## Australian Absolute Growth Fund

Portfolio Investment Entity

# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 May 2021



#### Portfolio Managers



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May was a volatile but still productive month for the Australian Absolute Growth Fund which gained 2.3% over the month. This brings the return for the calendar year to 12.7%.

At the beginning of May, the ASX 200 had a strong rally driven by a lot of the cyclical names we have favoured this year, including banks and miners. With signs of some short-term overheating in commodity markets we used this opportunity to trim our position in miners BHP, RIO, IGO and Oz Minerals. We also sold out of CBA as the bank climbed sharply towards \$100 a share. Overall, the Fund retains significant positions in miners and banks through NAB, Westpac and Virgin Money UK where we have a positive medium-term view.

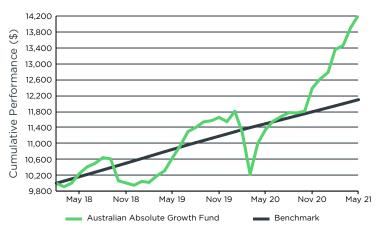
Some notable performers over the month were CSL, which rallied 7.0% as evidence emerged of improving plasma collection in the US. Tractor manufacturer CNH Industrial rallied 15.6% after reporting a strong result earlier in the month. And our gold miners were notable performers with Northern Star up 11.3% and Evolution Mining up 16.8%.

Our cash levels increased again in May as the abovementioned profit taking in cyclicals was greater than various purchases we made in companies like Woolworths. We are comfortable with slightly more cash in the short-term as the Australian market sits at record levels and the Fund has already made strong gains this year. We will deploy the cash when attractive risk-adjusted opportunities present.

To view Milford's June 2021 Market and Economic Review please see milfordasset.com/fact-sheet.

#### **Cumulative Fund Performance**

(after fees and before tax)



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

#### **Key Fund Facts**

Objective 1

Absolute returns with an annualised return objective of 5% above the New Zealand Official Cash Rate while seeking to protect capital over

rolling three year periods.

Description

Diversified fund that primarily invests in Australasian equities, complemented by selective exposure to international equities and cash.

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Target Allocation		.5% Inc ssets	come A	Assets	/ 82.5	5% Gro	wth
Neutral FX Exposure	09	6					
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$3	97.7 M	1				
Buy-sell Spread		one - s r detai		ricing	appli	es (Se	PDS
Inception Date	1 N	1arch 2	2018				
Benchmark	00	CR + 5	% p.a.				
Base Fund Fee <sup>2</sup>	1.C	)5%					
Performance Fee	Be	15% of the Fund's returns above the Benchmark <sup>1</sup> , subject to the high watermark.					
Total Fund Fees <sup>3</sup>		1.50% (includes an est. performance fee)					
	Lower ri	sk				Hiç	gher risk
Risk Indicator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Potentially lower returns

Potentially higher returns





Unit Price: \$1.4162

#### Investment Performance after fees as at 31 May 20214

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund (Gross Of Tax)	2.27%	6.51%	25.32%	11.55%	-	11.44%
After Tax 10.50%	2.18%	6.59%	25.41%	11.44%	-	11.33%
After Tax 17.50%	2.12%	6.64%	25.48%	11.36%	-	11.25%
After Tax 28.00%	2.03%	6.72%	25.56%	11.25%	-	11.14%
Benchmark	0.44%	1.31%	5.25%	5.97%	-	6.04%

### **Top Equity Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
NAB	6.41%
ВНР	5.69%
CSL	5.57%
Woolworths	4.40%
Telstra	4.00%
Evolution Mining	3.35%
Northern Star	3.13%
Rio Tinto	3.03%
Virgin Money	2.89%
Santos	2.86%
Contact Energy	2.82%
Charter Hall Retail	2.36%
Qantas	2.35%
Westpac	2.24%
Seven Group	2.20%
IGO	2.05%
Atlas Arteria	1.74%
Bluescope Steel	1.49%
Newcrest Mining	1.48%
CNH Industrial	1.45%

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

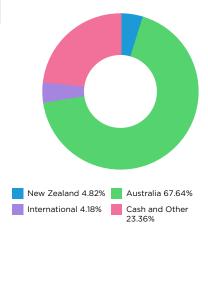
	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash#	22.17%	7.50%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	0.00%	10.00%
International Fixed Interest	0.00%	0%
New Zealand Equities	4.16%	7.50%
Australian Equities	71.03%	72.50%
International Equities	1.45%	2.50%
Other	1.19%	0%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 16.79%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

#### **Sector Allocation**

Allocation	Weight %
Materials	20.93%
Financials	13.35%
Industrials	8.07%
Health Care	7.06%
Communication Services	4.71%
Energy	4.49%
Real Estate	4.47%
Consumer Discretionary	4.16%
Consumer Staples	4.10%
Utilities	2.77%
Information Technology	2.53%
Cash and Other	23.36%

#### **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. 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.