

# Balanced Fund

Portfolio Investment Entity

## Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 August 2022



### Portfolio Managers



**Mark Riggall**  
Portfolio Manager



**Paul Morris**  
Co-Portfolio Manager

The Fund returned -0.1% in the month with a one-year return of -3.9%. A volatile month saw global shares reverse a mid-month rally to close the month down 3.5%. Bond markets were also weak as investors expect central banks to have to raise rates more aggressively to combat inflation. We had been sceptical of the rally in shares and have held a much-reduced position (35-40%) in shares compared to usual (60%). Our stock selection has also been more defensive which has helped us weather market volatility.

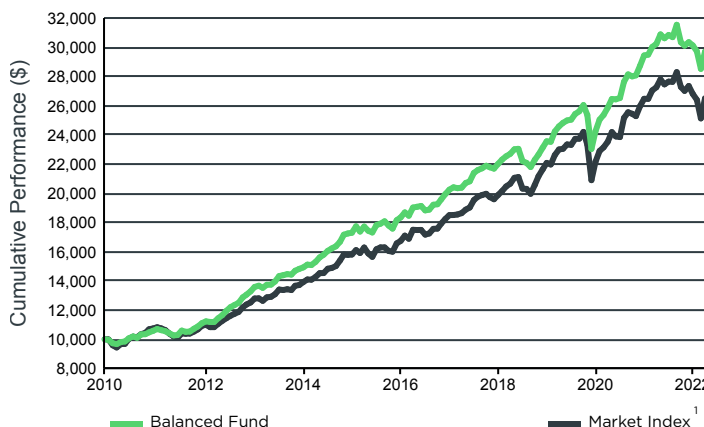
In August, large fund holdings in Contact and Spark paid off with performance of 3.0% and 6.3% respectively from these stocks. We had increased exposure to corporate bonds in June at attractive levels. These have performed well over the last 2 months so we have reduced exposure again in anticipation of better opportunities to add exposure as corporates come back to the market after their summer break. In currencies, the Fund has held increased exposure to US dollars this year, helping boost performance as the NZ dollar has depreciated.

Looking ahead, there are a number of key concerns, but primarily the European consumer and the impact of higher global wage growth on company margins and profits. This keeps us cautious, although markets are now starting to reflect these risks. With that in mind, we will be looking to use any market weakness to add back to exposure in bonds and shares.

To view Milford's September 2022 Market and Economic Review please see [milfordasset.com/fact-sheet](http://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

<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>	\$1,646.9 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 31 August 2022<sup>5</sup>

Unit Price: \$2.8451

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Balanced Fund (Gross Of Tax)	-0.06%	-0.11%	-3.87%	6.14%	7.47%	9.15%
After Tax 10.50%	-0.11%	-0.19%	-4.08%	5.86%	7.17%	8.67%
After Tax 17.50%	-0.15%	-0.24%	-4.22%	5.67%	6.97%	8.34%
After Tax 28.00%	-0.21%	-0.32%	-4.44%	5.39%	6.67%	7.86%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	-1.36%	-0.99%	-5.98%	4.28%	6.72%	8.04%

### Top Equity Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	2.30%
HCA Holdings	1.15%
Elevance Health	0.99%
Santos	0.95%
Boston Scientific	0.94%
Charter Hall Retail	0.86%
Spark	0.85%
Goodman	0.83%
Natwest	0.82%
Telstra	0.81%

### Current Asset Allocation

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	32.32%	8.0%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	6.97%	6.0%
International Fixed Interest	26.04%	25.0%
New Zealand Equities	7.98%	11.0%
Australian Equities	4.18%	13.0%
International Equities	16.63%	30.0%
Listed Property	5.88%	7.0%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

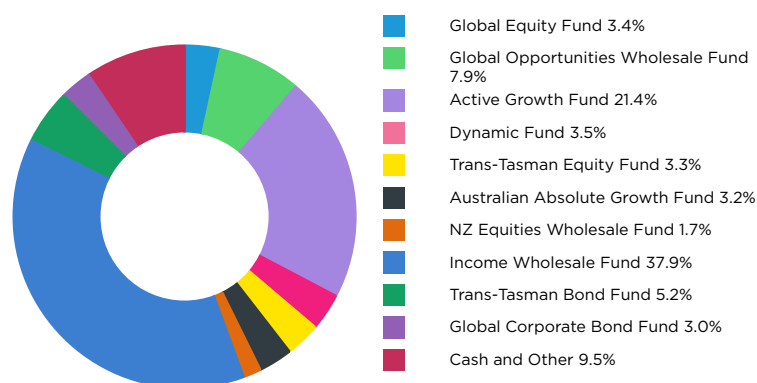
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 12.45%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

### Top Fixed Interest Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
NZGBI 2% 2025	1.32%
Scentre Group 5.125% 2080	0.77%
NatWest 5.125% Perpetual	0.67%
ING Groep 4.25% Perpetual	0.51%
CBA 4.4% 2027	0.46%
Voyage Float 2029	0.43%
NAB 6.322% 03/08/2032	0.40%
Westpac 5% 2027	0.40%
Genesis 5.66% 2027	0.39%
CBA Float 2031	0.38%

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.

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