## Conservative Fund

Portfolio Investment Entity

# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 March 2022



#### Portfolio Managers



Paul Morris Portfolio Manager



Mark Riggall Co-Portfolio Manager

In one of the worst months for bond markets on record (rounding out one of the worst quarters on record) the Fund posted a loss of 0.9%. Bonds are, and have been, the Fund's predominant exposure. Although the size of this exposure remains lower than it has been historically, it has proved not low enough. Moreover, over March the Fund's exposure to a more resilient share market has proved too low and therefore an insufficient return offset.

Market interest rates rose again on hawkish central bank reactions to increasing and more persistent global inflationary pressures, amplified by the impacts of the Ukraine war. The negative impact on the Fund was somewhat cushioned by lower than long run neutral interest rate exposure, and by outperformance of many corporate bonds (its predominant bond exposure) over government bonds. Shares were more resilient, with notable strength in global infrastructure (e.g. European airport and road operator Atlantia +15.2%) and Australian shares, especially energy and commodities (e.g. Origin Energy +11.8%).

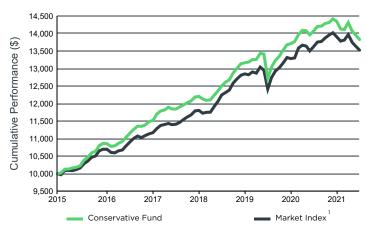
We view prevailing higher market interest rates as closer to long run fair value, but acknowledge risks remain skewed for further moves higher. Thus we remain very selective in buying bonds and wary of increasing exposure to market interest rates in all but the cheapest markets. This includes adding to NZ government inflation-linked bonds which offer attractive income. We remain concerned share markets have not fully adjusted to (i) higher market interest rates, (ii) less monetary and fiscal support, and (iii) higher economic uncertainty including higher inflation. We therefore remain cautiously positioned with lower exposure than recent quarters.

Looking ahead, near term Fund returns may remain somewhat volatile but over the medium term the Fund should be better placed to deliver moderate returns in line with its objective given now higher market interest rates are closer to fair value.

To view Milford's April 2022 Market and Economic Review please see milfordasset.com/fact-sheet.

#### **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)	\$592.4 M			
Yield <sup>3</sup>	3.92%			
Average Credit Rating	A-			
Duration	2.52 years			
Buy-sell Spread	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)			
Inception Date	1 September 2015			
Current Distribution	0.5 cents per unit (Quarterly)			
Benchmark	Not applicable			
Base Fund Fee 4	0.95%			
Performance Fee	Not applicable			
Total Fund Fees <sup>5</sup>	0.95%			
Lo	ower risk Higher risk			
Risk Indicator	1 2 3 4 5 6 7			

Potentially lower returns

Potentially higher returns



Unit Price: \$1.1882

#### Investment Performance after fees as at 31 March 2022<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)	-0.93%	-3.38%	-1.73%	3.40%	4.39%	5.05%
After Tax 10.50%	-0.81%	-3.14%	-1.39%	3.18%	4.06%	4.65%
After Tax 17.50%	-0.73%	-2.97%	-1.16%	3.04%	3.84%	4.38%
After Tax 28.00%	-0.62%	-2.73%	-0.81%	2.82%	3.52%	3.98%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	-0.84%	-3.18%	-0.75%	3.36%	4.40%	4.69%

### **Top Equity Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	0.64%
Atlantia	0.52%
Spark	0.44%
Anthem	0.43%
HCA Holdings	0.40%
Telstra	0.38%
Transurban	0.38%
Charter Hall Retail	0.36%
Goodman	0.34%
Cheniere Energy	0.33%

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash#	15.66%	7.0%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	26.59%	25.0%
International Fixed Interest	42.97%	50.0%
New Zealand Equities	2.23%	1.5%
Australian Equities	2.76%	2.5%
International Equities	5.94%	9.0%
Listed Property	3.65%	5.0%
Other	0.20%	0.0%

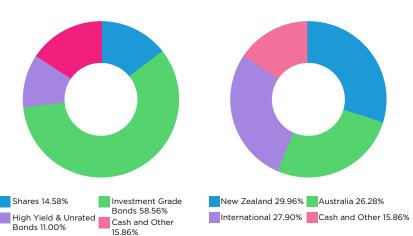
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 8.57%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

### Top Fixed Interest Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
NZGBI 2% 2025	5.63%
ANZ 1.45% 2022	2.04%
NZ Govt. 0.5% 2026	1.43%
NZLGFA 1.5% 2026	1.24%
ANZ 2.999% 2031	0.93%
Westpac 3.696% 2027	0.69%
CBA 2.552% 2027	0.69%
IAG 5.32% 2038	0.67%
John Deere 1.75% 2024	0.62%
Housing NZ 3.36% 2025	0.62%

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

# Fund Portfolio Mix Region Exposure



<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, Yield to maturity (before tax and fees) for underlying investments in the Fund. 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 quarantee of future returns.