

### 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 July 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)	1.09	-2.65	-2.54	0.90	4.36	3.26	4.94	5.05	7.15	6.93
Growth return (after fees)	0.52	-4.35	-5.96	-6.04	-1.58	-2.29	-0.62	-0.66	0.39	-0.18
Distribution return	0.51	1.56	3.09	6.28	5.31	4.76	4.79	4.92	5.96	6.31
<b>Total return (after fees)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>-2.80</b>	<b>-2.87</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>3.73</b>	<b>2.47</b>	<b>4.17</b>	<b>4.26</b>	<b>6.35</b>	<b>6.12</b>
Benchmark	0.45	-0.84	0.57	0.83	-1.16	0.92	1.11	2.07	3.36	3.92
Active return (after fees) <sup>2</sup>	0.58	-1.96	-3.44	-0.58	4.89	1.55	3.05	2.19	2.98	2.21

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 1.03% in the month of July, outperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index, 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index) by 0.58%. On a before fees basis the fund returned 1.09% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 0.64%.

Investment markets were generally higher over the month with improving inflation data and resilient economic growth improving the odds of a soft landing in the US. Both the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and the European Central Bank (ECB) raised rates by 0.25% in line with expectations with forward-looking indicators suggesting rates are now close to their peak for the cycle. Both equity and credit markets were higher with emerging markets outperforming.

The top contributors to performance included Capital Securities, Global Syndicated Loans and Investment Grade Credit; whilst the bottom performing contributors included Bond, Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS) and Asset Backed Securities (ABS).

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.

### Portfolio Summary Statistics

Yield to maturity	6.74%
Running yield	7.54%
Credit spread <sup>3</sup>	+236bps
Number of issuers	677
Interest rate duration	6.60 years
Credit duration	2.33 years
Investment grade <sup>4</sup> exposure	81% of portfolio
Fund size	A\$2,815,463,912

### Risk Characteristics

5 Year Volatility <sup>5</sup>	6.11
5 Year Sharpe Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.34
5 Year Tracking Error <sup>7</sup>	6.08
5 Year Information Ratio <sup>8</sup>	0.39

### Fund Distributions

Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution <sup>9</sup>	0.51% (Jul 2023)
Target distribution rate (FY24) <sup>10</sup>	6.25%

<sup>3</sup> Spread over the swap rate.

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

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

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

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

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

<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.

<sup>10</sup> Bentham intends to achieve the distribution rate for FY2024 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 2023 and assumes the Fund continues to achieve an equivalent yield for FY2024. Actual distributions, however, can differ from this setting because of future matters which are not known or able to be presently identified.

