

# **Portfolio Managers**



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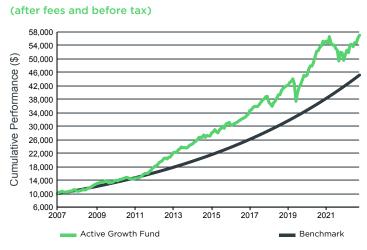
The Fund rose 1.5% in July benefiting from good performance of both share and bond markets. The major New Zealand, Australian and global share market indices rose 1.2%, 2.9% and 2.9% respectively. Share markets were supported by the prospect that inflation and interest rates have peaked, strong US growth, reasonable earnings, and continued investor optimism. Returns were negatively impacted by the rise of the New Zealand dollar, which reduced returns on unhedged offshore shares.

Key positive company performers for the month included financial software provider Intuit (+11.9%), Social media company Meta (+11.0%), Bank of Ireland (+9.8%), and US home builder PulteGroup (+8.6%). Meta owner of Instagram and Facebook reported strong results with a 16% increase in profits due to rising advertising spend. Bank of Ireland rose following strong results and is benefiting from higher interest margins and a robust Irish economy. Pulte continues to deliver strong earnings with profits up 18% over the previous year.

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 and relatively high levels of investor enthusiasm and company valuations. Given a more positive economic backdrop and company-specific opportunities, the Fund increased holdings towards shares during the month, albeit retaining a lower weight than normal with a higher weight towards fixed income where we continue to see attractive yields. The Milford team remains active to isolate attractive companies which we believe will deliver attractive medium-term returns.

To view Milford's July 2023 Market and Economic Review please see milfordasset.com/insights.

# **Cumulative Fund Performance**



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

## **Key Fund Facts**

Objective <sup>1</sup>	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 Expos	sure 16.0%				
Net Asset Value (	<b>NAV)</b> \$2,914.4 M				
Buy-sell Spread	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)				
Inception Date	1 October 2007				
Benchmark	10% p.a.				
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>	1.20% (includes an est. performance fee)				
	Lower risk Higher risk				
Risk Indicator	1 2 3 4 5 6 7				
	Potentially lower returns Potentially higher returns				

## **External Ratings**



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



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

#### Unit Price: \$5.2797

	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%	4.02%	9.75%	9.24%	8.39%	11.63%
After Tax 10.50%	1.44%	3.92%	9.57%	9.04%	8.16%	11.17%
After Tax 17.50%	1.41%	3.85%	9.45%	8.91%	8.00%	10.98%
After Tax 28.00%	1.37%	3.74%	9.27%	8.71%	7.77%	10.60%
Benchmark	0.81%	2.43%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%

## **Top Equity Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	3.08%
Shell	1.93%
HCA Holdings	1.86%
Charter Hall Retail	1.65%
Elevance Health	1.60%
Spark	1.60%
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	1.51%
Lowe's	1.49%
Aena SME	1.40%
AGCO	1.38%

## **Current Asset Allocation**

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	7.31%	6%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	1.93%	2%
International Fixed Interest	25.69%	14.0%
New Zealand Equities	12.51%	16%
Australian Equities	13.07%	18%
International Equities	39.21%	44%
Other	0.28%	0.0%

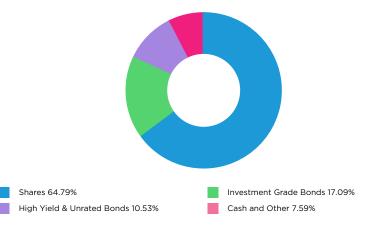
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 5.98%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

## **Top Fixed Interest Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund	
NatWest 5.125% Perpetual	1.75%	
Scentre Group 5.125% 2080	1.01%	
AT&T 2.875% Perpetual	0.83%	
CBA 6.704% 2038	0.76%	
ANZ 6.405% 2034	0.73%	
CBA 6.86% 2032	0.73%	
ING Groep 4.25% Perpetual	O.71%	
Westpac 6.934% 2038	0.69%	
Lloyds Bank 5.125% Perpetual	0.68%	
Brisbane Airport 4.5% 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.

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