# Trans-Tasman Equity Fund

Portfolio Investment Entity

# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 30 April 2020



#### Portfolio Managers



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The Fund bounced back strongly in April, returning 9.2%. The Fund return compares to a 7.5% return for the NZX 50 index and a 8.8% return for the ASX 200 index.

Outside of the general risk-on tone this month, large stock movements were driven by capital raisings. Nearly \$1.6bn of capital was raised by NZX 50 companies to address immediate cashflow issues created by COVID-19 and multiples more was raised on the ASX. The Fund participated in several of the deals as in each case the capital raising removed the immediate cash flow or balance sheet risk for the company. These included: Auckland Airport, National Australia Bank and Kathmandu. Throughout March investors had been attempting to second guess which companies would raise equity and had discounted the share prices accordingly. With Auckland Airport, it will not be until later this year at the earliest before anyone knows what the post COVID-19 business looks like, the valuation was reasonable at the deal price and removed the immediate balance sheet risk. We trimmed some of our holding later in the month.

Elsewhere key contributors included Collins Foods (+35.8%), Xero (+17.1%) and a2 Milk (+14.2%). Both Collins Foods and Xero rallied after being heavily sold in March. a2 Milk provided FY20 guidance above consensus driven by pantry stocking and margin tailwinds. On a relative basis, headwinds came from SkyCity (+42.2%) and Air New Zealand (+58.2%). Both benefited from improved sentiment after being sold heavily in March. We believe the capital position and earnings outlook for both remains highly uncertain due to COVID-19.

We expect the local equity markets to remain volatile in the coming months given the evolving implications of the virus. However, the Fund invests in companies not markets. We will continue to remain very active, ensuring the Fund is positioned in companies where the medium-term prospects are attractive. We have retained our bias towards quality growth exposures (like a2 Milk, CSL and Mainfreight) and defensive exposures with strong balance sheets (like Spark). We continue to avoid companies where we see stretched balance sheets, earnings or valuation risk.

To view Milford's May 2020 Market and Economic Review please see <u>milfordasset.com/fact-sheet</u>.

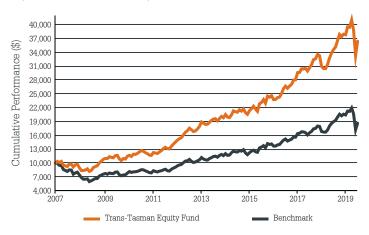
### **External Ratings**



Milford Trans-Tasman Equity Fund received a Morningstar Analyst Rating<sup>TM</sup> of 'Silver' on 13-03-2019

#### **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>	Capital growth by out-performing a mix of two relevant share market indices over a minimum of five years				
Description	Primarily invests in Australasian equities				
Target Allocation	5% Income Assets / 95% Growth Assets				
Neutral FX Exposure	0%				
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$420.4 M				
Buy-sell Spread	None				
Inception Date	1 October 2007				
Current Distribution	1.5 cents per unit (Biannually)				
Benchmark	50% x S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index (100% NZD-hedged) + 50% x S&P/NZX 50 Gross Index				
Base Fund Fee <sup>2</sup>	1.05%				
Performance Fee	15% of the Fund's returns above the Benchmark <sup>1</sup> , subject to the high watermark.				
Total Fund Fees <sup>3</sup>	1.05%				
	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 30 April 2020<sup>4</sup>

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Trans-Tasman Equity Fund (Gross Of Tax)	9.24%	-11.24%	5.23%	10.92%	11.60%	10.81%
After Tax 10.50%	9.34%	-11.20%	4.99%	10.60%	11.19%	10.37%
After Tax 17.50%	9.41%	-11.17%	4.84%	10.38%	10.91%	10.14%
After Tax 28.00%	9.52%	-11.13%	4.60%	10.05%	10.50%	9.75%
Benchmark	8.25%	-15.08%	-1.78%	6.99%	8.51%	5.07%

# **Top Security Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund's NAV	
a2 Milk Company	10.23%	
Fisher & Paykel Healthcare	7.88%	
CSL	6.26%	
Spark New Zealand	3.85%	
Mainfreight	3.63%	
Xero	3.57%	
Contact Energy	3.06%	
Transurban Group	2.95%	
National Australia Bank	2.93%	
Auckland Airport	2.79%	

# Sector Exposure

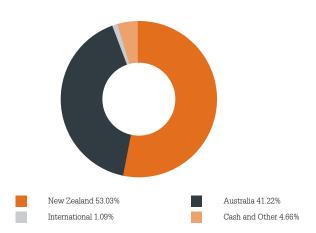
Allocation	Weight %	
Health Care	21.08%	
Financials	13.17%	
Consumer Staples	13.15%	
Industrials	10.51%	
Utilities	9.29%	
Materials	9.24%	
Information Technology	5.82%	
Communication Services	5.32%	
Other Sectors	7.76%	
Cash and Other	4.66%	

### **Current Asset Allocation**

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash#	4.66%	5.00%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	0.00%	0%
International Fixed Interest	0.00%	0%
New Zealand Equities	49.98%	47.50%
Australian Equities	45.36%	47.50%
International Equities	0.00%	0%
Other	0.00%	0%

<sup>\*</sup> The actual cash held by the Fund is 5.82%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

## **Region Exposure**



Please refer to the 'Glossary for the Monthly Fact Sheet' at milfordasset.com/fact-sheet for more information about the data published within this document.



Unit Price: \$2.9528

<sup>1.</sup> After the base fund fee but before tax and before the performance fee. 2. Where applicable, the Base Fund Fee includes an estimate of non-related underlying fund charges. 3. 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. 4. Assumes the reinvestment of distributions. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.