

### Portfolio Managers







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The Fund returned 0.8% in August, ahead of the Fund's benchmark of 0.7%. It was another strong month for Fund returns, supported by lower market interest rates and historically high corporate bond yields. Key contributors to this month's relative returns were the Fund's underweight credit positioning, as well as its underweight exposure to longer-dated market interest rates (market interest rates generally increased more than cash rates).

The Fund entered the month underweight corporate credit, with a view that global credit spreads (the extra yield of corporate bonds over government bonds) would gradually widen from record tight levels. This has played out in the latter half of the month as markets price in expectations of more corporate bond issuance following the end of the Northern hemisphere summer.

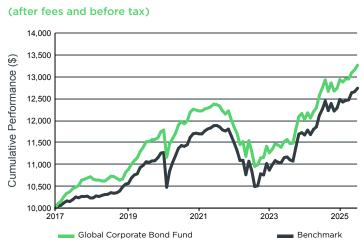
We think this trend can continue into September given still-demanding credit valuations. That said, a number of the Fund's corporate bond positions have outperformed this month, continuing to see tightening credit spreads, which helped to deliver outperformance relative to benchmark. These include positions in EnBW (German utility company) and subordinated bonds from Resolution Life (UK life insurer) and Nationwide Building Society (UK bank).

The Fund remains underweight interest rate exposure mostly in the longer-end of the market, where we believe supply and demand dynamics are at higher risk of imbalance due to the outlook of high fiscal deficits (funded by government bond issuance) and reduced pension fund/insurance demand for long-end interest rate exposure. Within this however, the Fund is positioning moderately overweight in Australian dollar interest rate exposure.

Turning to the outlook, we remain vigilant to potential volatility from geopolitical risks, with important catalysts ahead in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. This should provide opportunities for active management, while historically attractive bond yields should underpin an attractive medium-term return profile.

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

# **Key Fund Facts**

Objective <sup>1</sup>	To protect capital and generate a positive NZD hedged return that exceeds the relevant benchmark over the minimum recommended investment timeframe.					
Description	Primarily invests in global corporate fixed interest securities					
Minimum recommended investment timeframe		3 years +				
Target Allocation		100% Income Assets / 0% Growth Assets				
Neutral FX Exposure		0%				
Net Asset Value (NAV)		\$467.7 M				
Yield <sup>2</sup>		3.08%				
Average Credit Rating		BBB+				
Duration		5.5 years				
Rating Categories		Inv.Grade 92% / High Yield 4% / Unrated 1%				
Inception Date		1 February 2017				
Current Distribution		0.85 cents per unit (Quarterly)				
Benchmark		Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index (100% NZD-hedged)				
Base Fund Fee <sup>3</sup>		0.85%				
Performance Fee		Not applicable				
Total Fund Fees <sup>4</sup>		0.85%				
		Lower risk Higher risk				
Risk Indicator		1 2 3 4 5 6 7				

Potentially lower returns

# **Cumulative Fund Performance**

Potentially higher returns



#### Investment Performance after fees as at 31 August 2025<sup>5</sup>

#### Unit Price: \$1.0734

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Global Corporate Bond Fund (Gross Of Tax)	0.82%	2.43%	4.05%	5.53%	2.06%	3.35%
After Tax 10.50%	0.71%	2.17%	3.63%	4.95%	1.85%	3.00%
After Tax 17.50%	0.64%	2.00%	3.35%	4.57%	1.71%	2.77%
After Tax 28.00%	0.53%	1.75%	2.94%	3.99%	1.50%	2.42%
Benchmark	0.65%	2.13%	3.93%	5.51%	2.19%	2.86%

## **Top Fixed Interest Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund		
Intercontinental Exchange 5.25 2031	% 3.83%		
UBS 3.162% 2031	2.97%		
T-Mobile 2.55% 2031	2.96%		
Broadcom 5.2% 2032	2.67%		
Barclays Float 2029	2.58%		
Mastercard 4.35% 2032	2.55%		
Aroundtown 4.8% 2029	2.24%		
UBS 4.194% 2031	2.19%		
Mcdonald's 3.5% 2032	2.16%		
CBA 3.788% 2037	2.12%		
Dell 5.3% 2032	2.10%		
Goodman US 5.125% 2034	2.04%		
Bank Of America 5.872% 2034	1.97%		
Bank of America 5.464% 2036	1.89%		
Smurfit Kappa Treasury 5.2% 2030	1.88%		
Experian Finance 5.25% 2035	1.85%		
Westpac Float 2030	1.84%		
APA Infrastructure 5% 2035	1.82%		
American Tower 3.8% 2029	1.78%		
NBS 3.828% 2032	1.74%		

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

# **Current Asset Allocation**

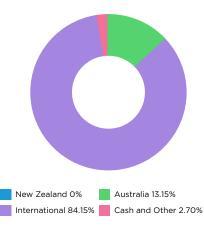
	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	2.70%	5%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	0.00%	0.0%
International Fixed Interest	97.30%	95.0%
New Zealand Equities	0.00%	0.0%
Australian Equities	0.00%	0.0%
International Equities	0.00%	0.0%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 1.32%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

#### **Sector Allocation**

#### Allocation Weight % Financials 43.28% Communication 11.01% Services Information 7.47% Technology Industrials 6.54% Real Estate 6.00% Materials 5.94% Utilities 5.33% Consumer 4.20% Discretionary Other Sectors 7.53% Cash and Other 2.70%

#### **Region Exposure**



1. After the Base Fund Fee but before tax. 2. The yield to maturity is not an indicator of future return, but reflects the current yield to maturity of the fund's underlying holdings (before tax and after the base fund 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. Includes the reinvestment of distributions. Returns prior to 1 March 2018 are from when the Fund was previously offered to wholesale investors only and have been adjusted for the current Total Fund Fees. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

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