

# Bentham High Yield Fund

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## Monthly fact sheet – February 2018

### Portfolio and Market Returns

The Bentham High Yield Fund had a total return (after fees\*) of -0.93 % in the month of February, outperforming the benchmark Merrill Lynch High Yield Cash Pay Constrained Index (hedged into AUD) after fees by 0.04 %. On a before fees\* basis the fund returned -0.92 % for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 0.05 %.

### Fund Statistics

At month end, the Fund had a yield to maturity of 5.92% and running yield 6.29%, with the credit yield spread<sup>^</sup> increasing by 25 bps to 339 bps during the month. The Fund had an interest rate duration of 4.19 years and credit duration of 4.49 years.

### High Yield Market

For the month, 2 of the 24 industries had positive returns. The top performing industries in February were Forest Prod/Containers, Aerospace and Broadcasting with returns (sector performance in USD terms) of 0.25%, 0.03% and -0.03% respectively. The worst performing industries were Energy, Metals/Minerals and Wireless Communications with returns of -1.80%, -1.19% and -1.11% respectively.

The credit yield spread<sup>^</sup> for the Index decreased by 325 bps during the month to 0 bps.

### Portfolio Exposures

The Fund's asset allocations are 90.9% in High Yield Bonds, 3.7% in Syndicated Loans and 4.7% in Cash & Derivative Hedges.

The Fund's three largest industry exposures are 10.2% in Buildings and Real Estate, 8.3% in Broadcasting and Entertainment and 7.3% in Finance. The Fund's top three company exposures are 1.5% in Valeant Pharmaceuticals, 1.4% in Priso Acquisition and 1.3% in iStar Inc. During the month, the Fund increased its exposure to Sensata Technologies, Chief Exploration & Development and Sotheby's; with decreased exposures to Eagle Materials, Us Foods and Assuredpartners.

\* 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 28 Feb 18	Total Return (after fees) <sup>o</sup> %	Gross Return (before fees) <sup>oo</sup> %	Benchmark <sup>*</sup> %	Active Return (after fees) %	Active Return (before fees) %	Std Dev	Tracking Error <sup>^</sup>	Info Ratio <sup>~</sup>
1 Month	-0.93	-0.92	-0.97	0.04	0.05			
3 Months	-0.25	-0.07	-0.07	-0.18	0.00			
6 Months	1.25	1.57	1.05	0.20	0.52			
1 Year	5.32	6.02	4.48	0.84	1.54	2.19	0.68	2.28
2 Year (p.a.)	11.84	12.56	13.44	-1.60	-0.88	3.36	1.73	-0.51
3 Years (p.a.)	6.52	7.29	6.27	0.25	1.02	4.34	1.76	0.58
5 Years (p.a.)	7.19	7.97	6.95	0.23	1.01	4.02	1.68	0.60
7 Years (p.a.)	8.82	9.63	8.53	0.28	1.10	4.11	2.13	0.51
10 Years (p.a.)	10.22	11.05	10.05	0.16	1.00	9.29	3.88	0.26
15 Years (p.a.)	10.33	11.10	10.48	-0.15	0.62	7.96	3.36	0.19
Since Inception (p.a.) <sup>**</sup>	8.55	9.28	8.88	-0.33	0.41	7.83	3.17	0.13
Positive months		172	160					
Negative months		60	72					
Positive months (%)		74.1	69.0					
Negative months (%)		25.9	31.0					
Average monthly return (%)		76.8	74.5					
Fund Size AUD <sup>****</sup>		\$99.1M						
Months since inception		232						
Current Buy/Sell Spread	+0.225%/-0.225%							

Source: Fidante Partners, Bloomberg

**Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Returns may be volatile and may vary from year to year.**<sup>\*</sup>Benchmark is the Merrill Lynch US High Yield Cash Pay Constrained Index (AUD Hedged)<sup>\*\*</sup>The inception date of the fund is 15-Oct-1998<sup>^</sup>Tracking Error is the Standard Deviation of the Active Return (before fees).<sup>~</sup>Information Ratio is the Active Return (before fees) divided by the Tracking Error.<sup>o</sup>Total Returns (after fees and expenses) are calculated using pre-distribution month end withdrawal unit prices and assumes all distributions are reinvested.<sup>oo</sup>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.<sup>oo</sup> Active Return is the difference between the Total Return or the Gross Return and the return of the Benchmark.<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> 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 <sup>**</sup>
2018	1.25	1.24			2.51
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.**<sup>\*</sup> Calculated as the cents per unit (CPU) distribution at month end divided by the ex-distribution unit price at the start of the month.<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.

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