

The volume has been turned up

August ended up being a modest month for returns, with most funds largely holding on to the significant recent gains. But the path over the month was wild, with large swings across shares, bonds and currencies.

Front and centre for investors is the path of interest rates around the world, as developed market central banks embark on a rate cutting cycle, set against Japan where rates are rising for the first time in decades. This sparked a sharp rally in the Japanese Yen, which in turn saw volatility across share markets as investors unwound positions. Compounding the moves were fears around a weakening US economy and some fatigue with the AI theme, making for a very noisy month.

Global shares whipsawed in August, but settled higher. Encouragingly, it was a broad performance large-cap technology shares lagged. With a US rate cutting cycle almost certain to commence in September, investors have become more optimistic about economic growth going forward. This has propelled prices of stocks closely linked to the fortunes of economies, including materials company CRH plc (up 6.3%) and transaction

processing software provider Fiserv (up 6.7%). Local NZ and Australian shares finished slightly higher on the month, following a very strong July.

Bond markets continued their strong run in August, as expectations for swift rate cuts around the world increased, buoying bond prices. This price action has continued to support the lower risk funds lately, with these bond heavy funds performing strongly.

Looking ahead, market expectations are perhaps a little ahead of themselves. The bond market expects lots of interest rate cuts and is attuned to any signs of weakness in economic growth data, particularly labour market indicators.

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Milford Fund Performance as at 31 August 2024

Milford Investment Funds

	Past month	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since Fund Inception (p.a.)	Unit price \$	Fund size \$
Multi-Asset Funds							
Conservative Fund [†]	0.59%	9.79%	2.54%	3.41%	5.02%	1.2571	574.3 M
Diversified Income Fund [†]	0.61%	10.80%	3.53%	4.40%	9.12%	1.9350	2,751.9 M
Balanced Fund	-0.83%	11.04%	4.05%	6.98%	9.03%	3.3206	1,850.3 M
Active Growth Fund	-0.54%	14.91%	5.65%	9.35%	11.71%	6.0131	3,854.0 M
Australian Absolute Growth Fund	-2.39%	5.30%	3.80%	7.55%	7.92%	1.6284	667.6 M
Aggressive Fund	-0.71%	18.13%	4.97%	—	6.60%	1.2208	2,106.2 M
Cash and Fixed Income Funds							
Trans-Tasman Bond Fund ^{††}	0.79%	9.06%	1.63%	1.92%	4.07%	1.1723	1,289.2 M
Global Corporate Bond Fund ^{††}	1.38%	10.23%	1.03%	2.05%	3.26%	1.0653	324.5 M
Cash Fund	0.45%	5.85%	3.93%	2.63%	2.57%	1.1502	753.3 M
Equity Funds							
Global Equity Fund [†]	-0.85%	18.40%	3.76%	10.72%	9.43%	2.7486	477.4 M
Trans-Tasman Equity Fund	-0.39%	11.92%	2.44%	8.22%	10.66%	4.3034	726.2 M
Dynamic Fund [#]	-1.72%	13.62%	3.21%	10.30%	11.95%	3.3727	739.9 M

For details of how investment performance is calculated, and returns at each PIR please see www.milfordasset.com/funds-performance/view-performance#tabperformance.

Performance figures are after total Fund charges have been deducted and at 0% PIR. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

Inception dates for the Funds: Active Growth Fund: 1 October 2007, Trans-Tasman Equity Fund: 1 October 2007, Balanced Fund: 1 April 2010, Diversified Income Fund: 1 April 2010, Global Equity Fund: 12 April 2013, Dynamic Fund: 1 October 2013, Trans-Tasman Bond Fund: 2 December 2013, Conservative Fund: 1 September 2015, Global Corporate Bond Fund: 1 February 2017, Australian Absolute Growth Fund: 1 March 2018, Cash Fund: 1 March 2019, Aggressive Fund: 21 June 2021.

* Performance figures include the reinvestment of the Funds' distribution.

