## **Aggressive Fund**

# Portfolio Investment Entity

# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 October 2024



## **Portfolio Managers**



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The Fund made a flat return in October. Global share markets consolidated in October, impacted by disappointing earnings from US technology heavyweights, higher bond yields increasing borrowing costs, and US election uncertainty. Surprisingly, despite the weaker backdrop, defensive sectors such as healthcare, utilities, and consumer staples underperformed, while cyclical sectors like financials and communication services outperformed.

Positive contributors in October included software platform AppLovin (+29.8%), which continued its strong run. We have been taking profits given less valuation support. US payment processor Fiserv (+10.2%) outperformed on solid third quarter earnings, with new products likely to sustain growth in 2025. Online trading platform Interactive Brokers (+9.5%) rose after reporting record Q3 revenue and earnings growth, driven by strong new customer growth attracted to its comprehensive platform and low margin rates. Other strong contributors included streaming giant Netflix (+6.6%) and US cloud-based software company Salesforce (+6.5%).

Negative contributors included health insurer Elevance (-22.0%), on disappointing third quarter results due to Medicaid market challenges. Elevance cut its guidance for 2024 and provided a cautious outlook for 2025. We are reviewing our position. Life sciences company Avantor (-13.5%) reported inline third quarter results, however recovery in some end markets was slower than expected. Semiconductor equipment company ASML (-19.1%) pulled back on disappointing order-book growth.

Closer to home, location tracking company Life360 (+16.0%) was a standout, reaching a record high during the month. Detractors included biopharma company Neuren Pharmaceuticals (-18.4%).

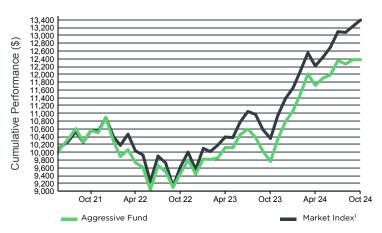
Looking ahead, global economic growth remains resilient, supported by central bank rate cuts. However, we expect a bumpier road ahead, given uncertainty around the US election. We remain well-diversified, positioning the portfolio to perform across a variety of economic scenarios.

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### **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>2</sup>	To maximise capital growth over the minimum recommended investment timeframe				
Description	Primarily invests in international equities, with a moderate allocation to Australasian equities				
Minimum recomminvestment timefr	() years +				
Target Allocation	5% Income Assets / 95% Growth Assets				
Neutral FX Expos	ure 35.0%				
Net Asset Value (	<b>NAV)</b> \$2,281.9 M				
Buy-sell Spread	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)				
Inception Date	21 June 2021				
Benchmark	Not applicable				
Base Fund Fee <sup>3</sup>	1.15%				
Performance Fee	Not applicable				
Total Fund Fees 4	1.15%				
Risk Indicator	Lower risk  1 2 3 4 5 6 7  Potentially lower returns  Potentially higher returns				



Unit Price: \$1.2317

#### Investment Performance after fees as at 31 October 2024<sup>5</sup>

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Aggressive Fund (Gross Of Tax)	0.03%	0.19%	26.74%	5.43%	-	6.55%
After Tax 10.50%	0.03%	0.12%	26.08%	5.15%	-	6.22%
After Tax 17.50%	0.04%	0.07%	25.63%	4.97%	-	6.00%
After Tax 28.00%	0.04%	0.00%	24.97%	4.69%	-	5.68%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	1.21%	2.29%	29.36%	8.27%	-	9.08%

## **Top Security Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
Microsoft	3.92%
Amazon	2.91%
Fiserv	2.63%
CRH	2.48%
Aramark	2.32%
Shell	2.20%
Avantor	2.12%
Interactive Brokers	2.08%
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	2.02%
Salesforce	1.99%

#### **Sector Allocation**

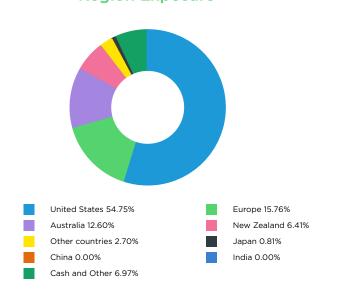
Allocation	Weight %
Information Technology	16.15%
Financials	15.34%
Health Care	11.32%
Consumer Discretionary	9.93%
Industrials	9.09%
Materials	8.14%
Communication Services	6.47%
Consumer Staples	5.90%
Other Sectors	10.69%
Cash and Other	6.97%

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash#	6.97%	5%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	0.10%	0.0%
International Fixed Interest	0.05%	0.0%
New Zealand Equities	4.61%	5%
Australian Equities	15.86%	20%
International Equities	72.41%	70%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

<sup>#</sup> The actual cash held by the Fund is 13.81%. 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> The Fund does not have a performance benchmark, hence a market index has been included for comparison purposes. See the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives for more details on the market index. The market index is a blend of indices that represent the Fund's neutral asset allocation. Note the Fund's investment strategy is designed to achieve its objective, which may mean that at times, the returns of the market index may not be an appropriate measure. 2. After the Base Fund Fee but before tax and before the performance 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. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.