

# Conservative Fund

## Portfolio Investment Entity

### Monthly Fact Sheet as at 30 April 2025



## Portfolio Managers



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Last month the Fund returned 0.9%, bringing the one-year return to 8.8%. Global markets continue to be roiled by US government policy. This is creating opportunities for us to shift positions around, helping cushion volatility and ultimately delivering better long-term returns.

Given the risks, the Fund has held very defensive positions in recent months. This helped the Fund almost completely avoid the volatility in global share markets during the month. It also helped deliver overall positive returns from the month and hold onto those gains over the last couple of years. The Fund's share exposure was very much reduced coming into the month.

The weakness during the month did allow for some reinvestment at lower levels. The positive performance came predominantly from bonds, as well as low-risk company shares (such as utility companies). The Fund has had increased exposure to bonds, particularly in NZ and US as we thought these economies were the weakest relative to market expectations. Subsequent rallies in US bonds have allowed us to reduce this position towards the end of the month.

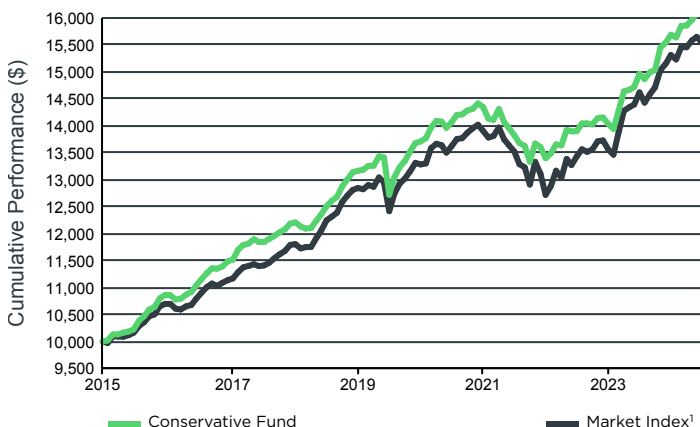
The global investment backdrop is shifting. In the medium term, we are navigating a slowing in economic growth, particularly in the US. Longer-term, the notion of US exceptionalism is coming into question, including from an investment perspective. These shifts are providing plenty of opportunities for active, multi-asset funds to profit from these changes. A shifting investment landscape can be unsettling, but we think the Fund can continue to deliver solid medium-term returns as we navigate these markets.

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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, and assumes reinvestment of distribution.

## Key Fund Facts

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

To provide moderate returns and protect capital over the minimum recommended investment timeframe

### Description

Diversified fund that primarily invests in fixed interest securities, with a moderate allocation to equities. While conservative in nature, the Fund may experience short term negative returns, particularly in times of heightened volatility

Minimum recommended investment timeframe	3 years +
Target Allocation	82% Income Assets / 18% Growth Assets
Neutral FX Exposure	0%
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$689.3 M
Yield <sup>3</sup>	3.45%
Average Credit Rating	BBB+
Duration	2.93 years
Buy-sell Spread	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)
Inception Date	1 September 2015
Current Distribution	0.85 cents per unit (Quarterly)
Benchmark	Not applicable
Base Fund Fee <sup>4</sup>	0.85%
Performance Fee	Not applicable
Total Fund Fees <sup>5</sup>	0.85%

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

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### Investment Performance after fees as at 30 April 2025<sup>6</sup>

Unit Price: \$1.2793

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Conservative Fund (Gross Of Tax)	0.85%	1.31%	8.81%	5.74%	4.40%	5.10%
After Tax 10.50%	0.79%	1.13%	8.02%	5.22%	4.07%	4.68%
After Tax 17.50%	0.75%	1.01%	7.50%	4.87%	3.86%	4.40%
After Tax 28.00%	0.68%	0.83%	6.72%	4.36%	3.53%	3.98%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	0.48%	0.22%	8.23%	5.53%	4.16%	4.72%

### Top Equity Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	0.84%
NatWest Group	0.65%
Aena SME	0.55%
Bank of America	0.53%
SSE	0.53%
National Grid	0.50%
Spark	0.44%
Segro	0.43%
BT Group	0.41%
Bank of Ireland Group	0.40%

### Current Asset Allocation

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	23.05%	7%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	25.06%	25%
International Fixed Interest	35.19%	50.0%
New Zealand Equities	2.56%	1%
Australian Equities	3.06%	3%
International Equities	7.07%	9%
Listed Property	3.03%	5%
Other	0.98%	0.0%

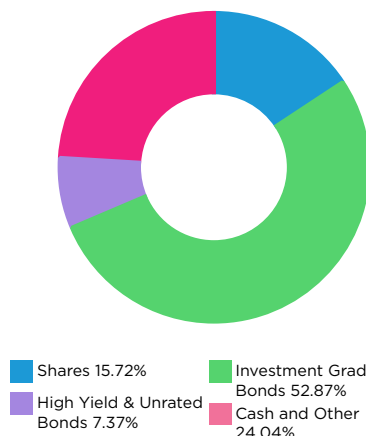
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 14.13%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

### Top Fixed Interest Holdings

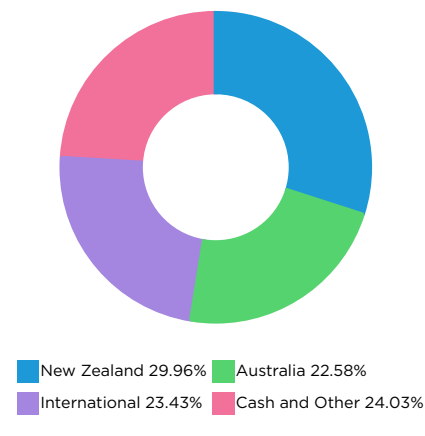
Holdings	% of Fund
NZ Govt. 4.5% 2035	5.92%
NZGBI 2% 2025	1.30%
NZLGFA 4.5% 2030	1.22%
Origin Energy 5.35% 2031	1.19%
NZ Govt. 3.5% 2033	1.18%
NZLGFA 2.25% 2031	1.02%
Housing NZ 3.42% 2028	0.88%
NZLGFA 3.5% 2033	0.88%
NZLGFA 1.5% 2029	0.87%
Progress Trust RMBS 2050	0.81%

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

### Fund Portfolio Mix



### Region Exposure



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. 3. The yield to maturity is not an indicator of future return, but reflects the current yield to maturity of the fund's underlying holdings (before tax and after the base fund fee). 4. Where applicable, the Base Fund Fee includes an estimate of non-related underlying fund charges. 5. 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. 6. Includes the reinvestment of distributions. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

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