# Bentham Defensive Income Fund (Class I)

## **Fund Aim**

Fund aims to provide investors with access to a diversified, defensive, multi-sector credit strategy with a focus on providing steady monthly income with a focus on downside volatility.

### Fund Performance as at 30 November 2022 (%)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 vear	Since inception (p.a.)
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Gross return (before fees)	1.62	0.43	-0.17	-1.95	-1.43
Benchmark*	0.90	1.86	2.19	2.23	1.53
Excess return (before fees)	0.71	-1.43	-2.36	-4.18	-2.96

Source: Fidante Partners. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Returns may be volatile and may vary from year to year. The inception date of the fund is 16 June 2021.

## **Portfolio and Market Returns**

The Bentham Defensive Income Fund (Class I) had a before fees return of 1.62% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 0.71%.

## **Portfolio update**

Investment markets were stronger in November. Global equity indices, corporate debt and securitised credit markets were higher. The Fund generated a positive return for the month.

US AA CLO spreads remained steady at SOFR +305bp while European AA CLO spreads moved from EURIBOR +435bp to EURIBOR +380bp. The Fund did not transact in the CLO market during the month. The Fund's RMBS exposures continue to benefit from seasoning and structure amortisation.

The Fund was active in the Bank capital market, participating in multiple primary transactions at attractive new issue discounts.

The Fund held an interest rate duration position of  $\sim$ 3.8 years at the end of the month.

## **Portfolio Summary Statistics**

Yield to maturity	6.45%
Running yield	5.33%
Credit spread <sup>1</sup>	+242bps
Number of issuers	77
Interest rate duration	3.79 years
Credit duration	2.84 years
Average credit quality <sup>2</sup>	AAA
Investment grade <sup>3</sup> exposure	97% of portfolio
Ratings implied loss rate	-0.05%
Fund size	A\$33,264,367

## Risk Characteristics

1 Year Volatility	4.37
1 Year Sharpe Ratio	-0.96
1 Year Tracking Error	3.19
1 Year Information Ratio	-1.31

## **Fund Distributions**

Distribution frequency	Monthly			
Monthly distribution <sup>4</sup>	0.42% (Nov 2022)			
Target distribution rate (FY22) <sup>5</sup>	5.0%			

<sup>1</sup> Spread over the swap rate.

<sup>2</sup> The average credit quality is calculated using a duration adjusted Moody's Weighted Average Rating Factor (WARF) for both the S&P and Moody's security credit ratings within a portfolio.

<sup>3</sup> An assigned credit rating of BBB-/Baa3 or better by a credit rating agency.

<sup>4</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>5</sup> Target distribution rates for FY23 set at 5.0% of the monthly unit price. Bentham intends to achieve the distribution rate for FY2023 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 2022 and assumes the Fund continues to achieve an equivalent yield for FY2023.





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## **Monthly Distribution Returns History (%)**<sup>1</sup>

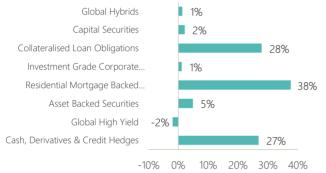
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD <sup>2</sup>
2023	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.41	0.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.09
2022	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.12	5.09	6.09
2021												0.09	0.09

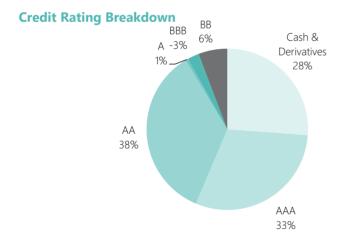
Source: Fidante Partners

Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

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## **Portfolio Asset Allocation**





Top Issuer Exposures	
Finsbury Square 2020-1 Plc	4.0%
CIFC European Funding CLO - 4X	3.9%
Bluestone Prime Trust - 2021-1	3.3%
lvy Hill Middle Market Credit - 7x	3.2%
Madison Park Euro Funding - 17X	3.1%
Resimac Premier Series 2021-1	3.0%
Liberty Funding Pty Limited - 2021-2P	3.0%
Vermilion Trust - 2021-1	3.0%
Triton Trust - 2021-2	3.0%
Dryden Euro CLO - 2020-89X	2.9%

Interest Rate Duration (yrs)	AUD	USD	EUR	GBP	CAD	Total
Total	3.60	-0.21	-0.04	0.47	0.00	3.82

## **Regional Breakdown**





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Fund Overview		Fund Overview (Cont.)				
Portfolio Manager	Richard Quin	Fund features         • The Fund is a diversified multi-sector creation				
Inception date	16 June 2021			focus on providing investors with income from an actively managed		
APIR code	CSI0521AU		portfolio of fixed income securities with a focus on			
Benchmark	50% Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Bond Index and 50% Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index		<ul><li>downside protection.</li><li>Actively managed Fund with the flexibili change the credit exposures to suit mar</li></ul>			
Performance objective	To exceed the Benchmark (cash) by 1.5% p.a. over rolling three-year periods	Access to global invest     Oiversified sources of ir     countries, industries, co     types		s across the credit cycle. global investment opportunities d sources of income across many		
Suggested investment time frame	Medium term, minimum 3 years			stries, companies and investment		
Investment universe	Global credit and fixed interest markets, including but not limited to, investment grade securities, asset backed securities, capital securities and		<ul> <li>Onique asset cla</li> <li>Regular monthl</li> <li>Daily unit pricin</li> </ul>	2		
	derivatives.					
Credit quality	Minimum exposure of 90% to investment grade	Pricing and Fees				
	rated securities	Unit frequency pricing	I	Daily		
Interest rate exposure	Actively managed	Management fee (Clas	ss I)	0.35%		
Currency	AUD Hedged, between 95% and 105% of NAV	Recoverable expenses		0.05% p.a. estimate		
Tail risk management	Ongoing tail risk hedging strategy in place. The Investment Manager will use a small proportion of	Buy/sell spread <sup>1</sup>		+0.220%/-0.220%		
	Fund yield to purchase options to protect the	Minimum initial invest	ment	A\$10,000		
Fund documentation	portfolio. Information memorandum for Wholesale Investors. Contact us for Product Disclosure Statement class	<sup>1</sup> Buy/sell spread is retained in the Fund to cover transaction costs. It is not paid to t Investment Manager. The buy/sell spread is reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure fairly reflects market transaction costs.				

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