### Conservative Fund

## Portfolio Investment Entity

# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 July 2023



#### **Portfolio Managers**



Mark Riggall Portfolio Manager



Paul Morris Co-Portfolio Manager

In July the Fund returned 0.8%, bringing the one-year return to 3.4%.

Global share markets continue to enjoy strong returns this year, an unexpected but welcome development. In particular, the US economy is enjoying strong growth, falling inflation and an expected boom in Al-driven profitability for its large technology companies. The Fund's small exposure to shares has helped capture this performance with contributions from both global technology stocks and some of our bank and real estate companies.

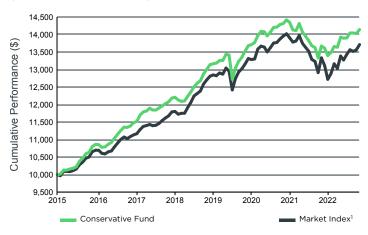
Performance this month was also driven by the mix of bonds we own. Reduced recession fears have allowed our corporate bond exposure to outperform government bonds. Different economies are experiencing diverging economic cycles, owing to different sensitivities to interest rate rises. For the Fund, with an ability to express views across countries in interest rates, currencies, and stock market exposure, this outlook should yield good asset allocation opportunities.

Looking ahead, whilst the backdrop has improved, the recent rally in shares already reflects this reality. We see opportunities in selective company shares as well as continuing to benefit from the higher yields on offer from our corporate bond holdings.

To view Milford's July 2023 Market and Economic Review please see milfordasset.com/insights.

#### **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**

Description

|                        | 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 may experience short term negative returns, particularly in times of heightened volatility

| Minimum recommended investment timeframe | d 3 years +  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Target Allocation                        | 82% Income Assets / 18% Growth Assets              |  |  |
| Neutral FX Exposure                      | 0%   |  |  |
| Net Asset Value (NAV)                    | \$567.3 M  |  |  |
| Yield <sup>3</sup>                       | 5.15%  |  |  |
| Average Credit Rating                    | BBB+   |  |  |
| Duration                                 | 2.34 years   |  |  |
| Buy-sell Spread                          | None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details) |  |  |
| Inception Date                           | 1 September 2015                                   |  |  |
| Current Distribution                     | 0.7 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                             |  |  |
| Risk Indicator                           | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7                                      |  |  |

Potentially lower returns

Potentially higher returns



Unit Price: \$1.1793

#### Investment Performance after fees as at 31 July 2023 6

|   | 1 Month | 3 Months | 1 year | 3 years (p.a.) | 5 years (p.a.) | Since inception (p.a.) |
|---|---------|----------|--------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Milford Conservative Fund<br>(Gross Of Tax) | 0.83%   | 0.71%    | 3.44%  | 1.50%          | 3.21%          | 4.48%                  |
| After Tax 10.50%                            | 0.75%   | 0.68%    | 3.18%  | 1.47%          | 2.97%          | 4.12%                  |
| After Tax 17.50%                            | 0.70%   | 0.66%    | 3.00%  | 1.45%          | 2.81%          | 3.88%                  |
| After Tax 28.00%                            | 0.63%   | 0.63%    | 2.73%  | 1.41%          | 2.58%          | 3.52%                  |
| Market Index <sup>1</sup>                   | 1.11%   | 1.10%    | 2.84%  | 1.39%          | 3.26%          | 4.07%                  |

#### **Top Equity Holdings**

| Holdings                       | % of Fund |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Contact Energy                 | 0.80%     |
| Spark                          | 0.61%     |
| Elevance Health                | 0.60%     |
| Shell                          | 0.55%     |
| HCA Holdings                   | 0.54%     |
| Coca-Cola Europacific Partners | 0.50%     |
| Fiserv                         | 0.49%     |
| Bank of Ireland Group          | 0.47%     |
| APA                            | 0.45%     |
| Goodman                        | 0.38%     |

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

|                              | Actual<br>Investment Mix | Neutral<br>Investment Mix |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Effective Cash#              | 12.28%                   | 7%                        |
| New Zealand Fixed Interest   | 25.22%                   | 25%                       |
| International Fixed Interest | 45.38%                   | 50.0%                     |
| New Zealand Equities         | 2.41%                    | 1.5%                      |
| Australian Equities          | 2.09%                    | 2.5%                      |
| International Equities       | 9.54%                    | 9%                        |
| Listed Property              | 2.36%                    | 5%                        |
| Other                        | 0.72%                    | 0.0%                      |

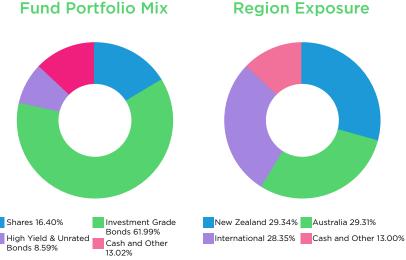
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 6.73%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

## **Top Fixed Interest Holdings**

| Holdings                      | % of Fund |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| NZGBI 2% 2025                 | 4.35%     |
| NZ Govt. 3.5% 2033            | 1.28%     |
| NZLGFA 1.5% 2026              | 1.13%     |
| Housing NZ 3.42% 2028         | 1.09%     |
| NZLGFA 1.5% 2029              | 1.02%     |
| GTA Finance 2.2% 2027         | 0.97%     |
| CBA 5.398% 2027               | 0.87%     |
| Bank of Queensland Float 2027 | 0.85%     |
| NAB 4.2% 2026                 | 0.82%     |
| Telstra 4.9% 2028             | 0.81%     |

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

## **Fund Portfolio Mix**



<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.