

## Bentham Global Income Fund

## **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 March 2023 (%)										
	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)	0.57	3.25	5.55	1.58	8.20	3.82	5.73	5.63	7.54	7.15
Growth return (after fees)	-0.04	1.43	1.81	-4.90	2.21	-1.75	0.21	-0.17	0.46	0.02
Distribution return	0.54	1.64	3.34	5.62	5.34	4.77	4.73	5.01	6.28	6.31
Total return (after fees) <sup>1</sup>	0.50	3.08	5.16	0.72	7.55	3.02	4.94	4.84	6.73	6.34
Benchmark	1.72	2.69	3.28	1.25	-0.80	1.20	1.51	2.24	3.57	4.02
Active return (after fees) <sup>2</sup>	-1.22	0.39	1.88	-0.53	8.35	1.82	3.43	2.59	3.16	2.32

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

<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> 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 had a total return (after fees) of 0.50% in the month of March, underperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index, 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index) by 1.22%. On a before fees basis the fund returned 0.57% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 1.15%.

Investment markets had mixed returns in March as government bonds markets and the broader equity market outperformed, while bank shares and some segments of credit markets underperformed.

The top contributors to performance included Investment Grade Credit, Global High Yield and Asset Backed Securities (ABS); whilst the bottom performing contributors included Capital Securities, Global Syndicated Loans and Global Hybrids.

We remain cautious on the outlook because the rapid increase in interest rates will have a long and variable lag effect on the economy. Higher rates are still to fully impact the real economy. In addition, tightened credit standards and increased capital for banks will weight on the economy. We anticipate the risk that credit spreads may increase, albeit already from their currently elevated levels, and government bond yields to continue to benefit as inflation begins to moderate. In our multi-sector credit portfolios, we have increased the interest rate duration and still maintain a defensive credit exposure positioning.

Market concerns of potential economic weakness have seen credit markets weaken over the past year, with credit spreads increasing significantly. The higher credit spreads are now well above 10-year averages and currently provide an additional running yield buffer against further market weakness, and we believe that the higher overall yield provides for a favourable income profile.

### **Portfolio Summary Statistics**

Yield to maturity	6.73%
Running yield	8.49%
Credit spread <sup>3</sup>	+314bps
Number of issuers	645
Interest rate duration	6.66 years
Credit duration	2.49 years
Investment grade <sup>4</sup> exposure	74% of portfolio
Fund size	A\$2,752,300,109

Risk Characteristics					
5 Year Volatility <sup>5</sup>	5.96				
5 Year Sharpe Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.46				
5 Year Tracking Error <sup>7</sup>	6.05				
5 Year Information Ratio <sup>8</sup>	0.43				

### **Fund Distributions**

Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution <sup>9</sup>	0.54% (Mar 2023)
Target distribution rate (FY23) <sup>10</sup>	6.5%

<sup>5</sup> Volatility is Standard Deviation.

<sup>7</sup> Tracking Error is the Standard Deviation of the Active Return (before fees).

<sup>10</sup> 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. Actual distributions, however, can differ from this setting because of future matters which are not known or able to be presently identified.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Spread over the swap rate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> An assigned credit rating of BBB-/Baa3 or better by a credit rating agency.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Sharpe Ratio is the excess return over the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (before fees) divided by Standard Deviation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Information Ratio is the Active Return (before fees) divided by the Tracking Error.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</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.



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# March 2023

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	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.54	0.54	-	-	-	4.97
2022	0.25	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.39	3.05
2021	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.83	0.85	0.85	1.07	6.39
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

Source: Fidante Partners

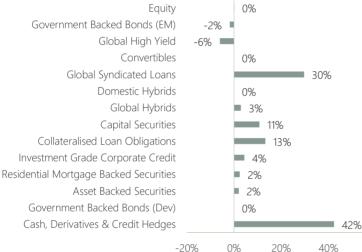
#### Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

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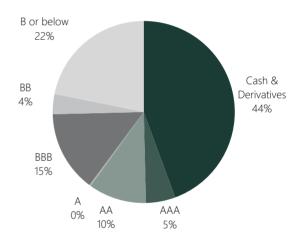
<sup>2</sup> Annual distribution return (Year-to-Date) is calculated as the Total Return (after fees) minus Growth Return. Total Return (after fees) is calculated using pre-distribution month end withdrawal unit price, and assumes distributions are reinvested. Growth Return equals the percentage change in unit price.

60%

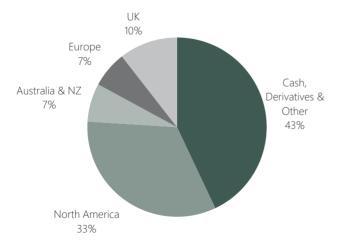
### **Portfolio Asset Allocation**



### **Credit Rating Breakdown**



### **Regional Breakdown**



**Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC)** 

Banking	18.1%
Electronics	4.8%
Healthcare, Education and Childcare	4.3%
CLO	4.3%
Aerospace and Defense	4.2%

Pricing and Fees	
Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.72%
Recoverable expenses	0.05% (Mar 2023)
Buy/sell spread <sup>3</sup>	+0.330%/-0.330%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	A\$10,000

<sup>3</sup> 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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## March 2023

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	AMP Wealthview	✓ Macquarie Wrap Super Manager ✓					
	and 50% Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index	- 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 ✓					
	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 ✓					
	<ul> <li>Access to global investment opportunities not typically available to direct retail investors</li> </ul>	FirstWrap	✓ Synergy ✓					
	Highly diversified portfolio	Grow Wrap	✓ uXchange ✓					
	<ul><li>Regular monthly distributions</li><li>Daily unit pricing</li></ul>	Hillross Portfolio Care	✓ ASX mFund Settlement Service BAM05					
	Australian domiciled trust with more than	HUB24	✓					
	15 years' track record • Competitive fee							





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