

# **Portfolio Managers**





November was shaping up as a reasonable month until fears of the Omicron variant saw a late month retreat. The Fund ended the month down 0.3% while the ASX 200 Index fell 0.5%.

Our best performer of the month was Goodman Group (+12.7%) which rallied to new highs as its profit outlook continued to improve on structural demand for industrial property. Stalwart position Collins Foods (+10.2%) delivered yet another strong result. KFC stores in Australia performed well but the upside surprise was a strong result from their European stores on the back of stronger margins. We also had good contributions from some mining stocks with gold miner Evolution up 11.0%, copper miner Sandfire up 8.1% and nickel and lithium miner IGO rallying 9.3%.

Our worst performer was Virgin Money (-14.2%) which delivered a poor cost outlook at their result. While disappointing, management are taking the right approach and investing in digital capabilities to position the bank for the future. We increased our position slightly into the weakness.

As we reach the end of the year some long approaching risks have arrived (inflation and rate hikes) while a new risk has appeared (Omicron). The Fund has been reducing risk for several months now and has improved the quality of its holdings which should help it through any volatility that occurs. Stock picking opportunities will be thrown up with this uncertainty which we are well placed to capitalise on given our higher cash levels.

To view Milford's December 2021 Market and Economic Review please see <u>milfordasset.com/fact-sheet</u>.

# **Cumulative Fund Performance**



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

## **Key Fund Facts**

Objective <sup>1</sup>	Targets an absolute return 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.						
Minimum recommended investment timeframe		7 years +					
Target Allocation		17.5% Ind Assets	come Asse	ets / 82.59	% Growth		
Neutral FX Exposure		0%					
Net Asset Value (NAV)		\$593.7 M					
Buy-sell Spread		None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)					
Inception Date		1 March 2018					
Benchmark		OCR + 5% 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>		1.30% (ir fee)	ncludes an	est. perf	ormance		
Lowe		ver risk Higher risk					
Risk Indicator		12	3 🧹	5	67		
	Pot	entially lowe	r returns	Potentiall	y higher returns		



### Investment Performance after fees as at 30 November 2021<sup>4</sup>

#### Unit Price: \$1.4537

	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)	-0.33%	-0.49%	17.90%	13.42%	-	10.62%
After Tax 10.50%	-0.36%	-0.60%	18.10%	13.36%	-	10.51%
After Tax 17.50%	-0.38%	-0.67%	18.23%	13.31%	-	10.43%
After Tax 28.00%	-0.41%	-0.78%	18.44%	13.24%	-	10.32%
Benchmark	0.45%	1.32%	5.30%	5.74%	-	5.94%

## **Top Equity Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund		
NAB	6.60%		
CSL	5.02%		
Telstra	4.60%		
Sydney Airport	3.75%		
Woolworths	3.53%		
Santos	3.14%		
СВА	2.86%		
Virgin Money	2.74%		
BHP Group	2.67%		
Evolution Mining	2.49%		
Metcash	2.45%		
Coles	1.96%		
ANZ	1.96%		
Northern Star	1.80%		
GQG Partners	1.76%		
IAG	1.76%		
Charter Hall Retail	1.75%		
Rio Tinto	1.62%		
Collins Foods	1.50%		
Aristocrat Leisure	1.50%		

### **Current Asset Allocation**

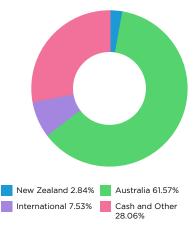
	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	28.06%	7.5%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	0.00%	10%
International Fixed Interest	0.00%	0%
New Zealand Equities	3.78%	7.5%
Australian Equities	63.64%	72.5%
International Equities	4.52%	2.5%
Other	0.00%	0%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 22.53%. 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**

## **Region Exposure**





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 for more information about the data published within this document.

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