

Bentham Global Income Fund NZD
May 2020
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 May 2020

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Gross return (before fees)	3.58	-2.34	-1.32	0.29	2.94	4.41	5.54
Growth return (after fees)	3.19	-5.16	-5.28	-8.58	-4.30	-2.42	-1.45
Distribution return	0.32	2.02	2.93	7.45	6.23	5.90	6.09
Total return (after fees)¹	3.51	-3.14	-2.34	-1.13	1.94	3.49	4.64
Benchmark	0.16	0.12	1.09	3.24	3.51	3.43	3.90
Active return (after fees) ²	3.35	-3.26	-3.44	-4.37	-1.57	0.06	0.74

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

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.

Portfolio and Market Returns

The Bentham Global Income Fund NZD had a total return (after fees) of 3.51% in the month of May, outperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (hedged to NZD), 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index (hedged to NZD)) by 3.35%. On a before fees basis the fund returned 3.58% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 3.41%.

You need to like tough markets even if they can feel like a rollercoaster ride of volatility. The pandemic markets rallied and swooned over debt in April with a frenetic pace of debt issuance. This was a somewhat surprising outcome Credit markets continue to rally. The major catalysts during May were "re-opening" optimism, ongoing stimulus & vaccine hopes overshadowing weak economic data, weak corporate earnings and escalating US/China tension.

The top contributors to performance included Collateralised Loan Obligations (CLO), Global Syndicated Loans and Bank Capital Securities; whilst the bottom performing contributors included Equity Securities, Sovereign and Global Hybrids.

We now have to look to see how countries around the world will begin to emerge from lock-down and formulate their own strategies for getting back to normal while avoiding second wave activity. We are learning new things everyday about this situation but the longer-term economic impact still remains unclear. We remain invested but concerned about secondary infections and truly horrible fundamental numbers.

Looking beyond the current volatility, we note that Credit is not dependant on high profit growth or dividends that are likely to be cut. It usually sits at the top of the capital structure, protected by equity/shares and secured by assets. Credit spreads continue to benefit from loose monetary policy and central bank market support. The starting point for government bond yields is low and below the current inflation rate. Credit spreads will likely provide an increasingly important way of achieving a positive real return in a potentially low return environment.

³ Spread over the swap rate.

⁴ An assigned credit rating of BBB-/Baa3 or better by a credit rating agency.

⁵ Volatility is Standard Deviation.

⁶ Sharpe Ratio is the excess return over the Bloomberg NZBond 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 Bentham intends to achieve the distribution rate for FY2020 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 2019 and assumes the Fund continues to achieve an equivalent yield for FY2020. Actual distributions, however, can differ from this setting because of future matters which are not known or able to be presently identified.

Portfolio Summary Statistics

Yield to maturity	5.24%
Running yield	3.83%
Credit spread ³	+471bps
Number of issuers	602
Interest rate duration	1.51 years
Credit duration	5.02 years
Investment grade ⁴ exposure	59% of portfolio
Fund size	NZ\$62,567,428

Risk Characteristics

5 Year Volatility ⁵	5.41
5 Year Sharpe Ratio ⁶	0.44
5 Year Tracking Error ⁷	5.87
5 Year Information Ratio ⁸	0.17

Fund Distributions

Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution ⁹	0.32% (May 2020)
Target distribution rate (FY20) ¹⁰	3.5% to 4.0%

