

Active Growth Fund

Portfolio Investment Entity

Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 December 2024



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The Fund returned -1.5% in December and ended the 2024 year up 13.5%. In December global share and bond markets gave back some of their recent strong performance (Australian shares -3.2%, global shares -1.9%). The New Zealand share market was the outlier up 0.4%. Global share and bond markets fell in response to higher long-term interest rates as markets pushed out the expectations for interest rate cuts in the United States. A strong US economy and relatively weak NZ economy led to further falls in the NZ dollar, down 5%, which boosted returns on unhedged shares.

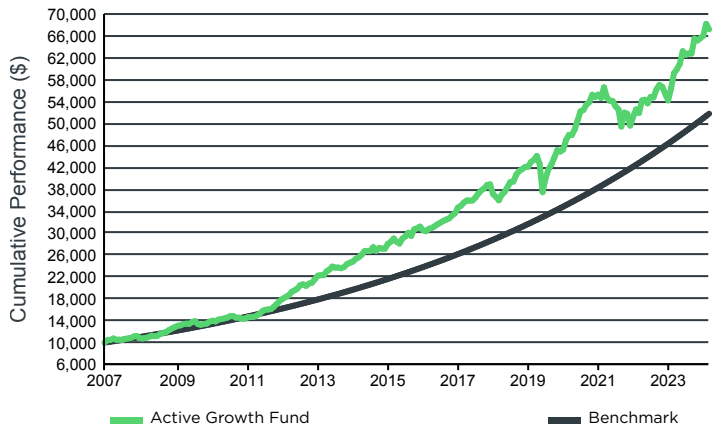
Large US technology companies continued to perform strongly without which market performance would have been much weaker. Key Fund performers included Alphabet (+11.8%) and Amazon (+5.5%). Alphabet, owner of Google, benefited from news surrounding advances in quantum computing although these are unlikely to generate revenue any time soon. Other key performers for the Fund included European car maker Renault (+16.1%) and New Zealand energy company Contact Energy (+5.6%). Renault shares rose following merger talks between Nissan and Honda which would strengthen their competitive position and bring synergies. Renault owns approximately 35% of Nissan and any merger would make its shares increasingly valuable and saleable.

Looking forward shares remain supported by strong growth in the US, the prospect of further interest rate cuts and continued investor enthusiasm. The key risk for share markets is that investor enthusiasm has led to high valuations in many companies, particularly US growth companies. High valuations increase the risk of market falls if growth disappoints. Outside of the US valuations are more reasonable however, this is offset by a lower growth environment particularly in Europe and China. The Fund has increased allocations to the United Kingdom where we believe valuations are attractive and that growth could improve with falling inflation and interest rates. The strategy of the Fund continues to be active and to construct a portfolio of companies with good medium-term risk/return prospects and remain disciplined on valuations.

To view Milford's December 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

Objective¹	To provide annual returns of 10% over the minimum recommended investment timeframe
Description	Diversified fund that primarily invests in equities, with a moderate allocation to fixed interest securities
Minimum recommended investment timeframe	7 years +
Target Allocation	22% Income Assets / 78% Growth Assets
Neutral FX Exposure	16.0%
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$4,220.0 M
Buy-sell Spread	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)
Inception Date	1 October 2007
Benchmark	10% p.a.
Base Fund Fee²	1.05%
Performance Fee	15% of the Fund's returns above the Benchmark ¹ , subject to the high watermark.
Total Fund Fees³	1.20% (includes an est. performance fee)
Risk Indicator	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> Lower risk Higher risk </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> Potentially lower returns Potentially higher returns </div>

External Ratings



The Milford Active Growth Fund has a Morningstar Medalist Rating™ of 'Silver' as of 05-11-2024

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Investment Performance after fees as at 31 December 2024⁴

Unit Price: \$6.1969

	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)	-1.49%	2.48%	13.49%	5.88%	9.15%	11.67%
After Tax 10.50%	-1.51%	2.30%	13.02%	5.52%	8.86%	11.20%
After Tax 17.50%	-1.52%	2.18%	12.71%	5.29%	8.66%	10.99%
After Tax 28.00%	-1.54%	2.01%	12.24%	4.94%	8.37%	10.60%
Benchmark	0.81%	2.43%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%

Top Equity Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Microsoft	2.81%
Contact Energy	2.79%
Natwest	2.47%
CRH	2.37%
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	1.91%
Spark	1.80%
Amazon	1.75%
SSE	1.64%
JPMorgan	1.63%
BT Group	1.62%

Current Asset Allocation

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	4.68%	6%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	1.18%	2%
International Fixed Interest	16.49%	14.0%
New Zealand Equities	9.51%	12%
Australian Equities	13.90%	18%
International Equities	54.24%	48%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

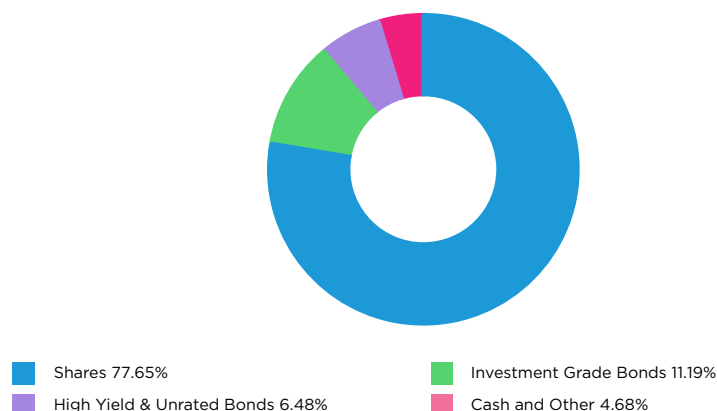
The actual cash held by the Fund is 6.33%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

Top Fixed Interest Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
NatWest 5.125% Perpetual	1.06%
Xero 1.625% 2031	0.90%
Scentre Group 5.125% 2080	0.69%
ING Groep 4.25% Perpetual	0.59%
Westpac 7.199% 2038	0.57%
Barclays 4.375% Perpetual	0.51%
Lloyds Bank 8.5% Perpetual	0.50%
ANZ 4.7% 2027	0.49%
ANZ 5.888% 2034	0.47%
ANZ 6.124% 2039	0.46%

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.

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