Milford Dynamic Small Companies Fund

March 2024



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The recent momentum observed in global equity markets continued in March. The Fund returned 5.0% for the month, 0.2% ahead of the ASX/Small Ordinaries benchmark. We have been pleased with the previous 12month period, having delivered a 20.8% return against the benchmark of 13.8%.

Performance for the month was led by Beach Energy (+14.7%). Beach Energy is leveraged to global oil markets and an extremely tight Australian domestic gas market. Beach has historically been plagued by major downgrades to reserves, capex blow outs and negative exploration results over the past few years. However, we like the new leadership and are encouraged by the first stage of its strategic review, which included significant cost savings.

Singapore telco Tuas (19.6%) delivered a strong earnings update, which supported our investment thesis. Mobile net adds continued its recent growth profile while cash and margins beat expectations. We look forward to the next 12 months following the roll out of a competitively priced broadband offering across an existing client base.

Leading family location safety app Life360 (+60.4%) rallied strongly following the announcement of earnings and a change in its monetisation strategy through advertising. Life360 is a top 10 social networking app in 55 countries, making it a valuable distribution channel for advertisers. The new strategy not only provides a new lucrative earnings stream, but materially de-risks the core business.

Over the month we reduced our Karoon Energy position in favour of Beach Energy and Cooper Energy. We also exited uranium miner Boss Energy given our preference for Canadian dual-listed developer NexGen Energy.

Despite small cap markets recovering strongly from the October 2023 lows, we continue to identify attractively priced stock picking opportunities. We remain overweight in higher-for-longer interest rate beneficiaries like insurers; resource companies leveraged to energy, copper and aluminium thematics; and those companies undergoing a step change in growth prospects such as Life360 and Webjet. Our style-neutral investment approach allows us to take advantage of stock picking opportunities in both industrial and resource companies we believe can perform despite uncertain conditions.

Investment Performance to March 2024¹



S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries (TR) Index

Key Fund Facts

Objective	The fund targets outperformance of the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries (TR) Index over the minimum recommended investment timeframe (net of fees)			
Description	Primarily invests in small to mid-cap Australian equities			
Benchmark		S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries (TR) Index		
APIR		ETL6978AU		
mFund Code		MFA02		
Redemption Price as at 31 Mar		\$1.3302		
Fund Size*		\$99.5 Million		
Inception Date		October 2019		
Minimum Investment		\$1,000		
Recommended Ir	nvestment Timeframe	8 years +		
Buy-sell Spread		+/-0.30%		
Entry/Exit Fee		Nil		
Management Fee)	1.23%		
Performance Fee		20.5% p.a. of returns above the benchmark subject to achieving the high watermark.		
Fund Pricing		Daily		
Distribution Freq	uency	Biannual		

*The Fund Size represents the total assets of the fund



Investment Performance to March 2024²

	1 Month	6 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.) ³
Milford Dynamic Small Companies Fund	4.95%	16.64%	20.78%	7.99%	-	-
Milford Dynamic Fund (Strategy) ⁴	4.95%	16.64%	20.78%	7.99%	13.18%	11.84%
Benchmark	4.79%	16.71%	13.83%	2.72%	5.42%	6.43%
Excess Return	0.16%	-0.07%	6.95%	5.27%	7.76%	5.41%

Top Security Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund	
Viva Energy Group	4.19%	
Contact Energy	2.97%	
Carsales.Com	2.93%	
Beach Energy	2.84%	
Waypoint REIT	2.67%	
Neuren Pharmaceuticals	2.36%	
Macquarie Technology	2.33%	
Telix Pharmaceuticals	2.19%	
Monadelphous	2.01%	
Nexgen Energy	2.00%	

Current Asset Allocation

	Actual	Neutral	Maximum Range
Australian Equities	85.38%	90%	60-100%
New Zealand Equities	6.08%	0%	0-20%
Cash and Other⁵	8.54%	10%	0-20%

Sector Allocation

Information Technology 8% 6% 12% Materials 24% 7% Health Care 6% 15% Financials 10% 6% Communication Services 4% Consumer 10% Discretionary 17% 8% Industrials 8% 13% Energy 8% 8% Real Estate 13% Consumer 3% Staples 3% 4% Utilities 0% 9% Cash and Other 0% Milford Dynamic Small Companies Fund S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries (TR) Index

Ratings



Fund Changes

There have been no material changes to the Fund's risk profile or strategy since the last monthly report. There have been no changes to the key service providers or individuals playing a key role in investment since the last monthly report.



Platform Availability

Asgard, BT Panorama, HUB24, IOOF, Macquarie Wrap, Mason Stevens, mFund, MLC, MyNorth, Netwealth, PowerWrap, Praemium, Xplore Wealth Ltd

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