Monthly Distribution Returns History (%)¹

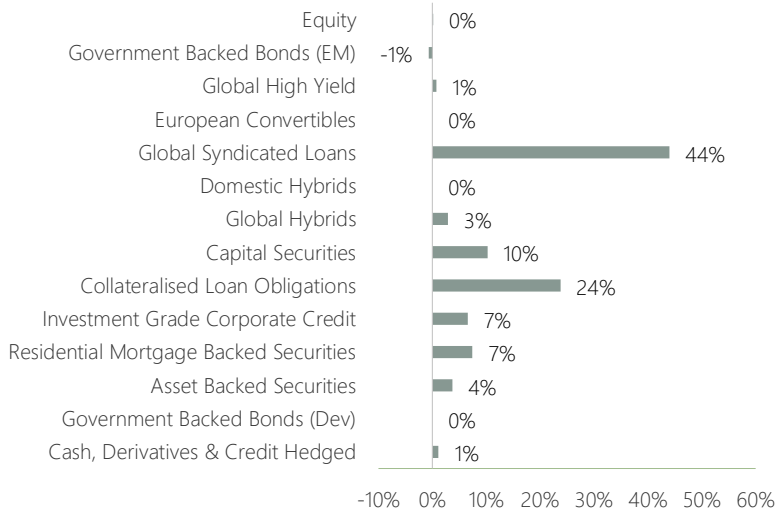
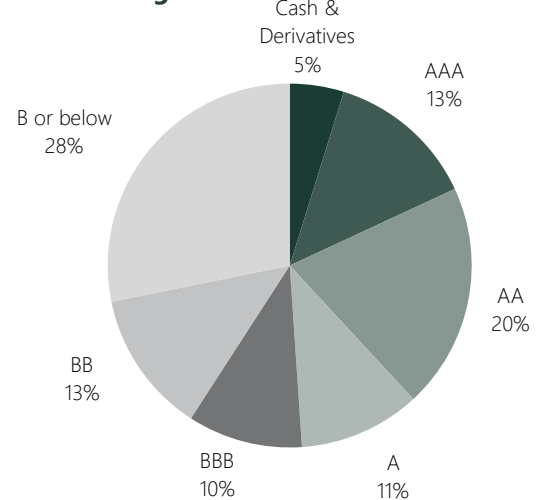
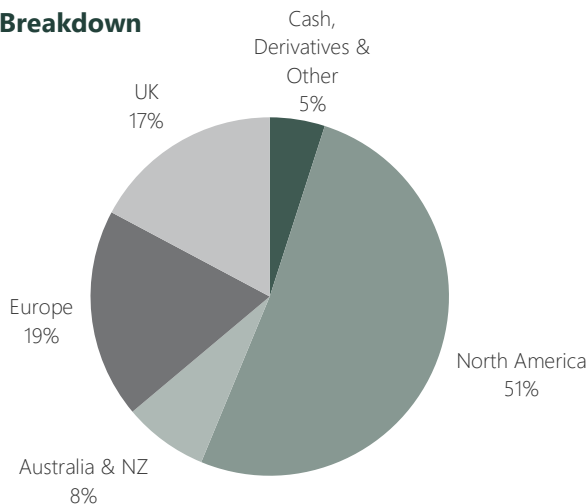
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD ²
2020	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.31	1.33	0.34	0.32	-	4.43
2019	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.37	3.20	7.18
2018	0.41	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.37	4.67
2017	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.40	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.41	2.39	7.56
2016	0.46	0.45	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.47	0.45	0.46	0.48	5.38
2015	0.52	0.51	0.53	0.52	0.48	0.52	0.51	0.53	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.43	6.20

Source: Fidante Partners

Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

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

Regional Breakdown

Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC)

Banking	8.6%
RMBS	7.4%
Electronics	7.4%
Healthcare, Education and Childcare	6.8%
Telecommunications	4.9%

Pricing and Fees

Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.77%
Recoverable expenses	0.00% (May 2020)
Buy/sell spread ³	+0.925%/-0.925%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	NZ\$50,000

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	
Portfolio Manager	Richard Quin	AEGIS	✓
Inception date	30 September 2013	FNZ (including One Answer and Wealthview)	✓
ARSN code	165 696 417		
Benchmark	50% Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Bond Index (hedged to NZD) and 50% Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index (hedged to NZD)		
Investment universe	Global credit and fixed interest markets, including but not limited to, government backed bonds, securitised credit, global syndicated loans, global high yield bonds, equities and derivatives		
Credit quality	Actively managed. Minimum exposure of 50% to investment grade rated securities		
Interest rate exposure	Actively managed		
Currency	Aims to be fully hedged to NZD		
Fund features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active specialist management • Access to global investment opportunities not typically available to direct retail investors • Highly diversified portfolio • Regular monthly distributions • Daily unit pricing • Fund track record 5+ years • Strategy track record 15+ years • Competitive fee 		



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