



# Bentham High Yield Fund

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## Monthly fact sheet – December 2017

### Portfolio and Market Returns

The Bentham High Yield Fund had a total return (after fees\*) of 0.46 percent in the month of December, outperforming the benchmark Merrill Lynch High Yield Cash Pay Constrained Index (hedged into AUD) after fees by 0.16 percent. On a before fees\* basis the fund returned 0.53 percent for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 0.23 percent.

The December quarterly distribution paid was 1.24%\*\*.

### Fund Statistics

At month end, the Fund had a yield to maturity of 5.44% and running yield 6.04%, with the credit yield spread<sup>^</sup> decreasing by 32 basis points to 301 basis points during the month. The Fund had an interest rate duration of 3.61 years and credit duration of 3.78 years.

### High Yield Market

For the month, 15 of the 24 industries had positive returns. The top performing industries in December were Food And Drug, Energy and Telecommunications with returns (sector performance in USD terms) of 1.40%, 0.89% and 0.79% respectively. The worst performing industries were Retail, Wireless Communications and Gaming/Leisure with returns of -0.56%, -0.28% and -0.20% respectively.

The credit yield spread<sup>^</sup> for the Index increased by 2 basis points during the month to 359 basis points.

### Portfolio Exposures

The Fund's asset allocations are 89.0% in High Yield Bonds, 0.0% in Syndicated Loans and 10.3% in Cash & Derivative Hedges.

The Fund's three largest industry exposures are 10.0% in Buildings and Real Estate, 8.5% in Finance and 7.9% in Broadcasting and Entertainment. The Fund's top three company exposures are 1.5% in Valeant Pharmaceuticals, 1.3% in HCA Inc and 1.3% in iStar Inc. During the month, the Fund increased its exposure to Onemain Holdings, Mattel and Sotheby's; with decreased exposures to Tenet Healthcare and Whiting Petroleum.

\* For information about return calculations after fees please refer to Table 1.

\*\* Annual Distribution Return (Year-to-Date) is calculated as the Total Return (after fees) minus Growth Return. Total Returns (after fees) are calculated using pre-distribution month end withdrawal unit price and assumes all distributions are reinvested. Growth Returns equal the percentage change in the unit price.

<sup>^</sup> Credit yield spread is yield to maturity above the AUD forward bank bill curve (duration adjusted swap rates).

**Table 1: Portfolio Returns**

As at 31 Dec 17	Total Return (after fees)° %	Gross Return (before fees)°° %	Benchmark* %	Active Return (after fees) %	Active Return (before fees) %	Std Dev	Tracking Error^^	Info Ratio~
1 Month	0.46	0.53	0.30	0.16	0.23			
3 Months	0.88	1.02	0.47	0.41	0.55			
6 Months	2.98	3.28	2.61	0.37	0.67			
1 Year	9.22	9.94	8.00	1.23	1.94	1.96	0.70	2.77
2 Year (p.a.)	11.83	12.61	13.13	-1.30	-0.52	3.36	1.76	-0.29
3 Years (p.a.)	7.83	8.62	7.63	0.20	0.99	4.39	1.76	0.56
5 Years (p.a.)	7.90	8.70	7.52	0.39	1.18	3.98	1.68	0.70
7 Years (p.a.)	9.56	10.38	9.23	0.33	1.15	4.13	2.13	0.54
10 Years (p.a.)	10.03	10.86	9.87	0.16	0.99	9.32	3.88	0.25
15 Years (p.a.)	10.68	11.45	10.83	-0.15	0.62	7.96	3.36	0.19
Since Inception (p.a.)**	8.67	9.40	8.98	-0.31	0.42	7.85	3.18	0.13
Positive months		171	159					
Negative months		59	71					
Positive months (%)		74.3	69.1					
Negative months (%)		25.7	30.9					
Average monthly return (%)		77.7	75.3					
Fund Size AUD****		\$99.5M						
Months since inception		230						
Current Buy/Sell Spread	+0.240%/-0.240%							

Source: Fidante Partners, Bloomberg

**Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Returns may be volatile and may vary from year to year.**

\*Benchmark is the Merrill Lynch US High Yield Cash Pay Constrained Index (AUD Hedged)

\*\*The inception date of the fund is 15-Oct-1998

^^Tracking Error is the Standard Deviation of the Active Return (before fees).

~Information Ratio is the Active Return (before fees) divided by the Tracking Error.

°Total Returns (after fees and expenses) are calculated using pre-distribution month end withdrawal unit prices and assumes all distributions are reinvested.

°°Gross Returns (before fees) are calculated by adding back the fees and expenses deducted. Please refer to the PDS for more information on fees and expenses.

°°° Active Return is the difference between the Total Return or the Gross Return and the return of the Benchmark.

\*\*\*\* The FUM amount shown includes inter-funding. Bentham strategies inter-fund for portfolio construction purposes.

**Table 2: Distribution History (% of Net Asset Value)\***

Financial Year	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	YTD**
2018	1.25	1.24			2.53
2017	1.20	1.21	1.15	1.03	5.11
2016	1.22	1.24	1.29	2.43	6.14
2015	1.76	1.62	0.00	3.10	6.67
2014	2.43	2.91	2.42	1.94	10.43
2013	1.53	2.32	2.57	3.07	10.37

Source: Fidante Partners

**Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.**

\* Calculated as the cents per unit (CPU) distribution at month end divided by the ex-distribution unit price at the start of the month.

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