# Managed Portfolio Fund 1 (Foundation)

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Volatility/Risk

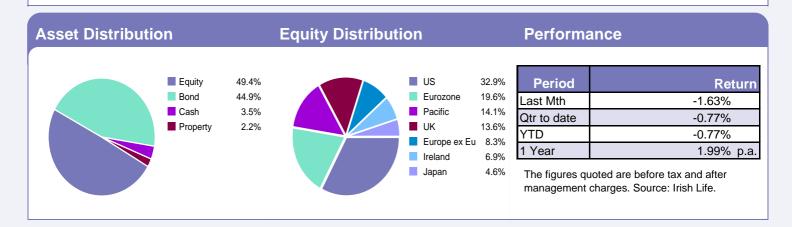


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Managed Portfolio Fund 1 currently invests in a mix of cash, bonds and equities, and sometimes alternative assets such as property. The fund invests in one or more Irish Life Funds. Currently, the fund is invested 100% in the Consensus Cautious Fund.

The return of this fund since launch (19th March 2010) is 2.61%p.a.



# **Market Commentary**

March saw a sharp increase in equity market volatility as geopolitical pressures from the Middle East and North Africa combined with the earthquake and the resulting nuclear fall out in Japan. The majority of equity markets were down on the month as concerns for the impact on economic growth and disruption to supply chain. However, Emerging market equities were the best performing region in March reversing underperformance of recent months. Oil prices continued to rise reaching 2009 levels. The dollar continued to underperform, depreciating against all G10 currencies, apart from NZD. This resulted from monetary policy divergence between the Fed who continues to remain loose as other global Central banks hike or signal rate hikes. Eurozone bond markets continued to fall as yields rose in both core and peripheral countries.

The ECB signalled rate hikes in April at their March meeting as inflation risk over the medium term rose. With inflation printing above their target of "close to but below 2%" for the 4th month, markets are fully pricing in a rate hike in April and are expecting rates to reach 1.75% by the end of 2011. In a surprise move on the 11th of March, the euro area summit meeting released further details on the extension of the EFSF and future of the ESM. The EFSF lending capacity is to be increased from €225bn to €440bn. Additionally, it will be allowed to purchase sovereign bonds in the primary market under exceptional circumstances. Portugal's situation continued to worsen with the Prime minister tendering his resignation after the minority government failed to pass the austerity package with the interim government unable to request an EMU/IMF bailout.

### In Stock News

**Aryzta gained 8%** reported positive results for 2010 during March. The market was encouraged by a return to positive underlying growth in the stock.

Warning: The value of your investment may go down as well as up. This fund may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates. Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

