

# Milford KiwiSaver Plan KiwiSaver Aggressive Fund

## Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 December 2023



### Portfolio Managers



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The Fund gained 4.3% in December. The strong rally in global share markets continued, buoyed by hopes of interest rate cuts in 2024.

The top contributor was semiconductor producer Micron Technology (+12.3%), driven by recovering chip prices which will support a strong earnings recovery in 2024. Ride-hailing giant Uber (+9.2%), delivered another strong month, on confirmation of S&P 500 Index inclusion. Meta (+8.2%) capped off a stellar 2023, with shares rising over 190% in the year. Other strong performers included US hospital operator HCA (+8.1%), non-alcoholic beverage bottler Coca-Cola Europacific Partners (+10.1%), and building materials company CRH PLC (+12.0%).

Negative contributors included insurance broker Arthur J Gallagher & Co (-9.7%) as investors rotated away from companies that are more defensive and that benefit from inflation. Bank of Ireland (-4.3%) also underperformed on concerns rising deposit costs will reduce its net interest income this year. Encouragingly the stock has made a strong start to 2024.

Australian shares soared in December with biopharma company Neuren Pharmaceuticals (+61.1%) a standout, making strong gains for a second consecutive month on positive phase two clinical trials results for a medicine in development. Other positive contributors included New Zealand accounting software provider Xero (+9.0%) and natural gas company Santos (+10.0%).

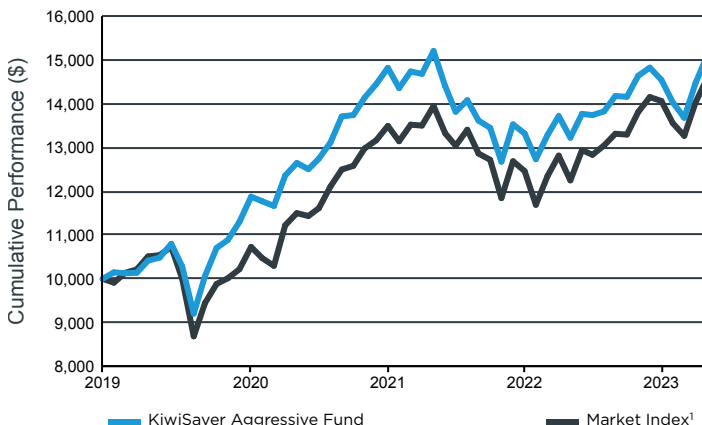
Looking ahead, share markets will be sensitive to the outlook for interest rates, particularly the prospect of cuts. Many economists now expect a soft-landing scenario in the US, where labour markets stay resilient and we avoid a significant rise in the unemployment rate. While this is possible, there are still risks and we remain well diversified, so the portfolio can perform in a variety of economic scenarios.

To view Milford's December 2023 Market and Economic Review please see [milfordasset.com/insights](https://milfordasset.com/insights).

For previous fund reports see [milfordasset.com/fund-reports](https://milfordasset.com/fund-reports).

### Cumulative Fund Performance

(after fees and before tax)



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

### Key Fund Facts

<b>Objective <sup>2</sup></b>	To maximise capital growth over the minimum recommended investment timeframe
<b>Description</b>	Primarily invests in international equities, with a moderate allocation to Australasian equities

<b>Minimum recommended investment timeframe</b>	10 years +
<b>Target Allocation</b>	5% Income Assets / 95% Growth Assets
<b>Neutral FX Exposure</b>	24.5%
<b>Net Asset Value (NAV)</b>	\$1,233.7 M
<b>Buy-sell Spread</b>	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)
<b>Inception Date</b>	1 August 2019
<b>Benchmark</b>	Not applicable
<b>Base Fund Fee <sup>3</sup></b>	1.15%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	Not applicable
<b>Total Fund Fees <sup>4</sup></b>	1.15%
<b>Risk Indicator</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Lower risk</span> <span>Higher risk</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <span>1</span> <span>2</span> <span>3</span> <span>4</span> <span style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">5</span> <span>6</span> <span>7</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>Potentially lower returns</span> <span>Potentially higher returns</span> </div>

# KiwiSaver Aggressive Fund as at 31 December 2023

## Investment Performance after fees as at 31 December 2023<sup>5</sup>

Unit Price: \$1.4995

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford KiwiSaver Aggressive Fund (Gross Of Tax)	4.29%	7.54%	14.13%	6.08%	-	9.76%
After Tax 10.50%	4.21%	7.33%	13.68%	5.81%	-	9.41%
After Tax 17.50%	4.15%	7.19%	13.37%	5.63%	-	9.18%
After Tax 28.00%	4.06%	6.99%	12.91%	5.36%	-	8.83%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	3.96%	7.53%	19.04%	8.24%	-	8.90%

## Top Security Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
HCA Holdings	2.78%
Fiserv	2.76%
Meta Platforms	2.65%
Elevance Health	2.54%
Uber Technologies	2.32%
Microsoft	2.32%
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	2.31%
Servicenow	2.26%
Avantor	2.26%
Sony	2.07%

## Current Asset Allocation

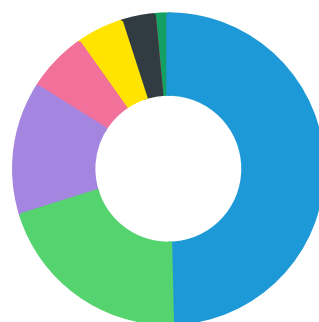
	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	0.00%	0.0%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	0.00%	0.0%
International Fixed Interest	0.00%	0.0%
New Zealand Equities	5.06%	5%
Australian Equities	22.69%	20%
International Equities	70.74%	70%
Other	1.51%	0.0%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 9.74%. 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 %
Health Care	15.80%
Information Technology	13.99%
Financials	13.88%
Industrials	12.88%
Consumer Discretionary	11.78%
Materials	8.15%
Consumer Staples	6.13%
Energy	6.09%
Other Sectors	9.79%
Cash and Other	1.51%

## Region Exposure



United States 49.63%	Australia 20.49%
Europe 13.78%	New Zealand 6.28%
Japan 4.85%	Other countries 3.46%
China 0.00%	India 0.00%
Cash and Other 1.51%	



**PROVIDER OF THE YEAR**  
KIWISAVER 2020 - 2023



**OUTSTANDING VALUE**  
KIWISAVER SCHEME 2020 - 2023

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 and before the performance fee. 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. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

Please refer to the 'Glossary for the Monthly Fact Sheet' at [milfordasset.com/fact-sheet-ks](http://milfordasset.com/fact-sheet-ks) for more information about the data published within this document.

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