## Trans-Tasman Bond Fund

Portfolio Investment Entity

# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 30 June 2022



#### Portfolio Managers



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In another extremely volatile month for bond markets, the Fund fell 0.9%, 0.2% below its benchmark. High inflation and tighter central bank monetary policy continued to push market interest rates higher (bond prices lower), albeit they closed well below mid-month highs. In June central banks continued to move policy away from emergency settings. The Reserve Bank of Australia increased its cash rate by 0.50 percentage points, while offshore the US Federal Reserve raised rates by 0.75 percentage points.

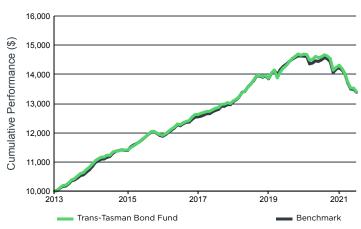
During June the Fund benefitted from a below neutral exposure to US interest rates but this was offset by a greater than benchmark exposure to NZ interest rates, which moved higher in sympathy with global interest rates. Corporate bonds, to which the Fund is most exposed, continued to weaken as a result of elevated interest rate volatility and increasing risks to global growth and earnings. The Fund's moderate overweight was therefore a small drag versus benchmark. The Fund remained active in primary markets, participating in new capital notes from Genesis Energy and Vector, as well as secondary markets – amongst others, adding Brisbane Airport and Coles (Australian supermarket) and reducing McDonalds (in Australian Dollars).

While stubbornly high global inflation is expected to keep risks skewed towards higher market interest rates, Australasian market interest rates have already moved a significant way towards long run fair value. Therefore with higher, and closer to fair value market interest rates, we see some pockets of value in corporate bonds. The Fund maintains its above neutral exposure to NZ interest rates where we continue to believe the market pricing more fully reflects the potential for interest rate moves given risks to NZ's growth outlook. This is offset by below neutral exposure to US interest rates meaning overall exposure is close to neutral.

To view Milford's July 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, and assumes reinvestment of distribution.

#### **Key Fund Facts**

Objective <sup>1</sup>	To generate a positive, low volatility return that exceeds the relevant benchmark over the minimum
	recommended investment timeframe

Description	Primarily invests in trans-Tasman fixed interest securities						
Minimum recommended investment timeframe		3 years +					
Target Allocation		100% Income Assets / 0% Growth Assets					
Neutral FX Exposure		0%					
Net Asset Value (NAV)		\$1,152.3 M					
Yield <sup>2</sup>		4.98%					
Average Credit Ra	ating	А					
Duration		3.61 years					
Rating Categories	5	Inv.Grade 87% / High Yield 5% / Unrated 4%					
Inception Date		2 December 2013					
Current Distributi	on	0.45 cents per unit (Quarterly)					
Benchmark		50% x S&P/ASX Corporate Bond 0+ Total Return Index (100% NZD-hedged) + 50% x S&P/NZX Investment Grade Corporate Bond Total Return Index					
Base Fund Fee <sup>3</sup>		0.65%					
Performance Fee		Not applicable					
Total Fund Fees 4		0.65%					
		Lower risk Higher risk					
Risk Indicator		1 2 3 4 5 6 7					
		Potentially lower returns Potentially higher returns					





Unit Price: \$1.0817

#### Investment Performance after fees as at 30 June 2022<sup>5</sup>

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Trans-Tasman Bond Fund (Gross Of Tax)	-0.91%	-2.42%	-8.20%	-0.64%	1.77%	3.47%
After Tax 10.50%	-0.82%	-2.17%	-7.36%	-0.56%	1.59%	3.11%
After Tax 17.50%	-0.75%	-2.00%	-6.80%	-0.51%	1.47%	2.87%
After Tax 28.00%	-0.66%	-1.75%	-5.94%	-0.44%	1.29%	2.50%
Benchmark	-0.73%	-2.32%	-7.63%	-0.70%	1.80%	3.46%

## Top Fixed Interest Holdings

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Holdings	% of Fund
NZLGFA 2.25% 2028	3.54%
NZLGFA 1.5% 2026	3.15%
NZLGFA 2.25% 2024	2.92%
NZLGFA 4.5% 2027	2.21%
NZLGFA 2.25% 2031	2.04%
Monash University 4.05% 2029	1.95%
Genesis 5.66% 2027	1.72%
Housing NZ 3.36% 2025	1.56%
NZLGFA 1.5% 2029	1.45%
Spark 4.37% 2028	1.45%
ANZ Float 2024	1.42%
NAB Float 2026	1.35%
Vector 3.69% 2027	1.35%
Macquarie Float 2025	1.34%
BNZ 3.63% 2024	1.30%
CBA 2.552% 2027	1.29%
NZLGFA 3.5% 2033	1.26%
IAG 5.32% 2038	1.25%
CIBC Float 2026	1.24%
Stockland Trust 2.3% 2028	1.22%

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

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

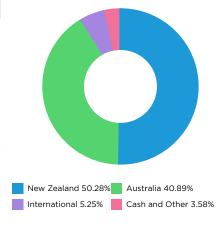
	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash#	3.58%	3.0%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	49.68%	48.5%
International Fixed Interest	46.61%	48.5%
New Zealand Equities	0.13%	0.0%
Australian Equities	0.00%	0.0%
International Equities	0.00%	0.0%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 2.89%. 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 %
Government	24.64%
Financials	23.01%
Real Estate	13.52%
Utilities	12.72%
Industrials	8.27%
Consumer Discretionary	5.05%
Communication Services	3.91%
Consumer Staples	3.75%
Other Sectors	1.55%
Cash and Other	3.58%

### **Region Exposure**



<sup>1.</sup> After the base fund fee but before tax. 2. Yield to maturity (before tax and fees) for underlying investments in the Fund. 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. Includes the reinvestment of distributions. Returns prior to 1 March 2018 are from when the Fund was previously offered to wholesale investors only and have been adjusted for the current Total Fund Fees. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.