

# Milford Monthly Fund Overview

October 2024

## Pre-election Jitters

October saw a mixed outcome for asset markets, with shares around the world modestly weaker, whilst bond markets had their worst month in two years. Milford funds fared well, with the diversified funds broadly outperforming underlying markets.

At the time of writing, the US election has captivated the attention of investors. Whoever wins, and how much power they have, will be a key determinant of the policy mix that will impact markets going forward. But more broadly, investors are now realising that the US economy is very resilient and that market expectations of future interest rate cuts were too large. This realisation and subsequent repricing generated a large fall in bond markets last month. We have been avoiding too much exposure to bonds, particularly long-dated ones and so were partly insulated from these moves. Even our lower risk funds managed to hold on to their significant gains of the past two years.

Stronger US economic growth and resilient global labour markets, coupled with central banks cutting interest rates and Chinese economic

stimulus, provided a strong tailwind for share markets. However, given the strong rallies over the past two years and elevated valuations and sentiment, it can be argued that a lot is already in the price. This keeps us open-minded about further price gains but wary of any risks that could emerge to derail the strong trajectory.

October also saw a sharp fall in the NZ dollar. This was driven by broad US dollar strength, as opposed to domestic NZ conditions. Our funds have been tilted heavily towards increased US dollar exposure, helping performance last month. Given the moves, we moderated some of our positions towards the end of the month.

With all the noise around the election and the economy, it's easy to miss the developments going on in underlying stocks. Last month saw global companies report quarterly profits. For more information on how our stocks are traveling, read the various fund updates. In any market environment, and regardless of who wins the US election, there are always plenty of opportunities for us to invest.

# Milford Fund Performance as at 31 October 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*	-0.32%	12.17%	3.44%	3.47%	5.00%	1.2553	584.4 M
Diversified Income Fund*	-0.35%	14.16%	4.10%	4.39%	9.07%	1.9498	2,775.9 M
Balanced Fund	0.57%	16.15%	4.51%	7.05%	9.01%	3.3598	1,935.1 M
Active Growth Fund	0.72%	21.78%	6.10%	9.41%	11.68%	6.0921	4,024.3 M
Australian Absolute Growth Fund	-2.06%	10.02%	3.81%	7.21%	7.69%	1.6257	669.1 M
Aggressive Fund	0.03%	26.74%	5.43%	—	6.55%	1.2317	2,281.9 M
Cash and Fixed Income Funds							
Trans-Tasman Bond Fund**	-0.64%	10.49%	2.89%	2.05%	4.04%	1.1668	1,331.3 M
Global Corporate Bond Fund**	-2.02%	10.32%	1.20%	1.84%	3.10%	1.0502	324.3 M
Cash Fund	0.44%	5.78%	4.21%	2.76%	2.66%	1.1606	713.3 M
Equity Funds							
Global Equity Fund†	1.02%	27.35%	4.03%	10.74%	9.35%	2.7678	459.7 M
Trans-Tasman Equity Fund	0.34%	22.45%	3.50%	8.48%	10.70%	4.3985	747.0 M
Dynamic Fund#	-0.34%	24.07%	4.38%	10.29%	12.07%	3.4790	757.3 M

For details of how investment performance is calculated, and returns at each PIR please see [www.milfordasset.com/funds-performance/view-performance#tabperformance](http://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)	15/01/2025
Diversified Income Fund	1.7 cents (Quarterly)	14/11/2024
Trans-Tasman Bond Fund	0.95 cents (Quarterly)	11/12/2024
Global Corporate Bond Fund	0.85 cents (Quarterly)	11/12/2024

Milford, its staff and their families, have approx. \$124.0 million invested in Milford's Investment Funds as of October 2024.

# Milford Fund Performance as at 31 October 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	-0.40%	12.24%	3.38%	3.51%	6.81%	2.1764	274.1 M
KiwiSaver Moderate Fund	0.07%	14.13%	3.99%	—	6.80%	1.3460	193.5 M
KiwiSaver Balanced Fund	0.54%	16.26%	4.63%	7.18%	9.21%	3.4527	1,620.9 M
KiwiSaver Active Growth Fund <sup>^</sup>	0.69%	21.66%	6.20%	9.54%	11.80%	6.2056	6,068.2 M
KiwiSaver Aggressive Fund	0.04%	26.49%	5.50%	11.27%	10.99%	1.7170	1,851.9 M
KiwiSaver Cash Fund	0.44%	5.79%	4.21%	—	2.87%	1.1390	130.7 M

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Milford KiwiSaver Plan is the proud winner of multiple awards:



PROVIDER OF THE YEAR  
KIWISAVER 2020 - 2024



OUTSTANDING VALUE  
KIWISAVER SCHEME 2020 - 2024

## 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)	1.74%	18.41%	-0.36%	3.99%	7.35%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index (AUD)	-1.31%	24.89%	8.00%	8.16%	8.92%
MSCI World Index (local currency)*	-0.92%	32.72%	7.61%	12.57%	11.00%
MSCI World Index (NZD)*	4.79%	30.65%	13.12%	13.71%	12.74%
S&P/NZX NZ Government Bond Index	-0.75%	11.60%	0.23%	-0.76%	1.23%
Bloomberg Global Agg. Bond (USD-Hedged)	-1.35%	9.92%	-0.59%	0.33%	1.73%
S&P/NZX 90-Day Bank Bill Rate	0.45%	5.76%	4.16%	2.71%	2.47%

\*With net dividends reinvested

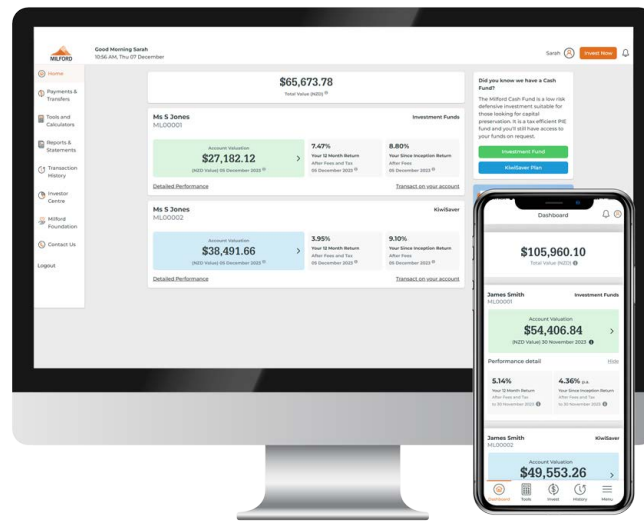
Milford staff and their families have approx. \$42.7 million invested in Milford's KiwiSaver Plan as of October 2024.

# Milford Digital Tools

## The Milford client portal & app

### We understand that transparency is important because it's your money

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