

# Balanced Fund

## Portfolio Investment Entity

### Monthly Fact Sheet as at 29 February 2024



## Portfolio Managers



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Portfolio Manager



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The Fund returned 0.5% in February, bringing the one-year return to 6.9%. February was yet another positive month, driven almost entirely by strength in global shares. Australian shares were only modestly higher and NZ shares fell. Last month saw many of our holdings report earnings, and this was the catalyst for some large moves. Happily, some of the Fund's significant holdings had great outcomes. Meta was +25.8% and Uber Technologies was +21.8%. Both these stocks have been strong performers over the past three months.

In the infrastructure space, Spanish airport owner Aena has been doing well, rallying 6.6% in February. These performances were enough to lift returns last month, but there were still drags from bonds and NZ shares. The Fund remains underweight in both bonds and NZ shares, and there seems no respite in sight for the local share market as the NZ economy continues to struggle along.

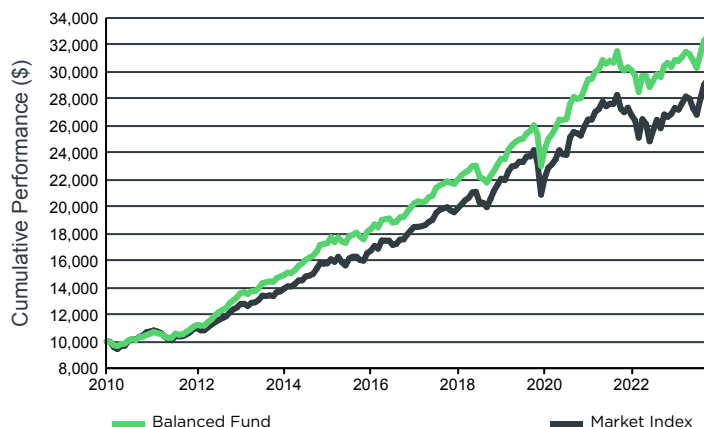
The remarkable rally in global shares since November 2023 continues, as investors reassess the likelihood of a sharp global downturn. Add in the excitement around the AI theme, and US shares have been on a bull run. It's hard to know how long this will last, but the rally appears to be well advanced and so we are alert for changes in leadership and momentum. In the meantime, a more benign economic backdrop continues to offer opportunities for stock selection in our funds.

To view Milford's February 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

### Objective <sup>2</sup>

To provide capital growth over the minimum recommended investment timeframe

### Description

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>	\$1,660.4 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



The Milford Balanced Fund has a Morningstar Medalist Rating™ of 'Silver' as of 6-09-2023

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### Investment Performance after fees as at 29 February 2024<sup>5</sup>

Unit Price: \$3.1334

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Balanced Fund (Gross Of Tax)	0.52%	4.66%	6.88%	5.30%	7.68%	8.91%
After Tax 10.50%	0.52%	4.59%	6.56%	5.06%	7.38%	8.43%
After Tax 17.50%	0.53%	4.55%	6.34%	4.89%	7.18%	8.12%
After Tax 28.00%	0.53%	4.48%	6.02%	4.65%	6.88%	7.66%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	1.48%	6.72%	11.98%	5.71%	7.12%	8.18%

### Top Equity Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	1.87%
Shell	1.49%
Spark	1.42%
HCA Holdings	1.38%
Elevance Health	1.31%
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	1.20%
Telstra	1.11%
Fiserv	0.97%
Meta Platforms	0.96%
Bank of Ireland Group	0.94%

### Current Asset Allocation

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash <sup>#</sup>	15.82%	8%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	8.83%	6%
International Fixed Interest	27.11%	25.0%
New Zealand Equities	8.29%	10.5%
Australian Equities	14.09%	13.5%
International Equities	22.39%	30%
Listed Property	3.47%	7%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

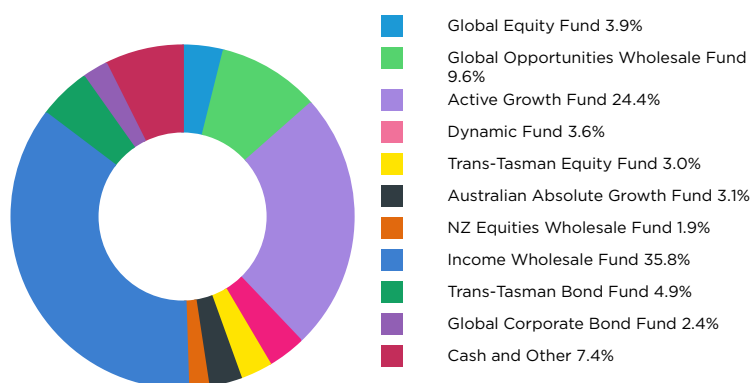
<sup>#</sup> The actual cash held by the Fund is 7.36%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

### Top Fixed Interest Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
NZGBI 2% 2025	2.63%
Scentre Group 5.125% 2080	0.70%
ANZ 4.95% 2029	0.69%
Westpac 5% 2029	0.59%
NatWest 5.125% Perpetual	0.57%
AT&T 2.875% Perpetual	0.49%
Westpac 7.199% 2038	0.47%
British Telecommunications	0.47%
Contact 6.398% 2030	0.43%
TESAG 5.65% 2034	0.39%

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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