

Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund

February 2019

Fund Aim

To provide investors with a diversified exposure to the global syndicated loan market with an active allocation to investments in different industries, issuers and geographies.

Fund Performance as at 28 February 2019								
	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	10 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Gross return (before fees)	1.29	0.77	0.69	3.11	8.71	6.10	12.21	8.54
Growth return (after fees)	0.81	-0.82	-2.24	-2.80	2.51	-0.63	3.42	-0.02
Distribution return	0.41	1.24	2.44	4.99	5.31	5.86	7.87	7.67
Total return (after fees)1	1.22	0.42	0.20	2.19	7.83	5.24	11.29	7.65
Benchmark	1.57	1.28	1.08	3.45	7.23	5.03	10.29	6.69
Active return (after fees) ²	-0.34	-0.86	-0.88	-1.26	0.60	0.21	1.01	0.96

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

Portfolio and Market Returns

The Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund had a total return (after fees) of 1.22% in the month of February, underperforming the benchmark (Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index hedged into AUD) after fees by 0.34%. On a before fees basis the fund returned 1.29% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 0.28%.

Fund Statistics

At month end, the Fund had a yield to maturity of 6.09% and running yield of 5.82%, with the credit yield spread decreasing by 22 bps to 416 bps during the month. The Fund had an interest rate duration of 0.16 years and credit duration of 4.00 years.

Leveraged Loan Market

The discount margin (3 year) for the Index decreased by 39 bps during the month to 443 bps.

The top performing leveraged loan industries in February were Food And Drug, Metals/Minerals and Media/Telecommunications with returns (sector performance in USD terms) of 2.21%, 2.19% and 1.92% respectively. The worst performing loan industries were Consumer Durables, Transportation and Food/Tobacco with returns of 0.51%, 1.17% and 1.21% respectively.

Portfolio Exposures

The Fund's three largest industry exposures are 9.9% in Electronics, 8.2% in Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber and 7.8% in Diversified/Conglomerate Service. The Fund's top three company exposures are 1.1% in Caesars Resort Collection, 1.0% in Numericable and 1.0% in SS&C Technologies. During the month, the Fund increased its exposure to AthenaHealth, Brooks Automation and CommScope; with decreased exposures to Caesars Resort Collection, Sprint Communications and Burger King.

Portfolio Summary Statistics					
Yield to maturity	6.09%				
Running yield	5.82%				
Credit spread ³	+416bps				
Number of issuers	376				
Interest rate duration	0.16 years				
Credit duration	4.00 years				
Average credit quality ⁴	BB-				
Fund size	A\$3,294,425,624				

Risk Characteristics					
5 Year Volatility ⁵	3.02				
5 Year Sharpe Ratio ⁶	1.31				
5 Year Tracking Error ⁷	0.83				
5 Year Information Ratio ⁸	1.30				

Fund Distributions	
Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution ⁹	0.41% (Feb 2019)
Target distribution rate (FY19) ¹⁰	1m BBSW + 2.75% to 3.25%

¹ Total Return (after fees) is calculated using pre-distribution month end withdrawal unit prices, and assumes all income is reinvested in additional units. Total Return equals Growth return (after fees) plus Distribution return (after fees).

² Active Return of the Fund is the difference between the Total Return and the return of the Benchmark. 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.

³ Spread over the swap rate.

⁴The average credit quality is calculated using a duration adjusted Moody's Weighted Average Rating Factor (WARF) for both the S&P and Moody's security credit ratings within a portfolio.

⁵ Volatility is Standard Deviation.

⁶ Sharpe Ratio is the excess return over the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (before fees) divided by Standard Deviation.

⁷ Tracking Error is the Standard Deviation of the Active Return (before fees).

⁸ Information Ratio is the Active Return (before fees) divided by the Tracking Error.

⁹ Calculated as the cents per unit (CPU) distribution at the month end divided by the ex-distribution unit price at the start of the month.

