# Global Corporate Bond Fund

Portfolio Investment Entity

# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 May 2021



### Portfolio Managers



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Fixed income markets had a mixed performance in May. US government bond yields moved lower (prices higher) for the second month in a row despite economic data reported during the month which showed material inflationary pressures in the US economy. US corporate bonds had a constructive month, outperforming government bonds, while in Europe corporate bonds were slightly weaker, in part reflecting relative weakness in European government bonds where yields ended the month higher.

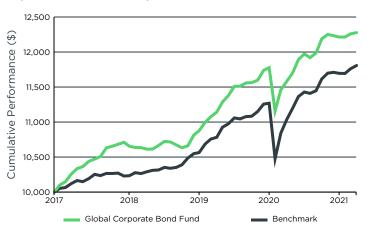
The Fund returned 0.1% in May but underperformed the benchmark due to its below neutral interest rate exposure and lower Fund exposure to the riskier parts of the high yield market which had a strong month. The Fund was positioned to benefit from a busy start to offshore bond issuance, participating in several new issues including from T-Mobile (US telco) and Deutsche Bank (German bank).

Looking forward, risks remain for interest rates to drift higher over time. Fund interest rate exposure remains below neutral but is higher than earlier in the month after reducing some of its hedges. The Fund also maintains less exposure to the weakest parts of the high yield market where further outperformance is limited due to valuations, retaining subordinated bonds of investment grade corporates (including banks) instead. We remain constructive on corporate bonds relative to government bonds as (i) the growth outlook is supportive of company balance sheets and (ii) we expect bond issuance volumes to moderate as we head into the northern hemisphere summer.

To view Milford's June 2021 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.

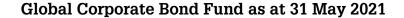
#### **Key Fund Facts**

| Objective <sup>1</sup> | Protect capital and generate a positive NZD-<br>hedged return that exceeds the relevant<br>benchmark over a minimum of three years |
|------------------------|--|
| Description            | Primarily invests in global corporate fixed interest   |

| Description                | securities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Target Allocatio           | n          | 100% Income Assets / 0% Growth<br>Assets   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Neutral FX Exposure        |            | O%   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net Asset Value            | (NAV)      | \$844.8 M  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yield <sup>2</sup>         |            | 1.68%  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Credit             | Rating     | BBB+   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Duration                   |            | 3.14 years   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rating Categori            | es         | Inv.Grade 74% / High Yield 17%   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inception Date             |            | 1 February 2017  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Distribu           | ition      | 0.45 cents per unit (Quarterly)  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Benchmark                  |            | Bloomberg Barclays Global Corporate<br>3-5 Year Total Return Index Value<br>Hedged USD (100% NZD-hedged) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base Fund Fee <sup>3</sup> | 3          | 0.85%  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Performance Fe             | e          | Not applicable   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Fund Fees            | ; 4        | 0.85%  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                            | Lov        | ower risk Higher risk  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Risk Indicator             |            | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  |  |  |  |  |  |

Potentially lower returns

Potentially higher returns





Unit Price: \$1.1088

## Investment Performance after fees as at 31 May 2021<sup>5</sup>

|  | 1 Month | 3 Months | 1 year | 3 years (p.a.) | 5 years (p.a.) | Since inception (p.a.) |
|--|---------|----------|--------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Milford Global Corporate Bond Fund<br>(Gross Of Tax) | 0.14%   | 0.52%    | 6.00%  | 4.97%          | -              | 4.87%                  |
| After Tax 10.50%                                     | 0.13%   | 0.47%    | 5.37%  | 4.44%          | -              | 4.35%                  |
| After Tax 17.50%                                     | 0.12%   | 0.43%    | 4.95%  | 4.09%          | -              | 4.01%                  |
| After Tax 28.00%                                     | 0.11%   | 0.38%    | 4.32%  | 3.57%          | -              | 3.49%                  |
| Benchmark  | 0.39%   | 0.95%    | 6.98%  | 4.68%          | -              | 3.92%                  |

# **Top Fixed Interest Holdings**

| Holdings                     | % of Fund |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Seagate 4.091% 2029          | 1.46%     |
| Danaher Corp 0.45% 2028      | 1.45%     |
| McDonald's 3% 2024           | 1.39%     |
| NXP BV 4.3% 2029             | 1.32%     |
| John Deere 1.75% 2024        | 1.30%     |
| Macquarie 3.052% 2036        | 1.28%     |
| John Deere 0.70% 2026        | 1.21%     |
| Crown Castle 2.25% 2031      | 1.19%     |
| Vantage Towers 0.75% 2030    | 1.18%     |
| Bank of America 1.898% 2031  | 1.18%     |
| Aroundtown 4.5% 2025         | 1.15%     |
| Nordea Bank 0.5% 2027        | 1.13%     |
| CBA 2.688% 2030              | 1.13%     |
| Vodafone 4.2% 2027           | 1.13%     |
| Alphabet 0.8% 2027           | 1.11%     |
| United Utilities 0.875% 2029 | 1.10%     |
| Masco 2% 2030                | 1.10%     |
| Holcim 0.625% 2030           | 1.08%     |
| AT&T 1.65% 2028              | 1.05%     |
| Thermo Fisher 0.5% 2028      | 1.00%     |

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

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

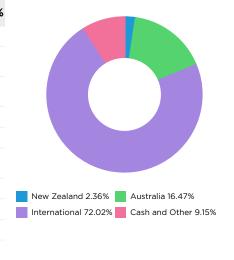
|                              | Actual<br>Investment Mix | Neutral<br>Investment Mix |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Effective Cash#              | 7.80%                    | 5.00%                     |
| New Zealand Fixed Interest   | 0.88%                    | 0%                        |
| International Fixed Interest | 89.97%                   | 95.00%                    |
| New Zealand Equities         | 0.00%                    | 0%                        |
| Australian Equities          | 0.00%                    | 0%                        |
| International Equities       | 0.00%                    | 0%                        |
| Other                        | 1.35%                    | 0%                        |

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 5.56%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

#### **Sector Allocation**

| Allocation                | Weight % |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Financials                | 29.28%   |
| Communication<br>Services | 12.43%   |
| Information<br>Technology | 9.33%    |
| Real Estate               | 8.77%    |
| Industrials               | 8.35%    |
| Consumer<br>Discretionary | 6.66%    |
| Materials                 | 5.77%    |
| Health Care               | 4.22%    |
| Energy                    | 2.56%    |
| Consumer Staples          | 1.87%    |
| Utilities                 | 1.66%    |
| Cash and Other            | 9.15%    |

#### **Region Exposure**



<sup>1.</sup> After the base fund fee but before tax. 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. Returns prior to 1 March 2018 are from when the Fund was previously offered to wholesale investors only and have been adjusted for the current Total Fund Fees. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.