

# Balanced Fund

## Portfolio Investment Entity

### Monthly Fact Sheet as at 30 April 2023



#### Portfolio Managers



**Mark Riggall**  
Portfolio Manager



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Co-Portfolio Manager

The Fund delivered 1.7% in April, bringing the one-year return to 2.5%. Returns over the past six months have been delivered by both stocks and bonds. This highlights the benefits of diversification and illustrates the return power of bonds in a higher interest rate environment.

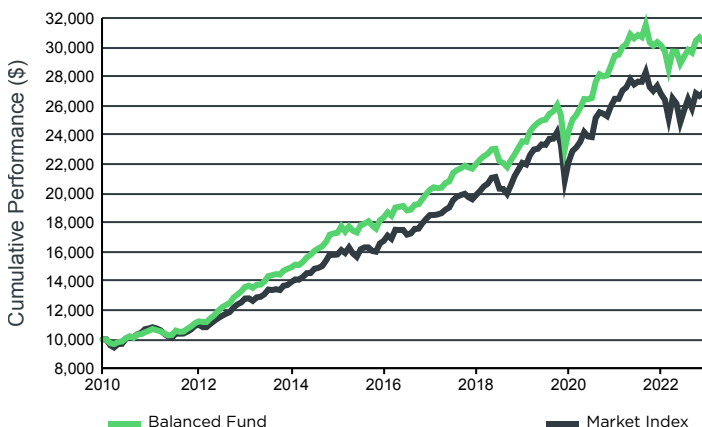
The subsiding banking crisis has allowed investors to focus on company fundamentals. Last month our stock picks did well on the back of better-than-expected earnings reports. Bottling company Coca-Cola Europacific Partners was up 8.9% and Channel Tunnel operator Getlink was up 11.7%. In Australia, an expected peak in interest rates has many calling a bottom in the housing market. Property developers Mirvac (+15.9%) and Stockland (+11.8%) were both up last month. Bond holdings did well too with corporate bonds (particularly bank bonds) recovering some of their March losses.

The outlook remains very uncertain, but our experience over the past six months shows that we can still deliver good returns in this environment. Going forward we continue to envisage opportunities for us to employ our active approach across stock selection and asset allocation. The Fund continues to hold higher levels of cash, offering a good return and plenty of dry powder to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. The Fund maintains its increased exposure to foreign currencies as the NZ economy looks relatively weak.

To view Milford's April 2023 Market and Economic Review please see [milfordasset.com/insights](https://milfordasset.com/insights).

#### Cumulative Fund Performance

(after fees and before tax)



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

#### Key Fund Facts

<b>Objective <sup>2</sup></b>	To provide capital growth over the minimum recommended investment timeframe
<b>Description</b>	Diversified fund that primarily invests in equities, with a significant allocation to fixed interest securities

<b>Minimum recommended investment timeframe</b>	5 years +
<b>Target Allocation</b>	39% Income Assets / 61% Growth Assets
<b>Neutral FX Exposure</b>	13.0%
<b>Net Asset Value (NAV)</b>	\$1,604.5 M
<b>Buy-sell Spread</b>	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)
<b>Inception Date</b>	1 April 2010
<b>Benchmark</b>	Not applicable
<b>Base Fund Fee <sup>3</sup></b>	1.05%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	The Fund may invest into related Milford funds that charge performance fees.
<b>Total Fund Fees <sup>4</sup></b>	1.06% (includes an est. performance fee)

	Lower risk									Higher risk
<b>Risk Indicator</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	Potentially lower returns					Potentially higher returns				

#### External Ratings



Milford Balanced Fund received a Morningstar Analyst Rating™ of 'Silver' on 13-07-2020

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### Investment Performance after fees as at 30 April 2023<sup>5</sup>

Unit Price: \$2.9551

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Balanced Fund (Gross Of Tax)	1.65%	1.39%	2.49%	8.41%	7.01%	9.00%
After Tax 10.50%	1.63%	1.36%	2.25%	8.14%	6.75%	8.53%
After Tax 17.50%	1.61%	1.34%	2.09%	7.96%	6.58%	8.21%
After Tax 28.00%	1.58%	1.31%	1.86%	7.69%	6.32%	7.75%
Market Index	1.66%	1.80%	1.94%	7.26%	6.58%	7.99%

### Top Equity Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	2.12%
Elevance Health	1.41%
HCA Holdings	1.33%
Spark	1.26%
Shell	1.23%
Coca-Cola	1.21%
Avantor	0.92%
Visa	0.87%
Telstra	0.86%
Ameren	0.85%

### Current Asset Allocation

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	26.60%	8%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	7.89%	6%
International Fixed Interest	26.40%	25.0%
New Zealand Equities	8.19%	11%
Australian Equities	9.20%	13%
International Equities	17.38%	30%
Listed Property	4.34%	7%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

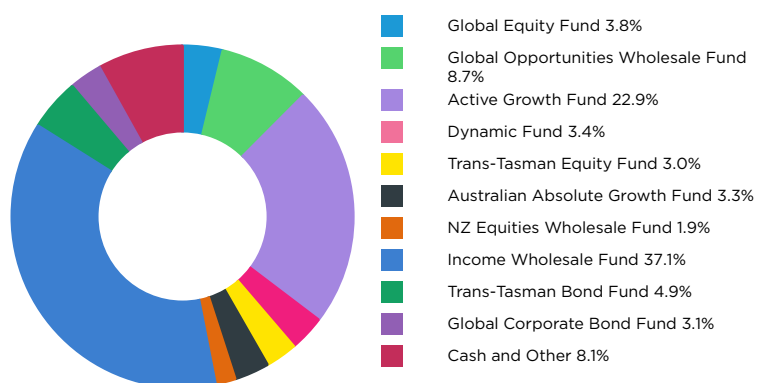
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 9.49%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

### Top Fixed Interest Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
NZGBI 2% 2025	1.89%
NatWest 5.125% Perpetual	0.75%
Scentre Group 5.125% 2080	0.69%
CBA 6.704% 2038	0.56%
AT&T 2.875% Perpetual	0.52%
TESAG 4.9% 2028	0.46%
CBA 5% 2028	0.45%
Contact 5.62% 2029	0.44%
Voyage Float 2029	0.44%
NBS 5.35% 2028	0.41%

Note: Fixed interest securities are reported in the following format: Issuer name, interest (coupon rate), maturity year.

### Fund Allocation



1. 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.

Please refer to the 'Glossary for the Monthly Fact Sheet' at [milfordasset.com/fact-sheet](http://milfordasset.com/fact-sheet) for more information about the data published within this document.

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