

Bentham Global Income Fund NZD

January 2021

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 January 2021 (%)									
	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)		
Gross return (before fees)	0.98	4.61	7.22	7.71	4.14	6.95	6.46		
Growth return (after fees)	0.66	3.65	5.41	1.86	-2.14	0.33	-0.29		
Distribution return	0.29	0.89	1.81	4.92	5.42	5.78	5.92		
Total return (after fees) ¹	0.95	4.54	7.21	6.78	3.28	6.11	5.63		
Benchmark	-0.19	-0.34	0.18	1.18	3.41	3.04	3.61		
Active return (after fees) ²	1.14	4.87	7.04	5.60	-0.13	3.07	2.02		

Source: Fidante Partners. 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 NZD had a total return (after fees) of 0.95% in the month of January, outperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (hedged to NZD), 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index (hedged to NZD)) by 1.14%. On a before fees basis the fund returned 0.98% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 1.17%.

January was a mixed month for markets with Emerging Markets and Commodities generally outperforming developed economies. Government bonds also sold-off broadly, while credit was mixed with most floating rate assets generating positive excess returns. Markets were able to remain optimistic around the vaccine execution and were paradoxically more optimistic about the potential Covid stimulus.

The top contributors to performance included Global Syndicated Loans, Asset Backed Securities (ABS) and Collateralised Loan Obligations (CLO); whilst the bottom performing contributors included Investment Grade Credit, Equity Securities and Global Hybrids.

The outlook for 2021 started with the election of a new US government administration. There was also a resolution of the Brexit deal and the beginnings of a global rollout of Covid-19 vaccinations. Corporates proved to be much more resilient in 2020 in handling the Covid-19 activity disruption than initially expected. However, corporate earnings in some sectors remain challenged by Covid-19 related restrictions, global trade barriers and potentially additional regulations.

Market valuations have been heavily influenced by coordinated monetary and fiscal policy leading to higher asset prices in equities and government bonds while credit spreads remain within the confines of historical norms.

Portfolio Summary Statistics				
Yield to maturity	4.36%			
Running yield	3.23%			
Credit spread ³	+335bps			
Number of issuers	721			
Interest rate duration	-0.01 years			
Credit duration	4.76 years			
Investment grade ⁴ exposure	50% of portfolio			
Fund size	NZ\$67,324,816			

Risk Characteristics				
5 Year Volatility ⁵	5.34			
5 Year Sharpe Ratio ⁶	0.99			
5 Year Tracking Error ⁷	5.80			
5 Year Information Ratio ⁸	0.67			

Fund Distributions	
Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution ⁹	0.29% (Jan 2021)
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 NZBond 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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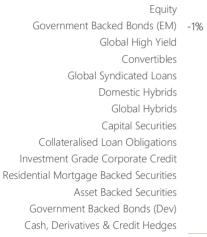
Monthly Distribution Returns History (%) ¹													
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD ²
2021	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	-	-	-	-	-	2.13
2020	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.31	1.33	0.34	0.32	0.32	4.80
2019	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.38	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

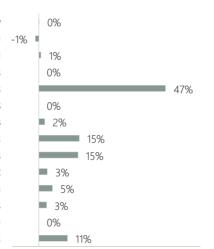
Source: Fidante Partners

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.

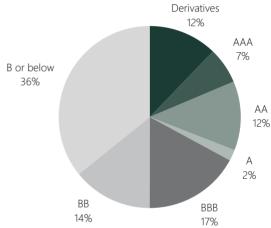
Portfolio Asset Allocation











Cash, **Regional Breakdown** Derivatives & UK Other 11% 11% Europe 18% Australia & NZ 6% North America 54%

Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC)				
Banking	14.4%			
Healthcare, Education and Childcare	6.9%			
Aerospace and Defense	6.2%			
Electronics	5.5%			
RMBS	5.0%			

Pricing and Fees	
Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.77%
Recoverable expenses	0.00% (Jan 2021)
Buy/sell spread ³	+0.400%/-0.400%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	NZ\$50,000

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ 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	٧
Inception date	30 September 2013	FNZ (including One Answer and Wealthview)	٧
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	 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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