[^] Returns prior to 1 March 2018 are from when the Fund was previously offered to wholesale investors only and have been adjusted for current Fund charges.

[†] Returns prior to 1 October 2018 are from when the Fund was structured to achieve an absolute return.

[#] Closed to new investment.

Upcoming Distributions

Fund	Target	Payment Date
Conservative Fund	0.95 cents (Quarterly)	16/10/2024
Diversified Income Fund	1.70 cents (Quarterly)	14/11/2024
Trans-Tasman Bond Fund	0.95 cents (Quarterly)	12/09/2024
Global Corporate Bond Fund	0.85 cents (Quarterly)	12/09/2024

Milford, its staff and their families, have approx. \$135.1 million invested in Milford's Investment Funds as of August 2024.

Milford Fund Performance as at 31 August 2024

Milford KiwiSaver Plan

	Past month	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since Fund Inception (p.a.)	Unit price \$	Fund size \$
KiwiSaver Conservative Fund	0.92%	10.06%	2.67%	3.51%	6.89%	2.1700	265.3 M
KiwiSaver Moderate Fund	0.28%	10.86%	3.44%	—	6.95%	1.3399	183.8 M
KiwiSaver Balanced Fund	-0.56%	11.60%	4.21%	7.19%	9.26%	3.4256	1,564.5 M
KiwiSaver Active Growth Fund [^]	-0.64%	14.90%	5.76%	9.52%	11.84%	6.1289	5,756.2 M
KiwiSaver Aggressive Fund	-0.71%	17.89%	4.98%	11.05%	11.18%	1.7018	1,724.5 M
KiwiSaver Cash Fund	0.45%	5.86%	3.93%	—	2.77%	1.1288	134.0 M

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PROVIDER OF THE YEAR
KIWISAVER 2020 - 2023



OUTSTANDING VALUE
KIWISAVER SCHEME 2020 - 2023

Key Market Indices

	Past month	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	7 years (p.a.)
S&P/NZX 50 Gross Index (with imputation credits)	0.4%	8.72%	-1.18%	3.74%	7.78%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index (AUD)	0.47%	14.9%	6.72%	8.13%	9.28%
MSCI World Index (local currency)*	1.87%	23.75%	7.98%	13.38%	11.67%
MSCI World Index (NZD)*	-2.56%	18.43%	11.18%	13.29%	13.34%
S&P/NZX NZ Government Bond Index	0.97%	9.24%	-1.14%	-0.92%	1.36%
Bloomberg Global Agg. Bond (USD-Hedged)	1.1%	7.48%	-0.92%	0.24%	1.75%
S&P/NZX 90-Day Bank Bill Rate	0.48%	5.8%	3.86%	2.56%	2.39%

*With net dividends reinvested

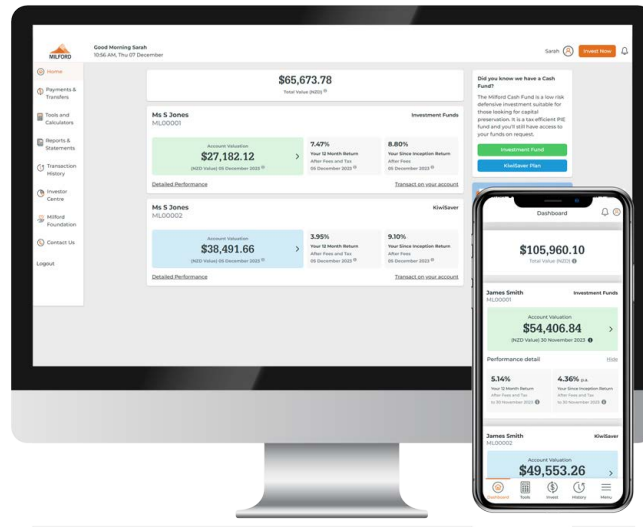
Milford staff and their families have approx. \$42.0 million invested in Milford's KiwiSaver Plan as of August 2024.

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