

## Bentham Global Income Fund NZD

October 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 31 October 2023 (%)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	10 Year (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Gross return (before fees)	-1.25	-0.62	-2.82	3.33	3.91	3.42	5.19	5.38
Growth return (after fees)	-1.93	-2.65	-7.48	-5.53	-2.84	-3.36	-1.59	-1.41
Distribution return	0.63	1.85	4.34	8.16	6.03	5.97	5.98	5.99
Total return (after fees) <sup>1</sup>	-1.31	-0.80	-3.14	2.63	3.19	2.61	4.39	4.58
Benchmark	-0.65	-0.44	-0.87	2.67	-0.71	1.22	2.44	2.43
Active return (after fees) <sup>2</sup>	-0.66	-0.35	-2.27	-0.04	3.91	1.39	1.95	2.15

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 NZD had a total return (after fees) of -1.31% in the month of October, underperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (hedged to NZD), 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index (hedged to NZD)) by 0.66%. On a before fees basis the fund returned -1.25% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 0.60%.

Investment markets were weaker in October as investors priced in "higher cash rates for longer" on the back of elevated inflation and stronger than expected growth data, particularly in the US. The conflict in the Middle East also impacted markets and kept oil prices high. Equities and bonds were lower, while credit spreads widened.

The top contributors to performance included Collateralised Loan Obligations (CLO), Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS) and Global Hybrids; whilst the bottom performing contributors included Global Syndicated Loans, Investment Grade Credit and Global High Yield.

We remain cautious on the investment return outlook because the impact of the globally synchronised rapid interest rate hikes is yet to fully realised. We expect the negative impact of rate hikes to occur with a longer lag than previous rate hike cycles because the extraordinary government stimulus from Covid is still temporarily supporting growth. In addition, we expect tighter credit standards and increased capital costs for banks to weigh on economic growth. Higher rates are having a mixed impact on the household sector, leveraged households are spending less while household savers are benefitting from higher interest income.

### Portfolio Summary Statistics

Yield to maturity	8.32%
Running yield	9.60%
Credit spread <sup>3</sup>	+242bps
Number of issuers	667
Interest rate duration	6.22 years
Credit duration	2.43 years
Investment grade <sup>4</sup> exposure	85% of portfolio
Fund size	NZ\$105,843,216

### Risk Characteristics

5 Year Volatility <sup>5</sup>	6.00
5 Year Sharpe Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.25
5 Year Tracking Error <sup>7</sup>	5.94
5 Year Information Ratio <sup>8</sup>	0.37

### Fund Distributions

Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution <sup>9</sup>	0.63% (Oct 2023)
Target distribution rate (FY24) <sup>10</sup>	7.5%

<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 NZBond 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.

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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>
2024	0.62	0.63	0.62	0.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.48
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

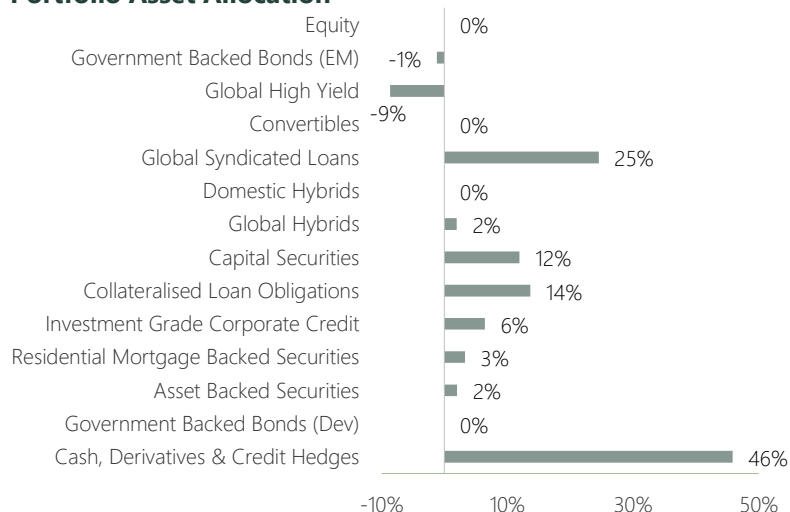
Source: Fidante Partners

Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

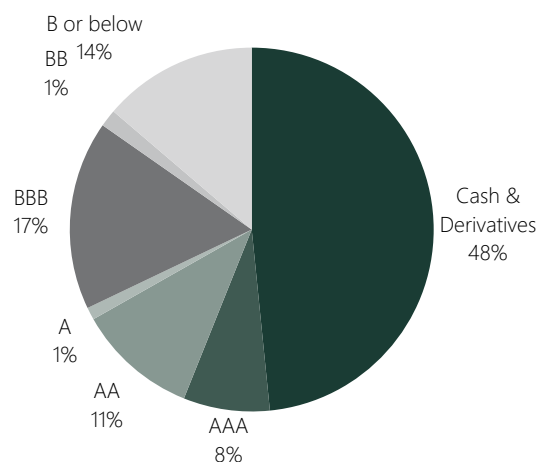
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<sup>2</sup> Annual distribution return (Year-to-Date) is calculated as the Total Return (after fees) minus Growth Return. Total Return (after fees) is calculated using pre-distribution month end withdrawal unit price, and assumes distributions are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

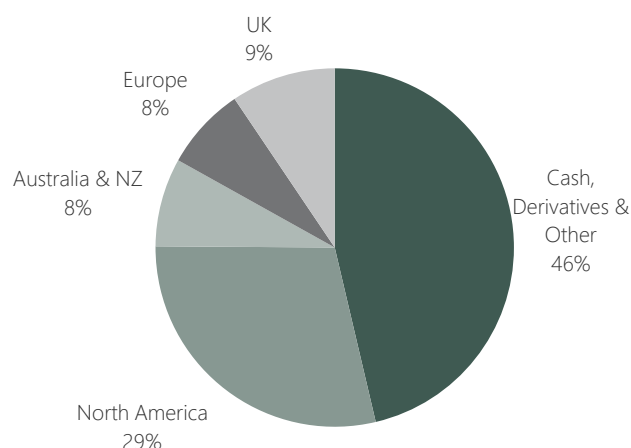
### Portfolio Asset Allocation



### Credit Rating Breakdown



### Regional Breakdown



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

Banking	16.2%
Electronics	4.5%
Aerospace and Defense	4.1%
Healthcare, Education and Childcare	3.9%
RMBS	3.3%

### Pricing and Fees

Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.77%
Recoverable expenses	0.00% (Oct 2023)
Buy/sell spread <sup>3</sup>	+0.290%/-0.290%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	NZ\$50,000

<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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## Fund Overview

Portfolio Manager	Richard Quin
Inception date	30 September 2013
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"> <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>• Fund track record 5+ years</li> <li>• Strategy track record 15+ years</li> <li>• Competitive fee</li> </ul>

## Platform Availability

AEGIS	✓
FNZ (including One Answer and Wealthview)	✓



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