

# Conservative Fund

Portfolio Investment Entity

Monthly Fact Sheet as at 30 November 2021



## Portfolio Managers



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The recent pressure on Fund returns continued in November with the Fund down 0.1%. Volatility remains elevated across bonds and shares as markets whipsawed on (i) likely monetary policy tightening and (ii) the developing threat from Omicron. Performance across the Fund's broad asset classes was therefore very mixed.

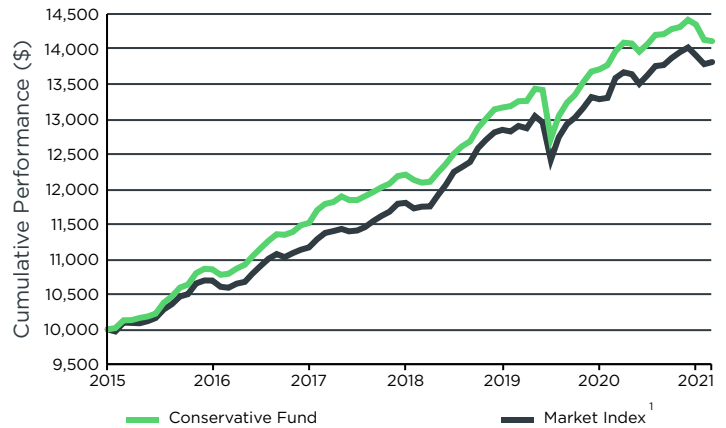
Global corporate bonds were generally weaker, underperforming the safer haven of government bonds, on elevated bond issuance into waning investor demand (likely until interest rate volatility settles). Australasian corporate bond performance was however better, benefitting from larger falls in market interest rates, in part from a less hawkish approach from the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. Of the Fund's shares, NZ was the underperformer with weakness across income and cyclical sectors. Australian shares generally performed well, including a strong month for property. Banks were a laggard. In aggregate global shares also posted a positive month but below the surface there were pockets of weakness focused in the cyclical/reopening exposures which fell in response to the Omicron news.

Looking ahead, many central banks are keen to remove loose settings and government bond yields (especially outside of Australasia) arguably remain too low when considered against all but a materially adverse Omicron outcome. Nevertheless, until we get more clarity on the virus the Fund has incrementally increased exposure to government bond yields (safe haven demand sees yields fall) and has a more conservative setting; holding more cash and less exposure to shares than its long run neutral. Given the breadth of outcomes the share exposure remains well diversified.

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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

### 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

<b>Minimum recommended investment timeframe</b>	3 years +
<b>Target Allocation</b>	82% Income Assets / 18% Growth Assets
<b>Neutral FX Exposure</b>	0%
<b>Net Asset Value (NAV)</b>	\$599.0 M
<b>Yield <sup>3</sup></b>	2.91%
<b>Average Credit Rating</b>	A-
<b>Duration</b>	2.63 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		

## Conservative Fund as at 30 November 2021

### Investment Performance after fees as at 30 November 2021<sup>6</sup>

Unit Price: \$1.218

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Conservative Fund (Gross Of Tax)	-0.13%	-2.11%	1.04%	5.28%	5.51%	5.66%
After Tax 10.50%	-0.10%	-1.92%	1.17%	4.89%	5.08%	5.20%
After Tax 17.50%	-0.08%	-1.80%	1.26%	4.64%	4.80%	4.90%
After Tax 28.00%	-0.05%	-1.61%	1.40%	4.26%	4.38%	4.44%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	0.22%	-1.48%	1.68%	5.54%	5.45%	5.31%

### Top Equity Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	0.54%
Sydney Airport	0.40%
Goodman	0.38%
Telstra	0.34%
Charter Hall Retail	0.34%
Transurban	0.34%
Spark	0.33%
Microsoft	0.33%
Alphabet	0.32%
Mastercard	0.31%

### Current Asset Allocation

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash <sup>#</sup>	15.87%	7%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	24.37%	25%
International Fixed Interest	43.72%	50.00%
New Zealand Equities	2.77%	2%
Australian Equities	1.24%	3%
International Equities	8.72%	9%
Listed Property	3.31%	5%
Other	0.00%	0%

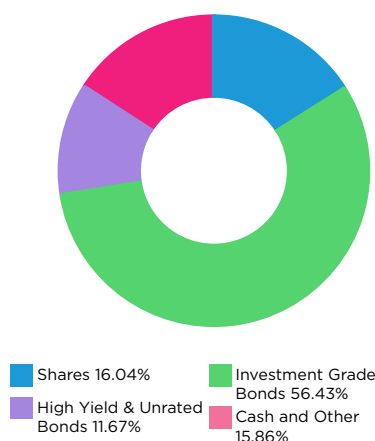
<sup>#</sup> The actual cash held by the Fund is 11.94%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

### Top Fixed Interest Holdings

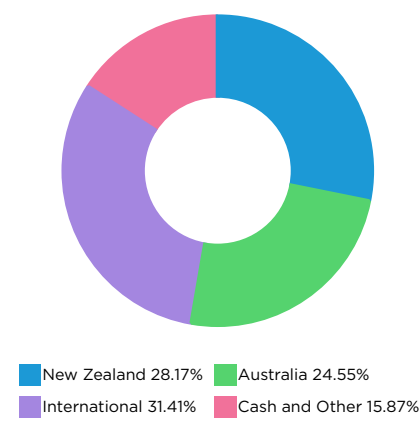
Holdings	% of Fund
Kiwibank 1.3% 2022	2.26%
ANZ 1.45% 2022	2.01%
NZLGFA 1.5% 2026	1.58%
NZ Govt. 0.5% 2026	1.54%
ANZ 2.999% 2031	1.25%
Vector 3.69% 2027	0.83%
Housing NZ 3.36% 2025	0.79%
NZLGFA 1.5% 2029	0.75%
NZLGFA 3.5% 2033	0.68%
NZLGFA 2.25% 2028	0.68%

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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