# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 August 2023



# **Portfolio Managers**





Paul Morris

In August, the Fund returned -0.1%, bringing the one-year return to 4.1%.

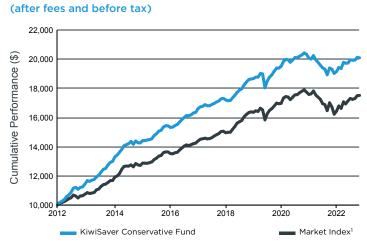
Market returns were weaker in the month. Global and NZ shares delivered their worst monthly performance of 2023 whilst bond prices were mixed. In currencies, the NZ dollar weakened by almost 4% against the US dollar. Investors are grappling with a diverging world, with a very strong US economy contrasting with a weaker Europe and China, with NZ and Australia also in the weak category.

Last month, the Fund's asset allocation tilts paid off as we had been underweighting the NZ dollar, increased exposure to Australian bonds vs US bonds, and held a lower exposure to shares. In addition, volatility in bond prices over the month allowed for an increase in bond exposure in the Fund in general.

Even allowing for the large divergences in global growth, the trend does look to be one of gently slowing. With central banks largely done on their hiking cycle, the coming year should be one where bonds prices stop falling or can maybe rise, in addition to the strong yields on offer from the bonds themselves.

To view Milford's August 2023 Market and Economic Review please see <u>milfordasset.com/insights</u>.

# Cumulative Fund Performance



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

# **Key Fund Facts**

Objective <sup>2</sup>	To provide moderate returns and protect capital over the minimum recommended investment timeframe							
Description	Diversified fund that primarily invests in fixed interest securities, with a moderate allocation to equities. While conservative in nature, the Fund may experience short term negative returns, particularly in times of heightened volatility							
Minimum recomm investment timefra		3 years +						
Target Allocation		82% Income Assets / 18% Growth Assets						
Neutral FX Exposure		0%						
Net Asset Value (NAV)		\$217.4 M						
Yield <sup>3</sup>		5.25%						
Average Credit Rating		BBB+						
Duration		2.5 years						
Buy-sell Spread		None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)						
Inception Date		1 October 2012						
Benchmark		Not applicable						
Base Fund Fee <sup>4</sup>		0.95%						
Performance Fee		Not applicable						
Total Fund Fees <sup>5</sup>		0.95%						
		Lower risk					Hig	her risk
<b>Risk Indicator</b>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Potentially	lower	returns		Potential	ly higher	returns



### Investment Performance after fees as at 31 August 2023<sup>6</sup>

#### Unit Price: \$1.9735

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford KiwiSaver Conservative Fund (Gross Of Tax)	-0.14%	0.79%	4.05%	1.20%	3.06%	6.60%
After Tax 10.50%	-0.18%	0.72%	3.69%	1.17%	2.82%	6.13%
After Tax 17.50%	-0.21%	0.67%	3.46%	1.16%	2.67%	5.82%
After Tax 28.00%	-0.25%	0.60%	3.10%	1.13%	2.44%	5.36%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	0.12%	1.57%	4.71%	1.03%	3.09%	5.27%

# **Top Equity Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	0.75%
Spark	0.60%
Shell	0.56%
Elevance Health	0.55%
HCA Holdings	0.53%
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	0.52%
APA	0.51%
Fiserv	0.48%
Bank of Ireland Group	0.44%
Goodman	0.41%

**Top Fixed Interest Holdings** 

Holdings

NZGBI 2% 2025

BNZ 5.87% 2028

NZ Govt. 3.5% 2033

NZLGFA 1.5% 2026

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CBA 5.398% 2027

CBA 4.9% 2028

Housing NZ 3.42% 2028

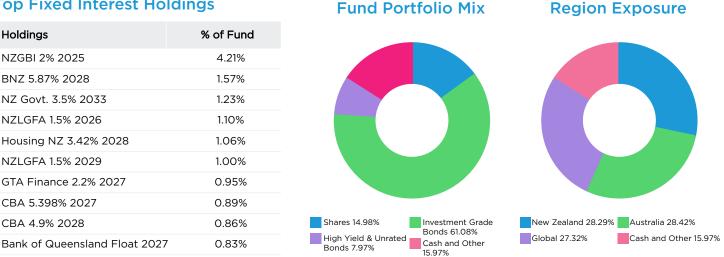
GTA Finance 2.2% 2027

# **Current Asset Allocation**

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	15.97%	7%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	24.37%	25%
International Fixed Interest	44.68%	50.0%
New Zealand Equities	2.28%	1.5%
Australian Equities	2.08%	2.5%
International Equities	8.48%	9%
Listed Property	2.14%	5%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 9.79%. 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**



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



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. 3. The yield to maturity is not an indicator of future return, but reflects the current yield to maturity of the fund's underlying holdings (before tax and after the base fund fee). 4. Where applicable, the Base Fund Fee includes an estimate of non-related underlying fund charges. 5. 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. 6. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

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