# Milford KiwiSaver Plan KiwiSaver Balanced Fund

# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 30 November 2023

# **Portfolio Managers**



Mark Riggall Portfolio Manager



Paul Morris Co-Portfolio Manager

The Fund returned 3.3% in November, bringing the oneyear return to 5.1%. November was a very strong month for returns, an encouraging development after a tough year for asset prices. The month saw large rallies in both bond and share markets with a rising tide lifting all boats. In a remarkably swift change in direction from the weaker markets over the three months prior, investors have rapidly embraced the notion of a soft landing, and stocks and bonds have moved to reflect this consensus.

The Fund had increased its exposure to shares at the end of October and this helped capture the rally over the past month. Furthermore, the outperformance of corporate bonds relative to government bonds also helped returns in the month, as the portfolio is heavily tilted to corporate bonds. In a month where everything rallied, stock selection was less of a feature for returns. but it was encouraging to see recent addition Uber Technologies (+30.3%) do so well. Some of the interest rate sensitive names that we hold also did well, such as Australian property group Stockland (+16.7%).

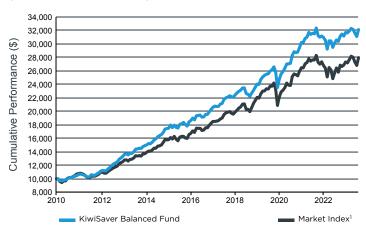
Looking ahead, we are encouraged that the cycle is evolving in a benign way, with inflation falling and economic growth remaining modestly positive. But we are concerned that investors have become a little over enamoured with the soft-landing outlook and much of the good news is already priced in. To that end, the Fund reduced exposure to both stocks and bonds at the end of the month.

To view Milford's November 2023 Market and Economic Review please see milfordasset.com/insights.

For previous fund reports see 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**

Objective <sup>2</sup>	To provide capital growth over the minimum recommended investment timeframe
Description	Diversified fund that primarily invests in equities, with a significant allocation to fixed interest

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Minimum recommended investment timeframe	5 years +				
Target Allocation	39% Income Assets / 61% Growth Assets				
Neutral FX Exposure	13.0%				
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$1,240.8 M				
Buy-sell Spread	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)				
Inception Date	1 April 2010				
Benchmark	Not applicable				
Base Fund Fee <sup>3</sup>	1.05%				
Performance Fee	The Fund may invest into related Milford funds that charge performance fees.				
Total Fund Fees 4	1.06% (includes an est. performance fee)				
	Lower risk Higher risk				
Risk Indicator	1 2 3 4 5 6 7				

Potentially lower returns

# **External Ratings**



The Milford KiwiSaver Balanced Fund has a Morningstar Analyst Rating<sup>TM</sup> of 'Silver' as of 06-09-2023

Potentially higher returns



Unit Price: \$3.0724

## Investment Performance after fees as at 30 November 2023<sup>5</sup>

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford KiwiSaver Balanced Fund (Gross Of Tax)	3.28%	-0.03%	5.05%	4.32%	7.37%	8.92%
After Tax 10.50%	3.19%	-0.23%	4.60%	4.09%	7.07%	8.43%
After Tax 17.50%	3.13%	-0.37%	4.31%	3.93%	6.87%	8.11%
After Tax 28.00%	3.04%	-0.57%	3.87%	3.69%	6.58%	7.63%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	4.30%	-0.15%	5.81%	3.61%	6.63%	7.82%

### **Top Equity Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	1.76%
Spark	1.45%
HCA Holdings	1.45%
Shell	1.33%
Fiserv	1.21%
Elevance Health	1.19%
Telstra	1.19%
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	1.10%
Bank of Ireland Group	0.95%
Goodman	0.93%

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash#	15.95%	8%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	8.96%	6%
International Fixed Interest	28.05%	25.0%
New Zealand Equities	7.25%	11%
Australian Equities	13.54%	13%
International Equities	20.77%	30%
Listed Property	4.05%	7%
Other	1.43%	0.0%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 5.71%. 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
NZGBI 2% 2025	2.37%
Westpac 7.199% 2038	0.82%
Scentre Group 5.125% 2080	0.65%
NatWest 5.125% Perpetual	0.54%
British Telecommunications	0.49%
AT&T 2.875% Perpetual	0.47%
Telstra 4.9% 2028	0.47%
CBA 4.9% 2028	0.44%
Contact 6.398% 2030	0.43%
JPMorgan 4.457% 2031	0.40%

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

#### **Fund Allocation**









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.