



## **Portfolio Managers**





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The Fund was down 2.0% in February. Similar to January, the European and UK markets continued to outperform the US due to growing concerns around the strength of the US economy, as well as uncertainty regarding Trump's tariff policies. In particular, investors shifted into defensive sectors, while moving away from US technology stocks where the debate regarding elevated AI spending continues.

Positive contributors included payments giant Fiserv (+9.1%) after posting upbeat results driven by Clover, which provides point of sale (POS) solutions for small businesses. UK and European positions outperformed, including UK bank NatWest Group (+10.6%) which benefited from solid earnings earlier in the month as well as the general rotation into financials, and multinational bottling company Coca-Cola Europacific Partners (+9.8%) which also reported well and was boosted by the announcement that it is expected to join the UK FTSE 100 index.

Negative contributors included life sciences company Avantor (-25.0%) as results came in below expectations with the anticipated recovery taking longer to come through than originally expected. Dun & Bradstreet (-26.3%), a data and analytics company, posted weak results impacted by pipeline delays as well as distractions from its ongoing strategic review. After a strong January, Amazon (-10.7%) was subject to profit-taking after results came in slightly light of expectations. We remain optimistic about the momentum for its cloud computing business AWS as well as the profitability outlook for its retail operations.

Closer to home, a2 Milk (+37.3%) delivered a stellar result driven by continued market share gains in the Chinese infant formula market, which is expected to continue with the launch of new products. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare (-9.4%) was impacted by news of Mexican tariffs which could impact earnings in the short term given they have manufacturing facilities in Mexico.

Looking ahead, global economic growth remains broadly resilient, despite some recent weakness in economic data and uncertainty regarding Trump's policy agenda. This year, we have seen signs of the broadening out in market performance, and we expect that trend to continue. We remain well-diversified, positioning the portfolio to perform across a variety of economic scenarios.

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### **Cumulative Fund Performance**

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

# **Key Fund Facts**

Objective <sup>2</sup>	To maximise capital growth over the minimum recommended investment timeframe					
Description	Primarily invests in international equities, with a moderate allocation to Australasian equities					
Minimum recommended investment timeframe		10 years +				
Target Allocation		5% Income Assets / 95% Growth Assets				
Neutral FX Exposure		35.0%				
Net Asset Value (NAV)		\$2,211.1 M				
Buy-sell Spread		None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)				
Inception Date		1 August 2019				
Benchmark		Not applicable				
Base Fund Fee <sup>3</sup>		1.15%				
Performance Fee		Not applicable				
Total Fund Fees <sup>4</sup>		1.15%				
		Lower risk Higher risk				
Risk Indicator		1 2 3 4 5 6 7				
		Potentially lower returns Potentially higher returns				



### Investment Performance after fees as at 28 February 2025<sup>5</sup>

#### Unit Price: \$1.8088

	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)	-1.96%	0.90%	13.49%	9.69%	12.13%	11.36%
After Tax 10.50%	-1.96%	0.84%	13.09%	9.33%	11.71%	11.00%
After Tax 17.50%	-1.97%	0.81%	12.82%	9.10%	11.43%	10.76%
After Tax 28.00%	-1.97%	0.76%	12.42%	8.75%	11.01%	10.40%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	-1.18%	1.48%	17.60%	11.75%	12.71%	11.32%

## **Top Security Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
Microsoft	3.96%
Amazon	3.83%
Fiserv	2.81%
Shell	2.49%
Bank of America	2.28%
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	2.03%
Interactive Brokers	2.03%
CRH	2.02%
NatWest Group	1.99%
Aramark	1.91%

# **Current Asset Allocation**

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	9.43%	5%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	0.04%	0.0%
International Fixed Interest	0.04%	0.0%
New Zealand Equities	5.05%	5%
Australian Equities	13.17%	20%
International Equities	72.27%	70%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 11.81%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

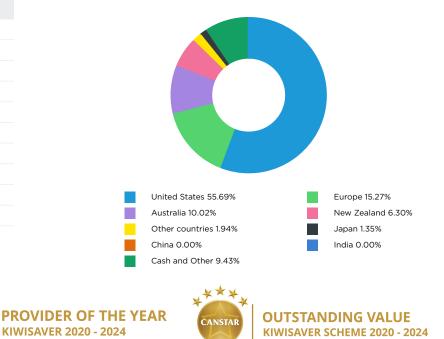
### **Sector Allocation**

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Allocation	Weight %
Financials	17.29%
Information Technology	16.23%
Consumer Discretionary	12.12%
Industrials	10.83%
Health Care	7.78%
Communication Services	6.51%
Materials	6.47%
Consumer Staples	3.97%
Other Sectors	9.37%
Cash and Other	9.43%

## **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 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 guarantee of future returns.

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