# **Trans-Tasman Equity Screened Wholesale Fund**

## Portfolio Investment Entity

# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 March 2024



### **Portfolio Managers**



Sam Trethewey
Portfolio Manager



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Portfolio Manager

The Fund gained 3.7% in March as the recent upward momentum in equity markets continued. The Fund return compares to a 3.1% gain for the NZX 50 index and a 3.3% return for the ASX 200.

Fund performance was led by Gentrack (+11.9%), while the Fund's largest holding, Fish & Paykel Healthcare (+4.7%), also assisted performance. Gentrack, a utility billing software company, continues to expand its billing products into a large and growing global market and rallied alongside global technology shares. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare provided a stronger than anticipated trading update to the market, driven by stronger hospital revenue across its product portfolio over the past six months. Over the month we added Meridian Energy, as a potential Tiwai deal edges closer, and Goodman Group on share price strength.

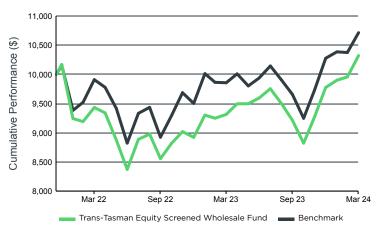
Looking ahead, the economic cycle continues to progress. In NZ, earnings are now clearly in the downturn phase following a negative GDP data release for the December 2023 quarter and the February earnings season. This highlighted that revenue pressure is impacting the performance of many cyclical companies, as consumer spending slows and cost pressures persist. We remain very cautious of local companies heavily exposed to the economy, given the stage of the cycle. However, this economic environment should see increasing pressure on our Reserve Bank to reduce interest rates. This would be a key positive catalyst for the NZ equity market. In the meantime, we expect Australian shares to continue to benefit from a relatively more robust economy and strong commodity prices. Regardless of the economic backdrop, we continue to find attractive investment opportunities and remain confident in our portfolio companies and their ability to produce attractive, risk-adjusted returns over the medium term.

To view Milford's March 2024 Market and Economic Review please see milfordasset.com/insights.

For previous fund reports see 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**

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Objective <sup>1</sup>	To provide capital growth by out-performing a mix of two relevant share market indices over the minimum recommended investment timeframe
Description	Primarily invests in Australasian equities with the ability to invest in international equities opportunistically but with additional screening criteria applied to selected industries including fossil fuels, adult entertainment and gambling

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Minimum recommended investment timeframe	8 vears +			
Target Allocation	5% Income Assets / 95% Growth Assets			
Neutral FX Exposure	0%			
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$34.9 M			
Buy-sell Spread	None - swing pricing applies.			
Inception Date	16 December 2021			
Benchmark	50% x S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index (100% NZD-hedged) + 50% x S&P/NZX 50 Gross Index			
Base Fund Fee <sup>2</sup>	1.05%			
Performance Fee	15% of the Fund's returns above the Benchmark <sup>1</sup> , subject to the high watermark.			
Total Fund Fees <sup>3</sup>	1.05%			
	Lower risk Higher risk			
Risk Indicator	1 2 3 4 5 6 7			
	Potentially lower returns Potentially higher returns			



Unit Price: \$1.0219

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### Investment Performance after fees as at 31 March 2024 4

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Trans-Tasman Equity Screened Wholesale Fund (Gross Of Tax)	3.67%	5.59%	10.81%	-	-	1.39%
After Tax 10.50%	3.66%	5.52%	10.50%	-	-	1.20%
After Tax 17.50%	3.66%	5.48%	10.30%	-	-	1.07%
After Tax 28.00%	3.65%	5.41%	9.99%	-	-	0.87%
Benchmark	3.27%	4.26%	8.69%	-	-	3.05%

## **Top Security Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
Fisher & Paykel	7.28%
Infratil	6.34%
CSL	4.97%
Auckland Airport	4.10%
Spark	3.97%
Contact Energy	3.81%
Xero	3.65%
ANZ	3.31%
Mainfreight	3.05%
Meridian	3.01%

#### **Sector Allocation**

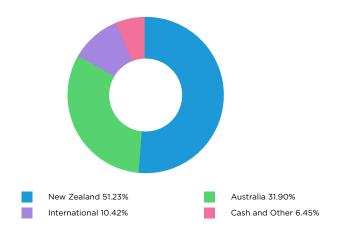
Allocation	Weight %
Health Care	19.41%
Industrials	16.81%
Financials	12.18%
Communication Services	10.13%
Information Technology	8.74%
Utilities	8.03%
Materials	5.83%
Real Estate	4.57%
Other Sectors	7.85%
Cash and Other	6.45%

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash#	6.45%	5%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	0.00%	0.0%
International Fixed Interest	0.00%	0.0%
New Zealand Equities	50.50%	47.5%
Australian Equities	41.26%	47.5%
International Equities	1.79%	0.0%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 6.47%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

## **Region Exposure**



<sup>1.</sup> After the Base Fund Fee but before tax and before the performance fee. 2. Where applicable, the Base Fund Fee includes an estimate of non-related underlying fund charges. 3. The Total Fund Fees comprise the Base Fund Fee and any estimated Performance Fee. 4. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.