



Bentham High Yield Fund

Monthly fact sheet – January 2018

Portfolio and Market Returns

The Bentham High Yield Fund had a total return (after fees*) of 0.23 % in the month of January, underperforming the benchmark Merrill Lynch High Yield Cash Pay Constrained Index (hedged into AUD) after fees by 0.38 %. On a before fees* basis the fund returned 0.34 % for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 0.28 %.

Fund Statistics

At month end, the Fund had a yield to maturity of 5.66% and running yield 6.23%, with the credit yield spread[^] increasing by 13 bps to 313 bps during the month. The Fund had an interest rate duration of 3.77 years and credit duration of 4.06 years.

High Yield Market

For the month, 18 of the 24 industries had positive returns. The top performing industries in January were Food And Drug, Energy and Retail with returns (sector performance in USD terms) of 2.28%, 1.67% and 1.17% respectively. The worst performing industries were Cable/Wireless Video, Food/Tobacco and Forest Prod/Containers with returns of -0.61%, -0.18% and -0.12% respectively.

The credit yield spread[^] for the Index decreased by 34 bps during the month to 325 bps.

Portfolio Exposures

The Fund's asset allocations are 89.8% in High Yield Bonds, 2.5% in Syndicated Loans and 6.9% in Cash & Derivative Hedges.

The Fund's three largest industry exposures are 10.4% in Buildings and Real Estate, 8.7% in Broadcasting and Entertainment and 7.5% in Finance. The Fund's top three company exposures are 1.8% in Shelf Drilling, 1.3% in Priso Acquisition and 1.3% in HCA INC. During the month, the Fund increased its exposure to Vantage Specialty Chemicals, Shelf Drilling and Sotheby's; with decreased exposures to Steel Dynamics, Kfc Holding and Clear Channel Worldwide.

* 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.

[^] 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 Jan 18	Total Return (after fees) ^o %	Gross Return (before fees) ^{oo} %	Benchmark [*] %	Active Return (after fees) %	Active Return (before fees) %	Std Dev	Tracking Error [^]	Info Ratio [~]
1 Month	0.23	0.34	0.61	-0.38	-0.28			
3 Months	0.63	0.82	0.66	-0.03	0.16			
6 Months	2.19	2.56	2.06	0.12	0.49			
1 Year	7.77	8.44	7.20	0.57	1.24	1.72	0.78	1.59
2 Year (p.a.)	12.56	13.37	14.32	-1.76	-0.95	3.07	1.73	-0.55
3 Years (p.a.)	7.73	8.53	7.52	0.22	1.02	4.39	1.76	0.58
5 Years (p.a.)	7.61	8.40	7.31	0.30	1.09	3.96	1.69	0.65
7 Years (p.a.)	9.19	10.01	8.94	0.25	1.07	4.07	2.13	0.50
10 Years (p.a.)	10.25	11.09	10.08	0.17	1.01	9.28	3.88	0.26
15 Years (p.a.)	10.53	11.31	10.66	-0.13	0.64	7.95	3.36	0.19
Since Inception (p.a.) ^{**}	8.64	9.38	8.97	-0.33	0.40	7.84	3.18	0.13
Positive months		172	160					
Negative months		59	71					
Positive months (%)		74.5	69.3					
Negative months (%)		25.5	30.7					
Average monthly return (%)		77.5	75.3					
Fund Size AUD ^{****}		\$99.9M						
Months since inception		231						
Current Buy/Sell Spread	+0.280%/-0.280%							

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.

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

^{oo}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.

^{oo} 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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