

# Active Growth Fund

## Portfolio Investment Entity

### Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 August 2023



## Portfolio Managers



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Portfolio Manager



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The Fund fell 0.6% in August with share markets giving back some of their recent strong gains. The major New Zealand, Australian and global share market indices fell 4.2%, 0.7% and 1.8% respectively. Share markets were negatively impacted by generally weaker economic data in China, Europe and New Zealand. The Fund's return was boosted by the fall in value of the New Zealand dollar (-3.9% versus US dollar) which benefited unhedged offshore investments. The NZ dollar fell in response to relatively poor economic data, falling commodity prices and a large negative trade balance.

Key positive company performers during the month included global insurance brokers Arthur J. Gallagher (+7.6%) and Aon (+4.7%), and healthcare companies Avantor (+5.3%) and Boston Scientific (+4.0%).

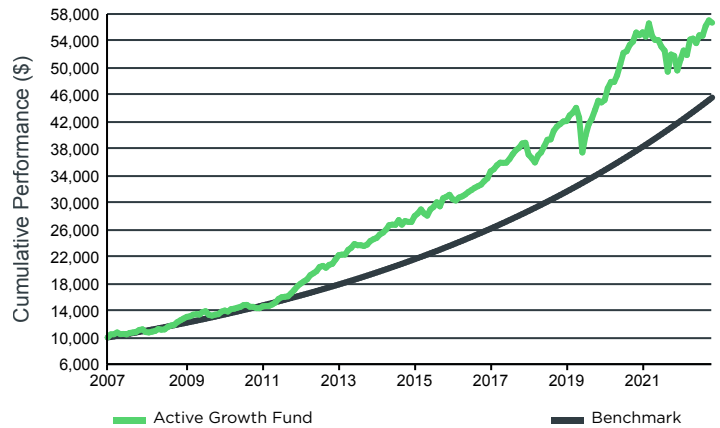
Insurance brokers continue to report strong earnings growth, benefiting from rising global insurance premiums. Healthcare companies are viewed as less cyclical and benefit from structural growth of new procedures and ageing demographics. Boston Scientific is a medical device company and is generating good growth from its products, which are used in surgery and treatment for cardiovascular issues. In New Zealand, Contact Energy (+0.7%) outperformed the weak market following a strong result.

The outlook for share markets is supported by resilient growth in the United States and the prospect that falling inflation means central bank rate rises are close to a peak. Negatives are patchy economic growth outside of the United States, relatively high levels of investor enthusiasm, and above average company valuations. Given this backdrop, the strategy of the Fund remains on the cautious side, with higher weights to fixed income than typical. Fixed income provides attractive yields with relatively low levels of risk. Whilst share market valuations are above average, we continue to see areas of value. The Milford team remains active to isolate strong companies which we believe will deliver attractive medium-term, risk-adjusted returns.

To view Milford's August 2023 Market and Economic Review please see [milfordasset.com/insights](https://milfordasset.com/insights).

## Cumulative Fund Performance

(after fees and before tax)



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

## Key Fund Facts

<b>Objective<sup>1</sup></b>	To provide annual returns of 10% over the minimum recommended investment timeframe
<b>Description</b>	Diversified fund that primarily invests in equities, with a moderate allocation to fixed interest securities

<b>Minimum recommended investment timeframe</b>	7 years +
<b>Target Allocation</b>	22% Income Assets / 78% Growth Assets
<b>Neutral FX Exposure</b>	16.0%
<b>Net Asset Value (NAV)</b>	\$2,917.5 M
<b>Buy-sell Spread</b>	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)
<b>Inception Date</b>	1 October 2007
<b>Benchmark</b>	10% p.a.
<b>Base Fund Fee<sup>2</sup></b>	1.05%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	15% of the Fund's returns above the Benchmark <sup>1</sup> , subject to the high watermark.
<b>Total Fund Fees<sup>3</sup></b>	1.20% (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



Milford Active Growth Fund received a Morningstar Analyst Rating™ of 'Silver' on 07-07-2020

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### Investment Performance after fees as at 31 August 2023<sup>4</sup>

Unit Price: \$5.2464

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Active Growth Fund (Gross Of Tax)	-0.62%	3.55%	9.48%	7.91%	7.89%	11.52%
After Tax 10.50%	-0.68%	3.45%	9.24%	7.68%	7.64%	11.06%
After Tax 17.50%	-0.72%	3.38%	9.08%	7.53%	7.48%	10.87%
After Tax 28.00%	-0.78%	3.27%	8.83%	7.31%	7.23%	10.49%
Benchmark	0.81%	2.43%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%

### Top Equity Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	2.85%
HCA Holdings	2.21%
Shell	1.97%
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	1.81%
Spark	1.79%
Elevance Health	1.71%
Pultegroup	1.58%
Charter Hall Retail	1.57%
AGCO	1.53%
Microsoft	1.42%

### Current Asset Allocation

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	6.62%	6%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	2.64%	2%
International Fixed Interest	26.39%	14.0%
New Zealand Equities	11.98%	16%
Australian Equities	14.91%	18%
International Equities	37.46%	44%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

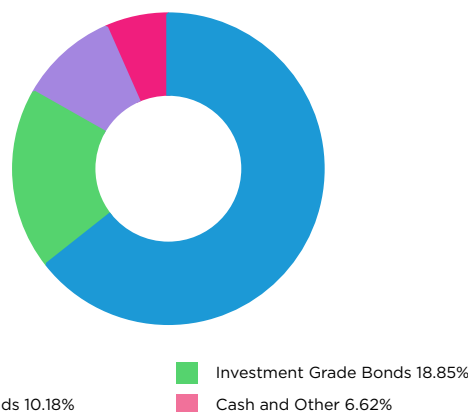
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 2.85%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

### Top Fixed Interest Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
NatWest 5.125% Perpetual	1.66%
Scentre Group 5.125% 2080	1.05%
CBA 4.9% 2028	0.91%
AT&T 2.875% Perpetual	0.86%
ANZ 6.405% 2034	0.74%
CBA 6.86% 2032	0.74%
ING Groep 4.25% Perpetual	0.72%
BNZ 5.87% 2028	0.71%
Brisbane Airport 4.5% 2030	0.65%
Woolworths 2.8% 2030	0.65%

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

### Fund Portfolio Mix



1. 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. Please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement for more information as to how these are calculated. 4. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

Please refer to the 'Glossary for the Monthly Fact Sheet' at [milfordasset.com/fact-sheet](http://milfordasset.com/fact-sheet) for more information about the data published within this document.

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