

# Bentham Global Income Fund

March 2019

### **Investment Objective**

The Fund provides exposure to global credit markets and aims to generate income with some potential for capital growth over the medium to long term.

| Fund Performance as at 31 March 2019    |         |          |          |        |                   |                   |                    |                    |                        |
|---|---------|----------|----------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
|   | 1 month | 3 months | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years<br>(p.a.) | 5 years<br>(p.a.) | 10 years<br>(p.a.) | 15 years<br>(p.a.) | Since inception (p.a.) |
| Gross return (before fees)              | -0.34   | 1.67     | -0.70    | 1.54   | 7.54              | 5.29              | 13.47              | 7.81               | 7.87                   |
| Growth return (after fees)              | -0.74   | 0.40     | -3.10    | -3.95  | 2.11              | -0.25             | 5.93               | 0.06               | 0.34                   |
| Distribution return                     | 0.34    | 1.02     | 1.98     | 4.71   | 4.66              | 4.77              | 6.70               | 6.94               | 6.72                   |
| Total return (after fees) <sup>1</sup>  | -0.40   | 1.42     | -1.12    | 0.76   | 6.77              | 4.52              | 12.62              | 7.00               | 7.06                   |
| Benchmark                               | 0.99    | 1.97     | 3.35     | 4.58   | 3.04              | 3.61              | 4.27               | 4.96               | 4.98                   |
| Active return (after fees) <sup>2</sup> | -1.40   | -0.55    | -4.47    | -3.82  | 3.73              | 0.91              | 8.35               | 2.04               | 2.08                   |

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 Global Income Fund had a total return (after fees) of -0.40% in the month of March, underperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index, 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index) after fees by 1.40%. On a before fees basis the fund returned -0.34% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 1.33%.

March was a mixed month with US Federal Reserve and European Central Bank fueling dovish expectations in global rates. Yields drops across major currencies with the Aussie 10 year bond reaching an all-time low of 1.72% in March, with the Aussie market now pricing in two more full rate cuts in 2019.

The top performing contributors to performance included Bank Capital Securities, Global Hybrids and Investment Grade Credit; whilst the bottom performing contributors included Equity Securities, Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS) and European Convertibles.

Credit was mostly weaker to flat across all sectors. European and US Investment Grade spreads both tightened -5bps (123bps) and -1bps (119bps) respectively. European High Yield widened +1bps to 401bps and US High Yield widened +13bps to 391bps. US Leveraged Loan spreads widened +23bps to 467bps.

| Portfolio Summary Statistics           |                  |  |  |  |  |
|--|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Yield to maturity                      | 5.28%            |  |  |  |  |
| Running yield                          | 5.07%            |  |  |  |  |
| Credit spread <sup>3</sup>             | +324bps          |  |  |  |  |
| Number of issuers                      | 655              |  |  |  |  |
| Interest rate duration                 | -1.59 years      |  |  |  |  |
| Credit duration                        | 5.41 years       |  |  |  |  |
| Investment grade <sup>4</sup> exposure | 57% of portfolio |  |  |  |  |
| Fund size                              | A\$2,589,156,558 |  |  |  |  |
|  |                  |  |  |  |  |

| Risk Characteristics                  |      |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|------|--|--|--|--|
| 5 Year Volatility <sup>5</sup>        | 3.27 |  |  |  |  |
| 5 Year Sharpe Ratio <sup>6</sup>      | 0.97 |  |  |  |  |
| 5 Year Tracking Error <sup>7</sup>    | 4.00 |  |  |  |  |
| 5 Year Information Ratio <sup>8</sup> | 0.42 |  |  |  |  |

| Fund Distributions                            |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Distribution frequency                        | Monthly          |
| Monthly distribution <sup>9</sup>             | 0.34% (Mar 2019) |
| Target distribution rate (FY19) <sup>10</sup> | 3.75% to 4.25%   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Spread over the swap rate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> An assigned credit rating of BBB-/Baa3 or better by a credit rating agency.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Volatility is Standard Deviation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Sharpe Ratio is the excess return over the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (before fees) divided by Standard Deviation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Tracking Error is the Standard Deviation of the Active Return (before fees).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Information Ratio is the Active Return (before fees) divided by the Tracking Error.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 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. The current distribution rate setting was based on the running yield of the Fund as at 30 June 2018 and assumes the Fund continues to achieve an equivalent yield for FY2019. Actual distributions, however, can differ from this setting because of future matters which are not known or able to be presently identified.