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

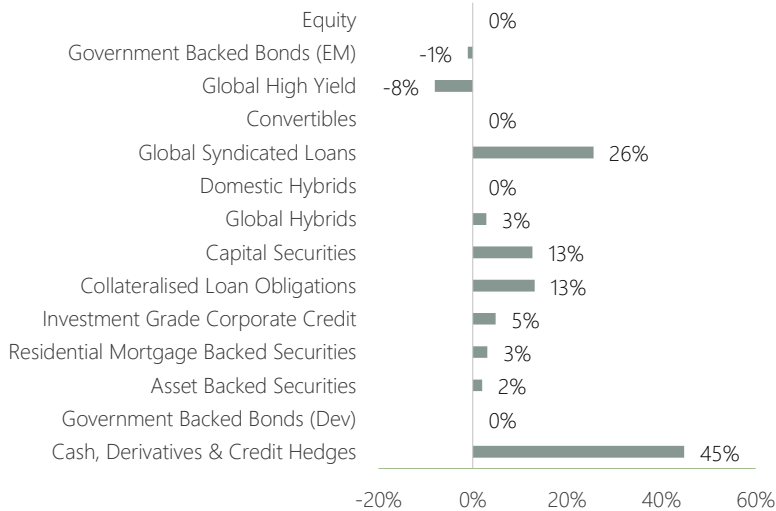
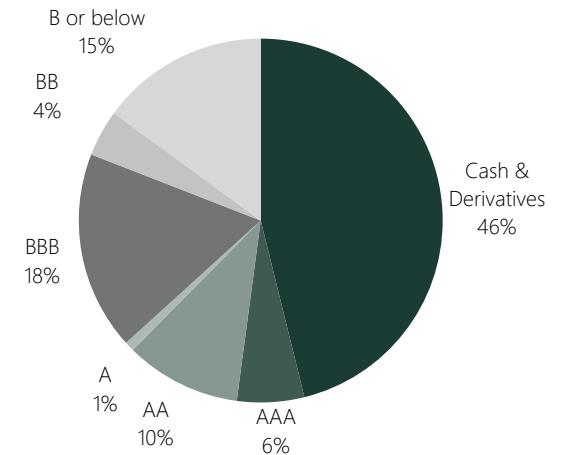
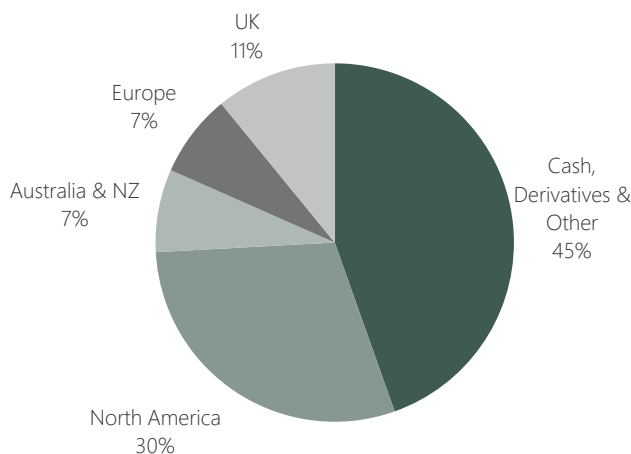
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD <sup>2</sup>
2024	0.51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.51
2023	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.54	6.40
2022	0.25	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.39	3.05
2021	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.30	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

Source: Fidante Partners

Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

<sup>1</sup> Calculated as the cents per unit (CPU) distribution at month end divided by the ex-distribution unit price at the start of the month.

<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.

**Portfolio Asset Allocation**

**Credit Rating Breakdown**

**Regional Breakdown**

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

Banking	16.9%
Electronics	4.9%
CLO	4.4%
Aerospace and Defense	4.2%
Healthcare, Education and Childcare	3.8%

**Pricing and Fees**

Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.72%
Recoverable expenses	0.05% (Jul 2023)
Buy/sell spread <sup>3</sup>	+0.310%/-0.310%
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.

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 and 50% Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index	AMP Wealthview	✓	Macquarie Wrap Super Manager	✓
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	Asgard eWrap	✓	Macquarie Wrap Investment	✓
Credit quality	Actively managed. Minimum exposure of 50% to investment grade rated securities	Asgard Infiniti-Select	✓	MLC Wrap – IDPS	✓
Interest rate exposure	Actively managed	Asgard Master Trust	✓	MLC Wrap – Super	✓
Currency	Aims to be fully hedged to AUD	North	✓	MLC Navigator	✓
Fund features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active specialist management</li> <li>• Access to global investment opportunities not typically available to direct retail investors</li> <li>• Highly diversified portfolio</li> <li>• Regular monthly distributions</li> <li>• Daily unit pricing</li> <li>• Australian domiciled trust with more than 15 years' track record</li> <li>• Competitive fee</li> </ul>	Summit	✓	Netwealth – Public	✓
		BT Panorama	✓	Oasis	✓
		BT Wrap	✓	Perpetual Wealth Focus	✓
		Federation	✓	PowerWrap	✓
		FirstWrap	✓	Synergy	✓
		Grow Wrap	✓	uXchange	✓
		Hillross Portfolio Care	✓	ASX mFund Settlement Service <b>BAM05</b>	
		HUB24	✓		



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