

Bentham Global Income Fund

December 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 December 2020 (%)										
	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	7 years (p.a.)	10 years (p.a.)	15 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Gross return (before fees)	1.26	4.51	7.97	6.21	4.04	5.94	5.40	7.40	7.42	7.59
Growth return (after fees)	0.94	3.59	6.10	1.11	-1.03	0.75	-0.02	0.78	0.07	0.34
Distribution return	0.30	0.90	1.83	4.17	4.23	4.38	4.62	5.81	6.53	6.43
Total return (after fees) ¹	1.24	4.49	7.93	5.27	3.20	5.13	4.60	6.59	6.60	6.77
Benchmark	-0.13	-0.04	0.49	2.42	3.33	3.04	3.41	4.01	4.58	4.74
Active return (after fees) ²	1.37	4.53	7.44	2.85	-0.12	2.09	1.19	2.57	2.02	2.02

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 1.24% in the month of December, outperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index, 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index) by 1.37%. On a before fees basis the fund returned 1.26% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 1.39%

The year ended (at very long last) with continued strong market performance and despite the escalation of COVID cases and lockdowns in parts of Europe. Markets rallied with the first vaccinations being rolled out in the UK and US as investors looked towards the return to normality at some point in 2021. The US election result was also positive for markets with the Democrats, led by Joe Biden, winning the US Presidency and ultimately control of the Senate.

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

With the start of the new calendar year comes a new administration, Brexit done and dusted, and hope for global vaccinations putting Covid to bed. This along with global coordinated monetary and fiscal policy has had equity and bond Markets fizzed up. Yet, we note that credit is not dependant on central banks or politicians, nor on earnings growth or dividends that have the potential to be cut. Credit sits high in the capital structure, protected by equity/shares. Credit risk premiums will likely provide an increasingly important way of achieving a positive real return in a potentially low return environment. The starting point for government bond yields is low and below the current inflation rate.

Portfolio Summary Statistics					
Yield to maturity	4.08%				
Running yield	2.88%				
Credit spread ³	+348bps				
Number of issuers	692				
Interest rate duration	0.14 years				
Credit duration	4.07 years				
Investment grade ⁴ exposure	51% of portfolio				
Fund size	A\$2,038,641,150				

Risk Characteristics	
5 Year Volatility ⁵	5.60
5 Year Sharpe Ratio ⁶	0.79
5 Year Tracking Error ⁷	6.07
5 Year Information Ratio ⁸	0.48

Fund Distributions						
Distribution frequency	Monthly					
Monthly distribution ⁹	0.30% (Dec 2020)					
Target distribution rate (FY21) ¹⁰	3.25% to 3.75%					

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.

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 AusBond Bank Bill Index (before fees) divided by Standard Deviation.

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

 $^{^{\}rm 8}$ 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 FY2021 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 2020 and assumes the Fund continues to achieve an equivalent yield for FY2021. 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 Distr	ibution R	Returns	History	(%) ¹									
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD ²
2021	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.83
2020	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.34	0.33	0.33	0.73	3.95
2019	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.33	0.33	0.34	0.33	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.33	3.97
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

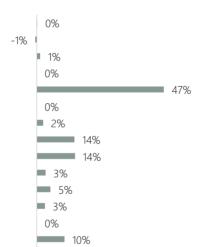
Source: Fidante Partners

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.

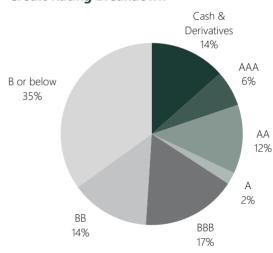
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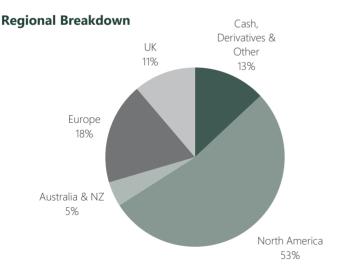






Credit Rating Breakdown





Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC)					
Banking	13.4%				
Aerospace and Defense	6.2%				
Healthcare, Education and Childcare	5.8%				
CLO	5.6%				
Electronics	5.3%				

Pricing and Fees	
Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.72%
Recoverable expenses	0.04% (Dec 2020)
Buy/sell spread ³	+0.425%/-0.425%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	A\$10,000

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 & 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 and 50% Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index	AMP Wealthview	✓	Macquarie Wrap Super Manager	✓		
		- 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	✓		
Callination	high yield bonds, equities and derivatives	North	✓	MLC Navigator	✓		
Credit quality Actively managed. Minimum exposure of 50% to investment grade rated securities		Summit	✓	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	✓		
	 Access to global investment opportunities not typically available to direct retail investors 	FirstWrap	✓	Synergy	✓		
	Highly diversified portfolio	Grow Wrap	✓	uXchange	✓		
	Regular monthly distributionsDaily unit pricing	Hillross Portfolio Care	✓	ASX mFund Settlement Service BAN	M05		
	 Australian domiciled trust with more than 15 years' track record Competitive fee 	HUB24	✓				





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