### Conservative Fund

## Portfolio Investment Entity

## Monthly Fact Sheet as at 29 February 2024



#### **Portfolio Managers**



Mark Riggall
Portfolio Manager



Paul Morris
Co-Portfolio Manager

The Fund returned 0.4% in February, bringing the oneyear return to 5.9%. February was a modestly positive month, driven almost entirely by strength in global shares. Australian shares were only modestly higher and NZ shares fell. Whilst the Fund only has a small allocation to shares, much of these shares are global in nature, helping boost returns. Falling bond prices have been a headwind to returns this year, after staging a decent rally late last year.

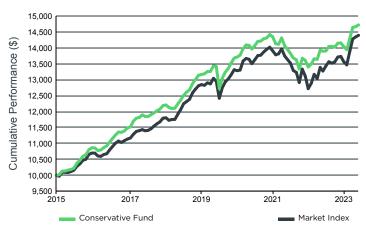
Increased optimism about the global economy, coupled with fears of another surge in global inflation, keeps the pressure on bonds. The Fund continues to run reduced exposure to bonds and we are active in managing exposure as prices move around. Furthermore, the sharp outperformance of corporate bonds over government bonds has helped the Fund's performance over the past six months. With this in mind, we have reduced some exposure to global corporate bonds recently. We have made similar moves in global shares, where the significant gains in US shares, in particular, have allowed us to take some profits and await better opportunities to invest over coming months.

To view Milford's February 2024 Market and Economic Review please see milfordasset.com/insights.

For previous fund reports see 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**

	to provide moderate returns and protect capital
Objective <sup>2</sup>	over the minimum recommended investment
	timeframe

Diversified fund that primarily invests in fixed interest securities, with a moderate allocation to equities. While conservative in nature, the Fund

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)	\$521.4 M			
Yield <sup>3</sup>	4.85%			
Average Credit Rating	BBB+			
Duration	1.49 years			
Buy-sell Spread	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)			
Inception Date	1 September 2015			
Current Distribution	0.95 cents per unit (Quarterly)			
Benchmark	Not applicable			
Base Fund Fee 4	0.95%			
Performance Fee	Not applicable			
Total Fund Fees 5	0.95%			
	Lower risk Higher risk			

Potentially higher returns

**Risk Indicator** 





Unit Price: \$1.21

#### Investment Performance after fees as at 29 February 2024<sup>6</sup>

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Conservative Fund (Gross Of Tax)	0.37%	3.09%	5.93%	1.78%	3.56%	4.65%
After Tax 10.50%	0.36%	2.90%	5.40%	1.69%	3.29%	4.27%
After Tax 17.50%	0.36%	2.77%	5.05%	1.63%	3.11%	4.02%
After Tax 28.00%	0.35%	2.58%	4.52%	1.54%	2.84%	3.64%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	0.34%	3.71%	8.45%	2.15%	3.60%	4.38%

#### **Top Equity Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund		
Contact Energy	0.84%		
Spark	0.67%		
Shell	0.62%		
HCA Holdings	0.57%		
Telstra	0.52%		
Elevance Health	0.51%		
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	0.50%		
Bank of Ireland Group	0.44%		
Goodman	0.42%		
Aena SME	0.38%		

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash#	18.37%	7%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	25.20%	25%
International Fixed Interest	40.96%	50.0%
New Zealand Equities	2.70%	1%
Australian Equities	3.42%	3%
International Equities	7.65%	9%
Listed Property	1.70%	5%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

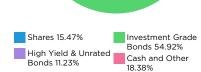
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 12.01%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

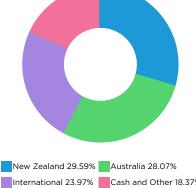
## **Top Fixed Interest Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
NZGBI 2% 2025	4.81%
NZLGFA 4.5% 2030	1.53%
ANZ 4.95% 2029	1.21%
NZLGFA 1.5% 2026	1.18%
Housing NZ 3.42% 2028	1.12%
NZLGFA 1.5% 2029	1.07%
Westpac 5% 2029	1.06%
GTA Finance 2.2% 2027	1.00%
Contact 6.398% 2030	0.97%
ASX Float 2027	0.96%

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

# **Fund Portfolio Mix**





**Region Exposure** 

International 23.97% Cash and Other 18.37%

<sup>1.</sup> 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.