govt. 3.5% 2033	0.85%
NZ Govt. 2.5% 2035	0.73%
AU Govt. 2% 2035	0.57%
NZ Govt. 4.25% 2036	0.55%
BNZ 4.354% 2031	0.50%
Rabobank Float 2028	0.48%
ASB Bank 4.1% 2030	0.46%

Note: Fixed interest securities are reported in the following format: Issuer name, interest (coupon rate), maturity year.

### Fund Allocation



1. The Fund does not have a performance benchmark, hence a market index has been included for comparison purposes. See the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives for more details on the market index. The market index is a blend of indices that represent the Fund's neutral asset allocation. Note the Fund's investment strategy is designed to achieve its objective, which may mean that at times, the returns of the market index may not be an appropriate measure. 2. After the Base Fund Fee but before tax and before the performance fee. 3. Where applicable, the Base Fund Fee includes an estimate of non-related underlying fund charges. 4. The Total Fund Fees comprise the Base Fund Fee and any estimated Performance Fee. Please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement for more information as to how these are calculated. 5. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

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