# Milford KiwiSaver Conservative Fund

Portfolio Investment Entity

# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 January 2022



#### Portfolio Managers







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There were few safe havens outside cash in January as a turbulent month for financial markets saw both bonds and shares broadly weaker, resulting in a negative Fund return of -1.4%. The move higher in market interest rates continues to be the predominant headwind to Fund returns, as it has been for the past year, pushing bond prices lower again. Combined with some moderation in company earnings growth expectations, albeit from elevated levels, this also precipitated a repricing lower of many share markets. Although the Fund retained a lower exposure to bonds, a reduced share exposure and more cash, it was insufficient to prevent a disappointing loss.

We have held off adding back to the Fund's lower than long run neutral exposure to bonds through this weakness, as valuations may still need to adjust further to waning central bank support. Ultimately however a higher interest rate backdrop should benefit future fund returns, even if for now we think patience is appropriate.

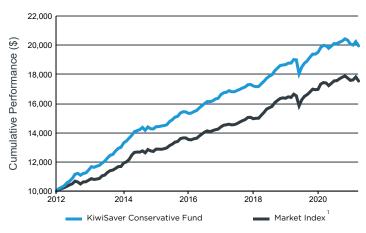
This approach also holds for the Fund's share allocation which remains lower than its long run neutral. We had been diversifying away from companies with more elevated valuations and companies more likely to be negatively impacted by higher interest rates. This has to an extent cushioned returns. It included a lower allocation to traditional income shares. Now however, given the adjustment lower in valuations, we may selectively look to reallocate to more defensive incomeoriented shares.

Looking ahead, we think the Fund is well placed to deliver moderate returns over its recommended investment timeframe. The transition to a higher level of market interest rates is well progressed. For now, we will retain a lower than long term neutral exposure to interest rates, and a higher cash balance at the expense of less corporate bonds and shares. As discussed, we will look to invest some of this cash selectively should valuations at the individual bond and share level provide attractive medium-term returns.

To view Milford's February 2022 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.

#### **Key Fund Facts**

To provide moderate returns and protect capital Objective 2

over the minimum recommended investment

timeframe

Diversified fund that primarily invests in fixed Description interest securities, with a moderate allocation to

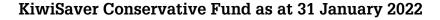
equities

Minimum recommended 3 years + investment timeframe 82% Income Assets / 18% Growth **Target Allocation** Assets **Neutral FX Exposure** 0% Net Asset Value (NAV) \$186.0 M Yield 3 3.05% Average Credit Rating A-Duration 2.2 years None - swing pricing applies (See PDS **Buy-sell Spread** for details) Inception Date 1 October 2012 Benchmark Not applicable Base Fund Fee 4 0.95% Performance Fee Not applicable Total Fund Fees 5 0.95% Lower risk Higher risk 5 7 Risk Indicator 1 2 6

Potentially lower returns

Potentially higher returns







Unit Price: \$1.9621

#### Investment Performance after fees as at 31 January 2022<sup>6</sup>

	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)	-1.44%	-0.63%	0%	4.74%	5.14%	7.68%
After Tax 10.50%	-1.36%	-0.56%	0.22%	4.42%	4.75%	7.14%
After Tax 17.50%	-1.31%	-0.52%	0.36%	4.20%	4.49%	6.78%
After Tax 28.00%	-1.23%	-0.45%	0.58%	3.88%	4.11%	6.24%
Market Index <sup>1</sup>	-1.59%	-0.25%	0.80%	4.87%	5.18%	6.21%

#### **Top Equity Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	0.55%
Spark	0.40%
Atlantia	0.38%
Goodman	0.36%
HCA Holdings	0.36%
Anthem	0.35%
Telstra	0.34%
Transurban	0.33%
Charter Hall Retail	0.32%
NAB	0.30%

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash#	18.19%	7.0%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	23.90%	25.0%
International Fixed Interest	43.93%	50.0%
New Zealand Equities	2.31%	1.5%
Australian Equities	2.49%	2.5%
International Equities	5.82%	9.0%
Listed Property	3.36%	5.0%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

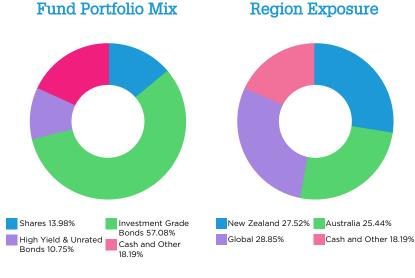
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 13.51%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure)

## Top Fixed Interest Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
NZ Govt. 0.5% 2026	2.81%
Kiwibank 1.3% 2022	2.20%
NZGBI 2% 2025	1.99%
ANZ 1.45% 2022	1.95%
NZLGFA 1.5% 2026	1.36%
ANZ 2.999% 2031	0.97%
Government of Australia 0.5% 2026	0.91%
Scentre Group 4.75% 2080	0.78%
Housing NZ 3.36% 2025	0.67%
NZLGFA 1.5% 2029	0.65%

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

### Fund Portfolio Mix









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. Yield (before tax and fees) for underlying investments in the Fund. 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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