¹⁰ Target distribution rates for FY19 set at one month Australian Bank Bill Swap Rate (BBSW) plus a range of 2.75% to 3.25% of the monthly unit price. Bentham intends to achieve the distribution rate for FY2019 with taxable income. If there is a shortfall of taxable income, the distribution may possibly include a capital return.



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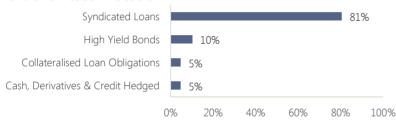
Monthly Distribution Returns History (%) ¹													
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD ²
2019	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.41	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.41	-	-	-	-	3.27
2018	0.45	0.41	0.40	0.41	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.45	5.16
2017	0.45	0.47	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.44	0.45	0.45	5.79
2016	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.41	0.39	0.39	0.29	4.65
2015	0.47	0.48	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.49	0.48	0.45	0.43	0.44	0.43	1.33	6.53
2014	0.54	0.53	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.53	0.52	0.52	0.53	0.54	2.31	8.47

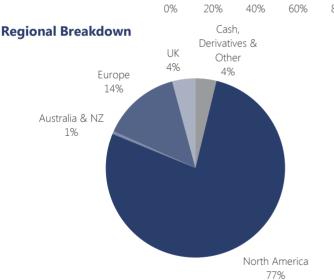
Source: Fidante Partners

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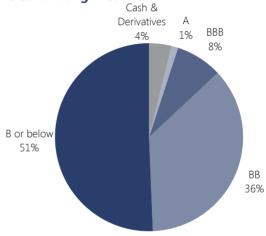
- ¹ Calculated as the cents per unit (CPU) distribution at month end divided by the ex-distribution unit price at the start of the month.
- ² Annual distribution return (Year-to-Date) is calculated as the Total Return (after fees) minus Growth Return. Total Return (after fees) is calculated using pre-distribution month end withdrawal unit price, and assumes distributions are reinvested. Growth Return equals the percentage change in unit price.

Portfolio Asset Allocation





Credit Rating Breakdown



Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC)

Electronics	9.9%
Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber	8.2%
Diversified/Conglomerate Service	7.8%
Hotels, Motels, Inns, and Gaming	7.4%
Healthcare, Education and Childcare	6.2%

Discount Margin and Average Price of US Loan Market



Source: Credit Suisse

Pricing and Fees	
Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.77%
Recoverable expenses	0.03% (Feb 2019)
Buy/sell spread ³	+0.400%/-0.400%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	A\$10,000
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³ Buy/sell spread is retained in the Fund to cover transaction costs. It is not paid to the Investment Manager. The buy/sell spread is reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure it fairly reflects market transaction costs.



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Fund Overview		Platform Availability & mFund Code			
Portfolio Manager	Tom Flannery and Richard Quin	AMP eWrap	✓	OnePath PortfolioOne	
Inception date	16 August 2004	AMP PortfolioCare	✓	Macquarie Wrap Super Manager	
APIR code	CSA0046AU	AMP Wealthview	✓	Macquarie Wrap Investment	
Benchmark	Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	Asgard eWrap	✓	MLC Wrap – IDPS	
	(hedged into Australian dollars)	Asgard Master Trust	✓	MLC Wrap – Super	
Return objective	The Fund aims to achieve investment returns above the Benchmark over the suggested	North	✓	MLC Navigator	
	investment time frame	Summit	✓	Netwealth – Private	
33	Medium term, minimum 3 years	BT Panorama	✓	Oasis	
time frame		BT Wrap	✓	PowerWrap	
Fund aim	To provide investors with a diversified exposure to the global syndicated loan market with an active	FirstWrap	✓	uXchange	
	allocation to investments in different industries, issuers and geographies	Hillross Portfolio Care	✓	ASX mFund Settlement Service BAM	
Interest rate risk	Predominantly floating rate	HUB24	✓		
Currency	Hedged into Australian dollars				
Fund features	 Access to global senior secured syndicated loans which are not generally available to direct retail investors Regular monthly distributions 				





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High running yield with low interest rate risk Australian domiciled trust with a 14+ year track

• Loans are valued to market prices daily - with

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