

# Balanced Fund

## Portfolio Investment Entity

### Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 December 2024



## Portfolio Managers



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Portfolio Manager



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Co-Portfolio Manager

The Fund returned -0.6% in December, bringing the one-year return to 10.8%. Fund performance was dragged lower by weaker bond and share markets last month, as investors recalibrate higher the expected path of interest rates from here.

The Fund has had reduced exposure to long term bonds where much of the weakness has been concentrated, although post the most recent move the Fund has taken the opportunity to add back some exposure as yields on offer start to look more attractive. The Fund has also had derivative protection against falls in share markets. Some of this protection has been unwound into the weakness in December, effectively buying shares as markets fell. In terms of stock selection, it was pleasing to see strong performance from key holding Contact Energy (+5.6%) alongside a solid outperformance from Spark (+0.7%), a stock we have been adding to recently.

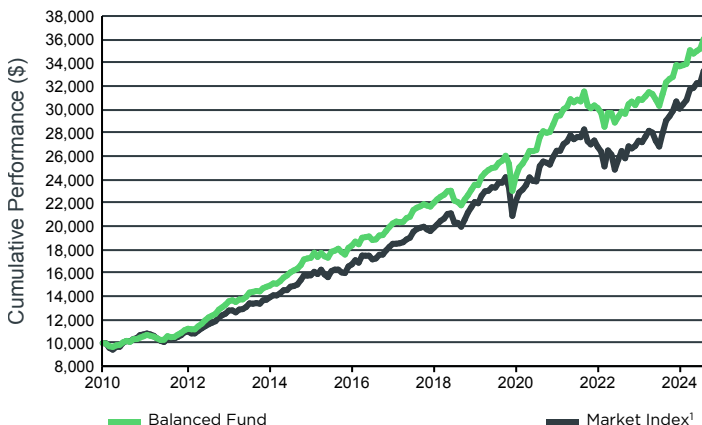
Looking ahead, it is likely that we will continue to see volatility in markets as investors digest incoming news flow. The Trump inauguration in late January will come alongside likely announcements on tariffs. Whilst some of this is expected, both bond and share market investors will be analysing the details for implications for inflation and economic growth. The Fund is well positioned to take advantage of swings in both bond and share markets.

To view Milford's December 2024 Market and Economic Review please see [milfordasset.com/insights](https://milfordasset.com/insights).

For previous fund reports see [milfordasset.com/fund-reports](https://milfordasset.com/fund-reports).

## 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>	\$2,009.8 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)
<b>Risk Indicator</b>	Lower risk <span style="float: right;">Higher risk</span> 1 2 3 <b>4</b> 5 6 7 Potentially lower returns <span style="float: right;">Potentially higher returns</span>

## External Ratings



The Milford Balanced Fund has a Morningstar Medalist Rating™ of 'Silver' as of 5-11-2024

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

Unit Price: \$3.4165

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Balanced Fund (Gross Of Tax)	-0.62%	2.28%	10.78%	4.32%	6.93%	9.03%
After Tax 10.50%	-0.63%	2.18%	10.33%	3.96%	6.63%	8.55%
After Tax 17.50%	-0.63%	2.10%	10.03%	3.72%	6.43%	8.24%
After Tax 28.00%	-0.64%	2.00%	9.59%	3.37%	6.13%	7.77%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	-0.52%	2.72%	14.04%	5.39%	6.89%	8.45%

### Top Equity Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Microsoft	2.11%
Contact Energy	2.05%
Infratil	1.40%
Spark	1.33%
Natwest	1.32%
Amazon	1.25%
Shell	1.24%
CRH	1.23%
Bank of America	1.18%
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	1.09%

### Current Asset Allocation

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	13.58%	8%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	7.03%	6%
International Fixed Interest	24.49%	25.0%
New Zealand Equities	7.79%	10.5%
Australian Equities	12.02%	13.5%
International Equities	30.34%	30%
Listed Property	4.75%	7%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

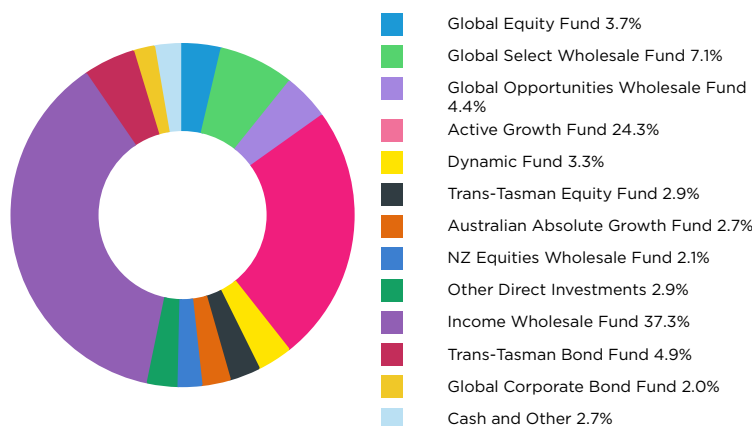
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 9.89%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

### Top Fixed Interest Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
NZGBI 2% 2025	0.73%
Scentre Group 5.125% 2080	0.65%
Origin Energy 5.35% 2031	0.60%
EnBW International Finance 6.048% 2034	0.50%
Westpac 5.754% 2034	0.47%
NatWest 5.125% Perpetual	0.45%
CBA 6.152% 2039	0.44%
Westpac 5.618% 2035	0.40%
Iberdrola 5.87% 2034	0.40%
NZLGFA 4.5% 2030	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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