

Bentham Global Income Fund NZD
May 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 May 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)	0.10	1.47	4.78	13.11	4.97	6.62	6.50
Growth return (after fees)	-0.77	-0.63	1.66	7.94	-1.55	-0.02	-0.28
Distribution return	0.84	2.00	2.93	5.04	5.70	5.85	5.96
Total return (after fees)¹	0.07	1.37	4.59	12.98	4.15	5.83	5.69
Benchmark	0.15	0.89	-1.20	-0.35	2.74	2.53	3.33
Active return (after fees) ²	-0.08	0.48	5.79	13.33	1.42	3.31	2.36

Source: Fidante Partners. 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 0.07% in the month of May, underperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (hedged to NZD), 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index (hedged to NZD)) by 0.08%. On a before fees basis the fund returned 0.10% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 0.05%.

An interesting investment market dynamic in May was the strength of US government bonds despite consumer price inflation (CPI) data coming in at above expectations. CPI prints are now at their highest level since mid 2008 and prior to that the early 1990's. Markets believe the CPI rises maybe just transitional and will return to lower CPI post spikes from bottlenecks in the supply chains. Bond prices rose reflecting after falls in the first quarter.

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

The credit market outlook remains favourable, particularly floating rate markets with the potential to benefit from rising interest rates and higher inflation should it continue. The macro environment remain supportive; with vaccination rates rising which will allow activity to increase (particularly for Covid-19 afflicted industries such as tourism & travel), consumers have built up savings with pent up demand, and government fiscal policies have become extremely supportive.

Credit spreads (which provide additional yield above cash rates and bond yields) are likely to remain attractive in a low cash rate environment, and with less exposure to the risk of inflation. More broadly, market valuations have been heavily influenced by coordinated monetary and fiscal policy leading to higher asset prices in equities and government bonds.

Portfolio Summary Statistics

Yield to maturity	4.40%
Running yield	3.17%
Credit spread ³	+299bps
Number of issuers	744
Interest rate duration	-1.67 years
Credit duration	4.60 years
Investment grade ⁴ exposure	57% of portfolio
Fund size	NZ\$73,664,791

Risk Characteristics

5 Year Volatility ⁵	5.11
5 Year Sharpe Ratio ⁶	1.00
5 Year Tracking Error ⁷	5.63
5 Year Information Ratio ⁸	0.73

Fund Distributions

Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution ⁹	0.84% (May 2021)
Target distribution rate (FY21) ¹⁰	3.25% to 3.75%

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 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

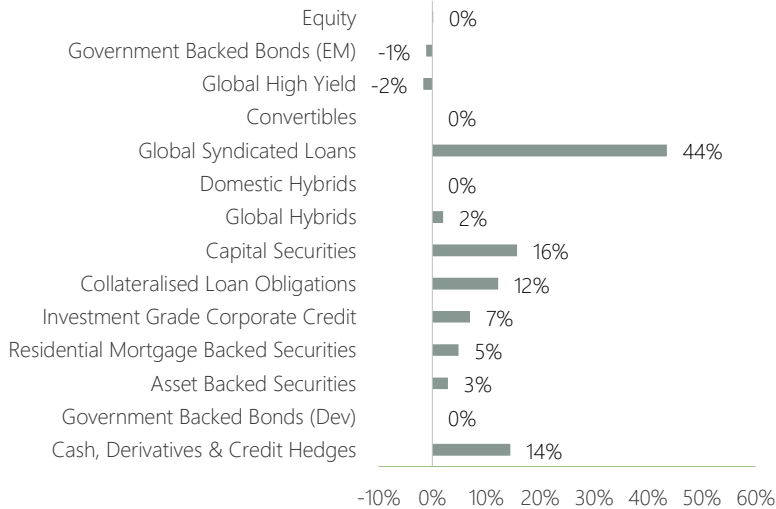
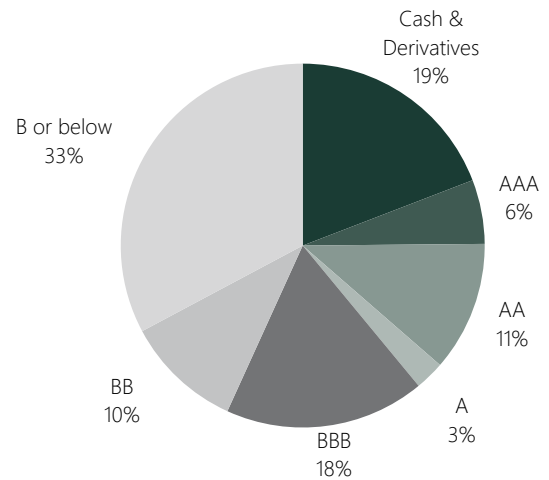
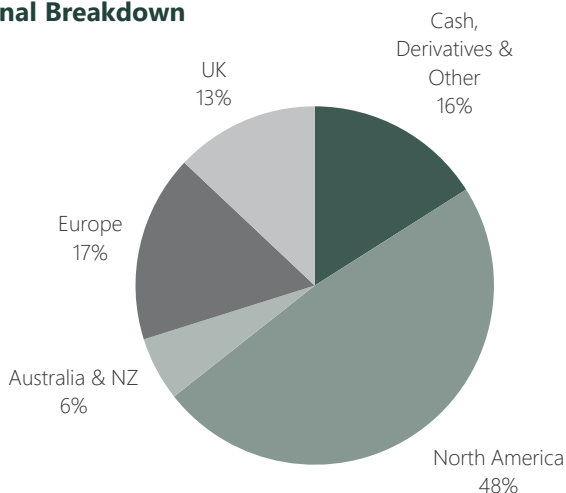
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD ²
2021	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.30	0.85	0.84	-	4.63
2020	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.31	1.33	0.34	0.32	0.32	4.80
2019	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.37	3.20	7.18
2018	0.41	0.37	0.38	0.37	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

Credit Rating Breakdown

Regional Breakdown

Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC)

Banking	15.2%
Aerospace and Defense	8.3%
Healthcare, Education and Childcare	6.8%
Electronics	6.8%
RMBS	4.8%

Pricing and Fees

Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.77%
Recoverable expenses	0.00% (May 2021)
Buy/sell spread ³	+0.270%/-0.270%
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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