

# **Portfolio Managers**





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Elevated volatility persisted into June as markets grapple with the risk of slowing economic growth in a backdrop of high inflation and tightening monetary policy. Bond markets were weaker as market interest rates rose, albeit rates closed considerably below mid-month highs. Corporate bonds, the Fund's predominant bond exposure, underperformed government bonds on concern of a deteriorating earnings outlook. This outlook also weighed on shares, which were already weak due to higher interest rates. Weakness was notable in traditional income shares (including Australian and global property, global infrastructure). The Fund was cautiously positioned, with significantly more cash than normal, but these headwinds translated to a negative return of 2.9% in June.

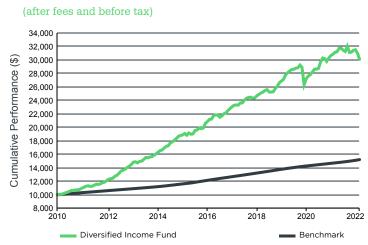
Going into July, Fund positioning remains cautious. Share exposure is significantly lower than its long run neutral. We previously noted share market valuations may have adjusted to higher interest rates but could fall further to acknowledge ongoing higher economic and earnings uncertainty. Until we get better clarity on this outlook, potentially through upcoming company reporting, the bar for adding more shares is high. That said, we remain open to the fact that opportunities at a company level will appear. In June this included attractively priced convertible preference shares in NextEra the US electricity utility which has a significant renewable energy business.

Over the past couple of months, we have selectively added to corporate bonds we believe offer a risk/return more attractive than shares; many with low double digit implied returns to maturity. We stress this selectivity, however given (i) market interest rates may be approaching long run fair value, but risks remain skewed for higher rates if inflation is more persistent and (ii) if recession risks increase then corporate bonds could further underperform government bonds. To help mitigate the risk we focus on shorter-dated bonds where the impact of higher market interest rates is lower. Examples this month included Virgin Money (UK bank) and Genesis Energy bonds.

Looking ahead, higher market interest rates and reduced corporate bond and share valuations should benefit medium term returns. The caveat is that near term volatility is likely to remain elevated. Ongoing cautious positioning therefore remains appropriate, remaining patient for more confidence in the outlook before adding more risk.

To view Milford's July 2022 Market and Economic Review please see <u>milfordasset.com/fact-sheet</u>.

#### **Cumulative Fund Performance**



Assumes the growth of \$10,000 invested at the Fund's inception date, and assumes reinvestment of distribution.

# **Key Fund Facts**

Objective <sup>1</sup>	To provide income and capital growth over the minimum recommended investment timeframe				
Description	Diversified fund that primarily invests in fixed interest and equity income-generating securities				
Minimum recommended investment timeframe		4 years +			
Target Allocation		60% Income Assets / 40% Growth Assets			
Neutral FX Expos	ure	0%			
Net Asset Value (	NAV)	\$2,672.1 M			
Yield <sup>2</sup>		5.62%			
Average Credit Ra	ating	BBB			
Duration		1.19 years			
Buy-sell Spread		None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)			
Inception Date		1 April 2010			
Current Distributi	on	1.1 cents per unit (Quarterly)			
Benchmark		OCR + 2.5% p.a.			
Base Fund Fee <sup>3</sup>		0.65%			
Performance Fee		10% of the Fund's returns above the Benchmark <sup>1</sup> , subject to the high watermark.			
Total Fund Fees <sup>4</sup>		0.85% (includes an est. performance fee)			
		Lower risk Higher risk			
<b>Risk Indicator</b>		1 2 3 👍 5 6 7			
		Potentially lower returns Potentially higher returns			

# **External Ratings**



Milford Diversified Income Fund received a Morningstar Analyst Rating<sup>TM</sup> of 'Silver' on 07-07-2020

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#### Investment Performance after fees as at 30 June 2022<sup>5</sup>

Unit Price:	\$1.7827
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	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Diversified Income Fund (Gross Of Tax)	-2.88%	-4.30%	-3.32%	2.71%	5.23%	9.41%
After Tax 10.50%	-2.82%	-4.20%	-3.11%	2.47%	4.89%	8.78%
After Tax 17.50%	-2.77%	-4.13%	-2.97%	2.32%	4.67%	8.36%
After Tax 28.00%	-2.71%	-4.03%	-2.75%	2.08%	4.33%	7.74%
Benchmark	0.36%	1.02%	3.33%	3.14%	3.57%	3.49%

### **Top Equity Holdings**

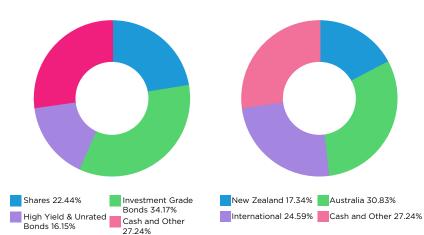
Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	2.00%
Getlink	1.61%
Goodman	1.47%
Cheniere Energy	1.25%
Telstra	1.20%
Spark	1.13%
Transurban	1.06%
Santos	1.04%
NAB	1.03%
Charter Hall Retail	0.99%

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
27.24%	5.0%
9.95%	10.0%
40.37%	45.0%
5.60%	6.5%
5.35%	10.0%
1.61%	5.0%
9.88%	18.5%
0.00%	0.0%
	Investment Mix   27.24%   9.95%   40.37%   5.60%   5.35%   1.61%   9.88%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 6.88%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

### Fund Portfolio Mix



### **Region Exposure**

New Zealand 17.34% Australia 30.83%

1. After the base fund fee but before tax and before the performance fee. 2. Yield to maturity (before tax and fees) for underlying investments in the Fund. 3. Where applicable, the Base Fund Fee includes an estimate of non-related underlying fund charges. 4. 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. 5. Includes the reinvestment of distributions. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

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## **Top Fixed Interest Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
NZGBI 2% 2025	3.37%
NextEra Energy	1.16%
Scentre Group 5.125% 2080	0.92%
Deutsche Bank 4% 2032	0.92%
CBA Float 2031	0.89%
Macquarie 6.082% 2032	0.84%
Voyage Float 2029	0.80%
NatWest 5.125% Perpetual	0.79%
GAIF 2.584% 2027	0.78%
Westpac 3.696% 2027	0.76%

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