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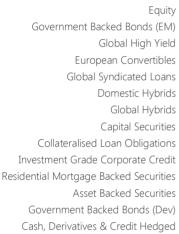
| Monthly Distribution Returns History (%) <sup>1</sup> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                  |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------|
| Financial Year  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun  | YTD <sup>2</sup> |
| 2019  | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.34 | -    | -    | -    | 2.97             |
| 2018  | 0.37 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.54 | 0.90 | 4.96             |
| 2017  | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.38 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.36 | 4.88             |
| 2016  | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.37 | 4.32             |
| 2015  | 0.44 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.77 | 5.58             |
| 2014  | 0.50 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.07 | 5.94             |

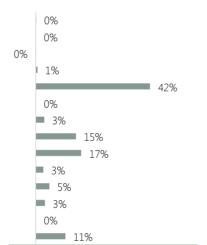
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#### Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

- <sup>1</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>2</sup> 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.

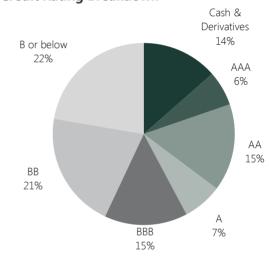
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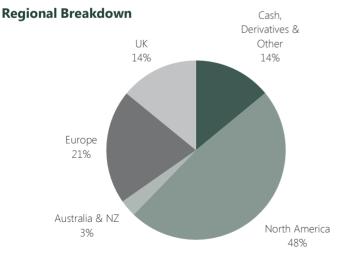




-10% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60%

### **Credit Rating Breakdown**





| Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC) |       |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Banking                                | 12.1% |  |  |  |  |
| Insurance                              | 6.7%  |  |  |  |  |
| Electronics                            | 5.3%  |  |  |  |  |
| RMBS                                   | 5.0%  |  |  |  |  |
| Buildings and Real Estate              | 4.7%  |  |  |  |  |
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| Pricing and Fees             |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Unit frequency pricing       | Daily            |
| Management fee               | 0.72%            |
| Recoverable expenses         | 0.03% (Mar 2019) |
| Buy/sell spread <sup>3</sup> | +0.275%/-0.275%  |
| Entry and exit fees          | Nil              |
| Minimum initial investment   | A\$10,000        |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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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| <b>Fund Overview</b>   |  | Platform Availability & mFund Code |                                      |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Portfolio Manager      | Richard Quin   | AMP Flexi Super MT                 | ✓ OnePath OneAnswer ✓                |  |  |  |  |
| Inception date         | 16 September 2003  | AMP PortfolioCare                  | ✓ OnePath PortfolioOne ✓             |  |  |  |  |
| APIR code              | CSA0038AU  | AMP PPS                            | ✓ IOOF – Pursuit Select ✓            |  |  |  |  |
| Benchmark              | 50% Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Bond Index   | AMP Wealthview                     | ✓ Macquarie Wrap Super Manager ✓     |  |  |  |  |
|                        | and 50% Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index  | - Asgard eWrap                     | ✓ Macquarie Wrap Investment ✓        |  |  |  |  |
| Investment universe    | Global credit and fixed interest markets, including but not limited to, government backed bonds,                     | Asgard Infiniti-Select             | ✓ MLC Wrap – IDPS ✓                  |  |  |  |  |
|                        | securitised credit, global syndicated loans, global  | Asgard Master Trust                | ✓ MLC Wrap – Super ✓                 |  |  |  |  |
|                        | high yield bonds, equities and derivatives   | North                              | ✓ MLC Navigator ✓                    |  |  |  |  |
| Credit quality         | Credit quality Actively managed. Minimum exposure of 50% to investment grade rated securities                        |                                    | ✓ Netwealth – Public ✓               |  |  |  |  |
| Interest rate exposure | Actively managed   | BT Panorama                        | ✓ Oasis ✓                            |  |  |  |  |
| Currency               | Aims to be fully hedged to AUD   | BT Wrap                            | ✓ Perpetual Wealth Focus ✓           |  |  |  |  |
| Fund features          | Active specialist management   | Federation                         | ✓ PowerWrap ✓                        |  |  |  |  |
|                        | <ul> <li>Access to global investment opportunities not<br/>typically available to direct retail investors</li> </ul> | FirstWrap                          | ✓ Synergy ✓                          |  |  |  |  |
|                        | Highly diversified portfolio   | Grow Wrap                          | ✓ uXchange ✓                         |  |  |  |  |
|                        | <ul><li>Regular monthly distributions</li><li>Daily unit pricing</li></ul>   | Hillross Portfolio Care            | ✓ ASX mFund Settlement Service BAM05 |  |  |  |  |
|                        | <ul> <li>Australian domiciled trust with more than<br/>15 years' track record</li> <li>Competitive fee</li> </ul>    | HUB24                              | ✓                                    |  |  |  |  |







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