

Milford Monthly Fund Overview

March 2026

Navigating the storm

Periods of sharp market disruption have become a recurring feature of the investment landscape in recent years — last month was no exception. US strikes on Iran and the subsequent closure of the Strait of Hormuz initiated an energy crisis that is propagating through economies and share markets around the world. Cautious positioning in our Funds cushioned falls, but with asset markets falling heavily last month, Milford Funds of all types fell. One-year returns continue to be broadly positive.

Markets initially treated this shock as an inflation problem, with fears of weaker economic growth only emerging later in the month. Oil prices rallying over 60% in the month ignited fears central banks would raise interest rates again. This sent global bonds sharply lower, registering their worst month in three years. Weakness was concentrated in shorter maturity bonds, instruments that are typically less volatile. Having repriced lower, we now see greater value in shorter term bonds and have increased our exposure, largely in NZ bonds, as we do not expect significant interest rate hikes going forward.

Falls in share markets were indiscriminate. Global shares were down approximately 6% whilst Australian and NZ shares both fell over 5%. The broad selling resulted from

investors questioning the previously optimistic global outlook and readjusting portfolios accordingly. This saw previously strong performers such as European and UK shares sold heavily, whilst more defensive shares were also weaker on the back of the move higher in global bond yields. Milford Funds were broadly underweight shares and held a more defensive mix with fewer growth stocks. Consistent with our more positive view on bonds, we think a tilt to a more defensive mix of shares and bonds offers good risk-reward no matter the geopolitical outcomes.

On the positive side, our larger US dollar position helped offset weaker global assets, as the NZ dollar fell over 4% last month.

We believe there is a reasonable prospect of a near-term resolution. We are also very aware of the range of risks associated with a more protracted conflict. Falls in asset prices reflect some of these risks and offer good investment opportunities, compared to the broadly expensive investment universe we had been flagging two months ago. In a rapidly evolving situation, we continue to be dynamic in responding to the developments and adjusting our positions accordingly, across shares, bonds and currencies.

Milford Fund Performance as at 31 March 2026

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 [†]	-3.23%	1.96%	5.56%	3.05%	4.76%	1.2674	939.2 M
Diversified Income Fund [†]	-3.03%	4.07%	6.66%	4.61%	8.69%	1.9839	3,496.4 M
Balanced Fund	-4.72%	4.54%	7.37%	5.52%	8.63%	3.5795	2,521.6 M
Active Growth Fund	-4.49%	8.18%	10.74%	7.59%	11.33%	6.7048	5,982.2 M
Australian Absolute Growth Fund	-3.95%	11.15%	5.06%	5.61%	7.30%	1.7502	174.2 M
Aggressive Fund	-5.55%	6.99%	10.51%	—	6.16%	1.3213	3,685.3 M
Cash and Fixed Income Funds							
Trans-Tasman Bond Fund ^{††}	-1.70%	2.66%	5.31%	2.28%	4.01%	1.1787	2,137.3 M
Global Corporate Bond Fund ^{††}	-2.57%	3.40%	5.48%	1.73%	3.18%	1.0553	406.9 M
Cash Fund	0.22%	3.05%	4.65%	3.56%	2.82%	1.2181	1,065.5 M
Equity Funds							
Global Equity Fund [†]	-4.85%	8.45%	11.16%	7.31%	9.06%	3.0289	2,260.1 M
Trans-Tasman Equity Fund [†]	-7.23%	3.93%	4.80%	3.77%	9.77%	4.3188	848.0 M
Dynamic Fund [#]	-9.47%	10.33%	10.09%	7.03%	11.28%	3.7308	840.2 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	0.60 cents (Quarterly)	15/04/2026
Diversified Income Fund	0.95 cents (Quarterly)	13/05/2026
Trans-Tasman Bond Fund	0.70 cents (Quarterly)	17/06/2026
Global Corporate Bond Fund	0.55 cents (Quarterly)	17/06/2026

Milford, its staff and their families, have approx. \$132.7 million invested in Milford's Investment Funds as of March 2026.

Milford Fund Performance as at 31 March 2026

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	-2.84%	2.06%	5.67%	3.14%	6.46%	2.2816	455.4 M
KiwiSaver Moderate Fund	-3.50%	3.53%	6.49%	4.30%	6.19%	1.4245	307.7 M
KiwiSaver Balanced Fund	-4.64%	5.00%	7.56%	5.64%	8.84%	3.6948	2,329.5 M
KiwiSaver Active Growth Fund [^]	-4.48%	8.45%	10.65%	7.63%	11.44%	6.8247	8,447.3 M
KiwiSaver Aggressive Fund	-5.71%	6.81%	10.31%	7.19%	9.72%	1.8385	2,873.4 M
KiwiSaver Cash Fund	0.22%	3.06%	4.65%	3.56%	3.01%	1.1954	209.6 M

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PROVIDER OF THE YEAR
KIWISAVER 2020 - 2025



OUTSTANDING VALUE
KIWISAVER SCHEME 2020 - 2025

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)	-5.76%	5.94%	3.59%	1.33%	4.73%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index (AUD)	-7.15%	11.67%	9.54%	8.63%	8.58%
MSCI World Index (local currency)*	-5.68%	17.86%	16.74%	10.92%	12.54%
MSCI World Index (NZD)*	-1.51%	18.04%	20.42%	14.89%	15.18%
S&P/NZX NZ Government Bond Index	-1.97%	3.82%	3.96%	0.33%	0.74%
Bloomberg Global Agg. Bond (USD-Hedged)	-1.78%	3.49%	4.07%	0.81%	1.72%
S&P/NZX 90-Day Bank Bill Rate	0.2%	3.09%	4.66%	3.52%	2.78%

*With net dividends reinvested

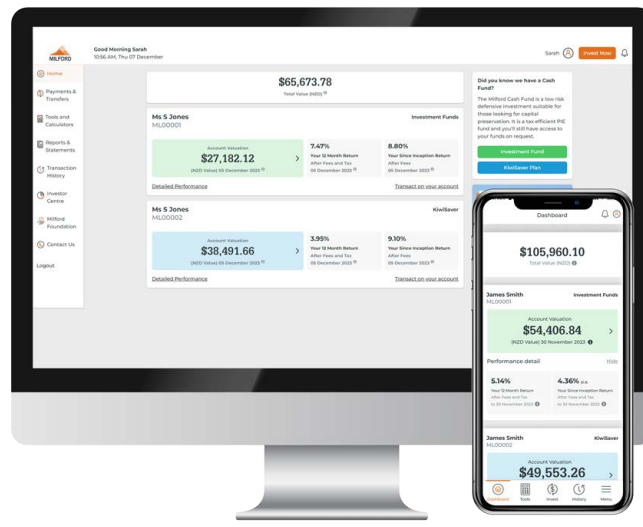
Milford staff and their families have approx. \$53 million invested in Milford's KiwiSaver Plan as of March 2026.

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