

# Conservative Fund

Portfolio Investment Entity

Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 May 2021



## Portfolio Managers



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Portfolio Manager



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Performance across the Fund's holdings was mixed in May. There were generally positive contributions from Australasian shares but many of the Fund's global shares were moderately weaker. Performance across bond holdings was also varied. Global and Australian investment grade rated (lower risk) bonds generally delivered positive returns but many of the Fund's New Zealand bonds were weaker after the Reserve Bank of New Zealand indicated it may increase interest rates next year. There was also a modicum of weakness across the Fund's lower rated bonds, especially in its exposure to US bank preference shares and subordinated bonds of European companies.

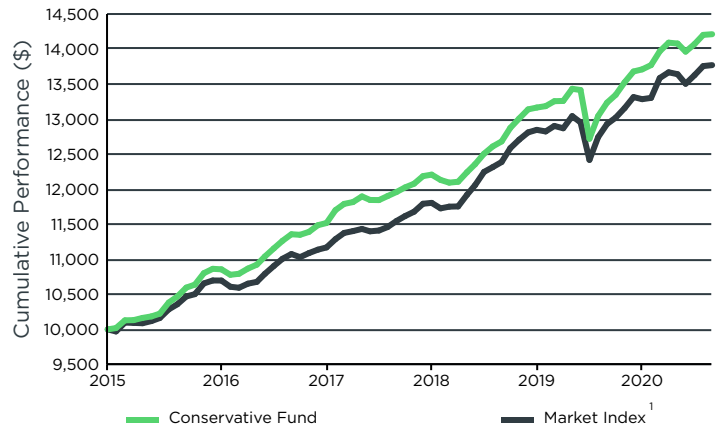
Across the month overall Fund settings were close to unchanged but the allocation to cash was increased slightly as we sold a number of the Fund's more expensive bond holdings. As per recent updates, our base case remains for a renewed gradual move higher in market interest rates, albeit the extent of this rise near term may be more limited than we previously feared. Nonetheless, the expectation underpins our slightly cautious outlook for bonds near term and therefore we retain Fund interest rate exposure below its long run neutral. Shares should be supported by ongoing supportive central bank and government policy, reopening economies and what are likely to remain historically low interest rates. Returns may however moderate as many share valuations are no longer cheap.

Therefore, while we have not reduced the Fund's share exposure any further (after having trimmed a bit in April) it remains close to, but just below, its long-run neutral. In aggregate looking forward, we believe Fund positioning should underpin moderate medium-term returns but as stated before i) near-term returns could be more volatile while ii) medium-term returns are likely to moderate relative to recent years.

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## 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

<b>Objective<sup>2</sup></b>	Moderate returns and protect capital over a minimum of three years
<b>Description</b>	Diversified fund that primarily invests in fixed interest securities, with a moderate allocation to equities
<b>Target Allocation</b>	82% Income Assets / 18% Growth Assets
<b>Neutral FX Exposure</b>	0%
<b>Net Asset Value (NAV)</b>	\$560.5 M
<b>Yield<sup>3</sup></b>	1.98%
<b>Average Credit Rating</b>	BBB+
<b>Duration</b>	1.98 years
<b>Buy-sell Spread</b>	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)
<b>Inception Date</b>	1 September 2015
<b>Current Distribution</b>	0.5 cents per unit (Quarterly)
<b>Benchmark</b>	Not applicable
<b>Base Fund Fee<sup>4</sup></b>	0.95%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	Not applicable
<b>Total Fund Fees<sup>5</sup></b>	0.95%

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



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## Investment Performance after fees as at 31 May 2021<sup>6</sup>

Unit Price: \$1.2369

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Conservative Fund (Gross Of Tax)	0.07%	1.78%	7.38%	5.91%	6.05%	6.30%
After Tax 10.50%	0.07%	1.72%	6.86%	5.42%	5.53%	5.77%
After Tax 17.50%	0.07%	1.68%	6.52%	5.10%	5.18%	5.41%
After Tax 28.00%	0.07%	1.62%	6.00%	4.61%	4.66%	4.88%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	0.10%	1.97%	6.50%	6.05%	5.63%	5.72%

## Top Equity Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	0.78%
Spark	0.57%
Telstra	0.52%
Meridian	0.47%
NAB	0.46%
Transurban	0.35%
Goodman	0.35%
Woolworths	0.33%
Alphabet	0.27%
Microsoft	0.25%

## Current Asset Allocation

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	10.86%	7.00%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	21.52%	25.00%
International Fixed Interest	49.92%	50.00%
New Zealand Equities	3.14%	1.50%
Australian Equities	3.28%	2.50%
International Equities	7.80%	9.00%
Listed Property	2.49%	5.00%
Other	0.99%	0%

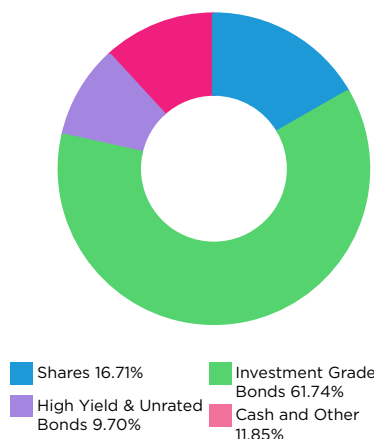
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 7.84%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

## Top Fixed Interest Holdings

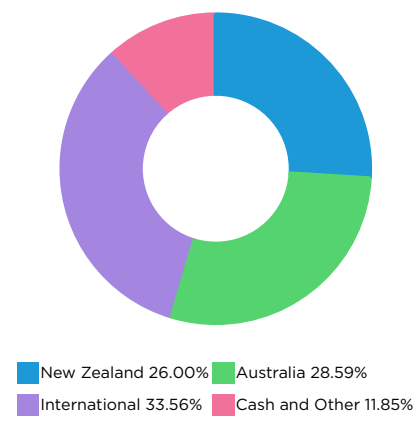
Holdings	% of Fund
NZLGFA 1.5% 2026	2.02%
Scentre Group 5.125% 2080	1.02%
Housing NZ 3.36% 2025	0.98%
NZLGFA 1.5% 2029	0.93%
NZLGFA 3.5% 2033	0.85%
Transpower 1.735% 2025	0.80%
ANZ Bank Float 2024	0.77%
Charter Hall 2.787% 2031	0.74%
John Deere 1.75% 2024	0.73%
Macquarie Float 2025	0.73%

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. 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 guarantee of future returns.

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