

# Trans-Tasman Equity Fund

## Portfolio Investment Entity

### Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 March 2024



## Portfolio Managers



**Sam Trethewey**  
Portfolio Manager



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The Fund gained 3.9% in March as the recent upward momentum in equity markets continued. The Fund return compares to a 3.1% gain for the NZX 50 index and a 3.4% return for the ASX 200.

Fund performance was led by Gentrack (+11.9%) and Beach Energy (+14.7%), while the Fund's largest holding, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare (+4.7%), also assisted performance. Gentrack, a utility billing software company, continues to expand its billing products into a large and growing global market and rallied alongside global technology shares. Beach Energy delivered a positive update under the leadership of a new CEO at its February result and continued to be sought after by investors. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare provided a stronger than anticipated trading update to the market, driven by stronger hospital revenue across its product portfolio over the past six months. Over the month we added to Meridian Energy, as a potential Tiwai deal edges closer, and reduced iron ore miners BHP and Rio Tinto on share price strength.

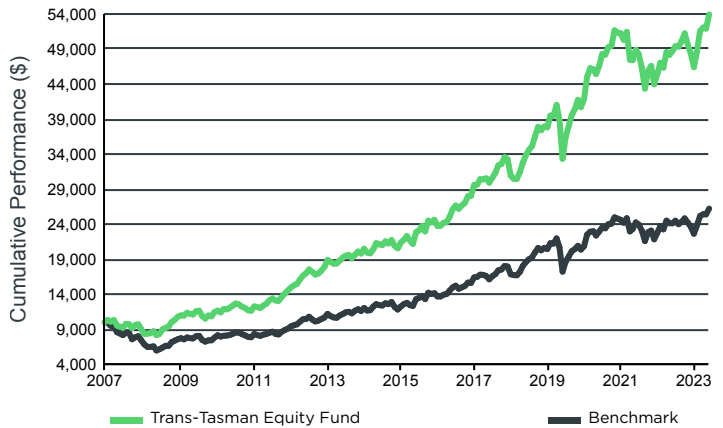
Looking ahead, the economic cycle continues to progress. In NZ, earnings are now clearly in the downturn phase following a negative GDP data release for the December 2023 quarter and the February earnings season. This highlighted that revenue pressure is impacting the performance of many cyclical companies as consumer spending slows and cost pressures persist. We remain very cautious of local companies heavily exposed to the economy given the stage of the cycle. However, this economic environment should see increasing pressure on our Reserve Bank to reduce interest rates. This would be a key positive catalyst for the NZ equity market. In the meantime, we expect Australian shares to continue to benefit from a relatively more robust economy and strong commodity prices. Regardless of the economic backdrop, we continue to find attractive investment opportunities and remain confident in our portfolio companies and their ability to produce attractive, risk-adjusted returns over the medium term.

To view Milford's March 2024 Market and Economic Review please see [milfordasset.com/insights](https://milfordasset.com/insights).

For previous fund reports see [milfordasset.com/fund-reports](https://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, and assumes reinvestment of distribution.

## Key Fund Facts

### Objective<sup>1</sup>

To provide capital growth by out-performing a mix of two relevant share market indices over the minimum recommended investment timeframe

### Description

Primarily invests in Australasian equities with the ability to invest in international equities opportunistically

<b>Minimum recommended investment timeframe</b>	8 years +
<b>Target Allocation</b>	5% Income Assets / 95% Growth Assets
<b>Neutral FX Exposure</b>	0%
<b>Net Asset Value (NAV)</b>	\$656.6 M
<b>Buy-sell Spread</b>	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)
<b>Inception Date</b>	1 October 2007
<b>Current Distribution</b>	1.5 cents per unit (Biannually)
<b>Benchmark</b>	50% x S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index (100% NZD-hedged) + 50% x S&P/NZX 50 Gross Index
<b>Base Fund Fee<sup>2</sup></b>	1.05%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	15% of the Fund's returns above the Benchmark <sup>1</sup> , subject to the high watermark.
<b>Total Fund Fees<sup>3</sup></b>	1.05%
<b>Risk Indicator</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Lower risk</span> <span>Higher risk</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <span>1</span> <span>2</span> <span>3</span> <span>4</span> <span style="background-color: #00a651; color: white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">5</span> <span>6</span> <span>7</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>Potentially lower returns</span> <span>Potentially higher returns</span> </div>

## External Ratings



The Milford Trans-Tasman Equity Fund has a Morningstar Medalist Rating™ of 'Silver' as of 19-09-2023

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## Investment Performance after fees as at 31 March 2024<sup>4</sup>

Unit Price: \$4.1817

	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)	3.88%	4.63%	10.71%	4.98%	9.75%	10.75%
After Tax 10.50%	3.83%	4.54%	10.39%	4.58%	9.47%	10.34%
After Tax 17.50%	3.80%	4.48%	10.17%	4.32%	9.28%	10.11%
After Tax 28.00%	3.75%	4.39%	9.85%	3.92%	9.00%	9.74%
Benchmark	3.27%	4.26%	8.69%	4.52%	7.09%	6.02%

## Top Security Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Fisher & Paykel	5.94%
Infratil	5.26%
CSL	4.33%
BHP	3.97%
Spark	3.43%
Auckland Airport	3.39%
Contact Energy	3.27%
Xero	3.24%
ANZ	2.88%
Meridian	2.59%

## Current Asset Allocation

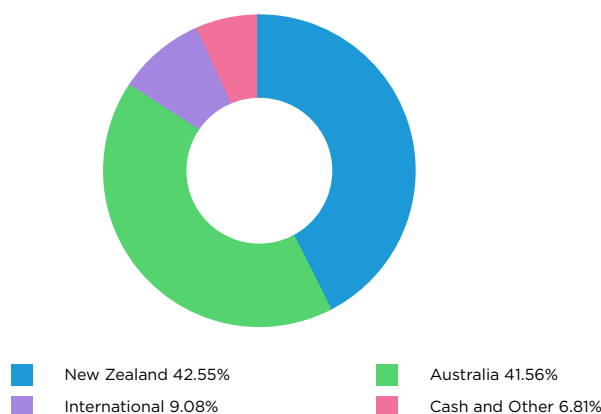
	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	6.81%	5%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	0.00%	0.0%
International Fixed Interest	0.00%	0.0%
New Zealand Equities	41.67%	47.5%
Australian Equities	48.84%	47.5%
International Equities	2.68%	0.0%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 8.04%. 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 %
Health Care	16.37%
Industrials	13.82%
Financials	12.75%
Materials	9.39%
Communication Services	8.61%
Information Technology	7.80%
Utilities	7.43%
Consumer Discretionary	5.16%
Other Sectors	11.86%
Cash and Other	6.81%

## Region Exposure



1. 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.

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

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