

Bentham Global Income Fund NZD

June 2023

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 30 June 2023 (%) | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-------------|----------|--------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| | 1 month | 3 months | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years (p.a.) | 5 years (p.a.) | Since inception (p.a.) | | | |
| Gross return (before fees) | -1.85 | -2.28 | 1.14 | 3.56 | 5.15 | 3.73 | 5.52 | | | |
| Growth return (after fees) | -3.28 | -5.04 | -3.69 | -5.38 | -1.15 | -2.87 | -1.23 | | | |
| Distribution return | 1.40 | <i>2.59</i> | 4.48 | 8.19 | 5.66 | 5.79 | 5.94 | | | |
| Total return (after fees) ¹ | -1.87 | -2.44 | 0.79 | 2.81 | 4.51 | 2.92 | 4.71 | | | |
| Benchmark | -0.70 | -0.65 | 2.37 | 3.37 | -0.52 | 1.36 | 2.50 | | | |
| Active return (after fees) ² | -1.17 | -1.80 | -1.57 | -0.56 | 5.03 | 1.56 | 2.21 | | | |

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 -1.87% in the month of June, underperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (hedged to NZD), 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index (hedged to NZD)) by 1.17%. On a before fees basis the fund returned -1.85% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 1.14%.

Investment markets were mixed in June amid persistent inflation and a more hawkish narrative from Central Banks. Equity markets trended higher (led by the Al tech sector); credit spreads were flat to tighter while Government bond markets were lower on higher interest rates. Australia's yield curve inverted for the first time since the GFC, mirroring the US and New Zealand as investors price in a difficult 2024 for the local economy.

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

We remain cautious on the outlook because we believe the impacts of the rapid increase in interest rates will occur with longer and variable lags. Higher rates have not fully impacted the real economy. In addition, we expect tightened credit standards and increased capital costs for banks will weigh on the economy. We anticipate the risk that credit spreads may increase, albeit already from their currently elevated levels, and government bond yields may benefit (fall) as inflation continues to fall from elevated levels. In our multi-sector credit portfolios, we have more interest rate duration and still maintain a defensive credit exposure positioning.

Interest rates and bonds offer their best value in the last 23 years relative to equities. We are less worried about the last one or two interest rate increase and more worried about the impact on the economy of the last 20 rate rises. We have dry powder to put to work when market opportunities present themselves. The deleveraging or right sizing of debt will eventually be more positive for credit markets than equities.

| Portfolio Summary Statistics | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| ield to maturity | 8.24% | | | |
| unning yield | 9.17% | | | |
| redit spread ³ | +280bps | | | |
| lumber of issuers | 674 | | | |
| nterest rate duration | 6.49 years | | | |
| redit duration | 2.97 years | | | |
| nvestment grade ⁴ exposure | 78% of portfolio | | | |
| und size | NZ\$116,182,374 | | | |

| Risk Characteristics | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|--|--|--|
| 5 Year Volatility ⁵ | 5.92 | | | |
| 5 Year Sharpe Ratio ⁶ | 0.35 | | | |
| 5 Year Tracking Error ⁷ | 5.94 | | | |
| 5 Year Information Ratio ⁸ | 0.41 | | | |

| Fund Distributions | |
|---|------------------|
| Distribution frequency | Monthly |
| Monthly distribution ⁹ | 1.40% (Jun 2023) |
| Target distribution rate (FY23) ¹⁰ | 7.5% |

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).

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 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.



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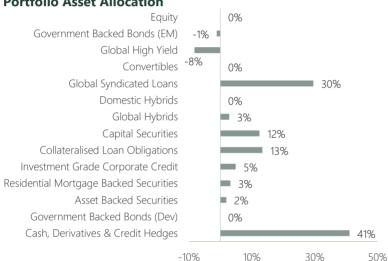
| Monthly Distribution Returns History (%) ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------|
| Financial Year | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | YTD ² |
| 2023 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.61 | 0.62 | 0.62 | 0.62 | 0.62 | 0.62 | 0.62 | 1.40 | 8.19 |
| 2022 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.28 | 2.96 |
| 2021 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.85 | 0.84 | 1.12 | 5.83 |
| 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 |

Source: Fidante Partners

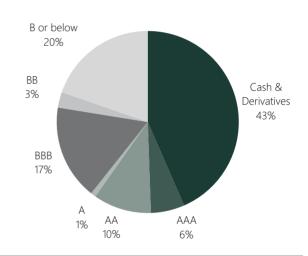
Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

- ¹Calculated 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.

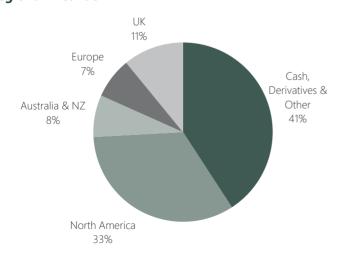
Portfolio Asset Allocation



Credit Rating Breakdown



Regional Breakdown



Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC)

| Banking | 16.8% |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Electronics | 5.4% |
| Healthcare, Education and Childcare | 4.4% |
| Aerospace and Defense | 4.4% |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Service | 3.3% |

| Pricing and Fees | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Unit frequency pricing | Daily |
| Management fee | 0.77% |
| Recoverable expenses | 0.00% (Jun 2023) |
| Buy/sell spread ³ | +0.310%/-0.310% |
| 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 | 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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