

Bentham Global Income Fund

February 2024

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 29 February 2024 (%)											
	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.)	20 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Gross return (before fees)	-0.29	4.29	6.29	5.97	3.98	4.52	4.67	4.99	10.52	6.99	7.09
Growth return (after fees) Distribution return	-0.88 0.53	2.51 1.61	2.69 3.25	-1.21 6.44	-2.57 5.79	-1.34 5.07	-1.03 4.93	-0.73 4.94	3.56 6.13	-0.26 6.44	-0.04 6.32
Total return (after fees) ¹	-0.35	4.12	5.94	5.22	3.22	3.73	3.90	4.21	9.69	6.18	6.28
Benchmark	0.02	1.84	2.13	3.84	0.30	0.92	1.56	2.16	3.09	3.92	3.94
Active return (after fees) ²	-0.37	2.28	3.81	1.38	2.93	2.82	2.34	2.05	6.60	2.26	2.35

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 had a total return (after fees) of -0.35% in the month of February, underperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index, 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index) by 0.37%. On a before fees basis the fund returned -0.29% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 0.31%.

Strong earnings out of the US and continued AI optimism helped equity markets in the US reach all-time highs. Credit markets also registered gains, while bond yields (particularly in the US) trended higher as expectations for near term rate cuts subsided.

The top contributors to performance included Collateralised Loan Obligations (CLO), Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS) and Global High Yield; whilst the bottom performing contributors included Asset Backed Securities (ABS), Bond and Capital Securities.

Investment markets are pricing in both a rate cutting cycle starting later this year and a continuation of positive earnings growth from companies. While cash rates are now on hold in most G10 countries, monetary policies are currently quite restrictive. We remain cautious on the investment return outlook as we believe the market may be underestimating the economic risk from the lagged impact of recent cash rate hikes.

In the corporate sector, tighter credit standards and increased capital costs weigh on activity. The impact of higher rates on households is mixed; spending from leveraged households is constrained by higher costs of inflation and rates, while savers are benefitting from higher interest income.

6.26% 8.33%
8.33%
+230bps
681
5.77 years
2.26 years
80% of portfolio
A\$3,047,737,692

Risk Characteristics	
5 Year Volatility ⁵	6.52
5 Year Sharpe Ratio ⁶	0.47
5 Year Tracking Error ⁷	6.10
5 Year Information Ratio ⁸	0.59

Fund Distributions	
Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution ⁹	0.53% (Feb 2024)
Target distribution rate (FY24) ¹⁰	6.25%

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 AusBond Bank Bill Index (before fees) divided by Standard Deviation.

⁷ Tracking Error is the Standard Deviation of the Active Return (before fees).

 $^{^{\}rm 8}$ 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 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 (%) ¹													
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD ²
2024	0.51	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.53	0.53	-	-	-	-	4.37
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

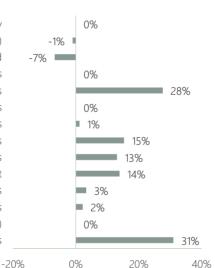
Source: Fidante Partners

Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

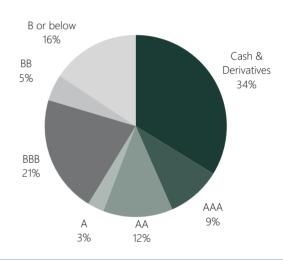
- ¹ Calculated as the cents per unit (CPU) distribution at month end divided by the ex-distribution unit price at the start of the month.
- ² Annual distribution return (Year-to-Date) is calculated as the Total Return (after fees) minus Growth Return. Total Return (after fees) is calculated using pre-distribution month end withdrawal unit price, and assumes distributions are reinvested. Growth Return equals the percentage change in unit price.

Portfolio Asset Allocation

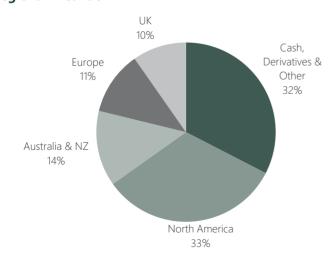
Equity
Government Backed Bonds (EM)
Global High Yield
Convertibles
Global Syndicated Loans
Domestic Hybrids
Global Hybrids
Capital Securities
Collateralised Loan Obligations
Investment Grade Corporate Credit
Residential Mortgage Backed Securities
Asset Backed Securities
Government Backed Bonds (Dev)
Cash, Derivatives & Credit Hedges



Credit Rating Breakdown



Regional Breakdown



Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC) Banking 21.7% Electronics 4.7% CLO 4.4% Aerospace and Defense 4.0% Healthcare, Education and Childcare 3.5%

Pricing and Fees	
Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.72%
Recoverable expenses	0.05% (Feb 2024)
Buy/sell spread ³	+0.260%/-0.260%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	A\$10,000

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 & mFund Code						
Inception date	16 September 2003	AMP Flexi Super MT	✓	OnePath OneAnswer	✓			
APIR code	CSA0038AU	AMP PortfolioCare	✓	OnePath PortfolioOne	√			
Benchmark	50% Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Bond Index	AMP PPS	✓	IOOF – Pursuit Select	✓			
	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,	Asgard eWrap	✓	Macquarie Wrap Investment	✓			
	securitised credit, global syndicated loans, global	Asgard Infiniti-Select	✓	MLC Wrap – IDPS	✓			
	high yield bonds, equities and derivatives	- Asgard Master Trust	✓	MLC Wrap – Super				
Credit quality	Actively managed. Minimum exposure of 50% to investment grade rated securities	North	✓	MLC Navigator	✓			
Interest rate exposure	Actively managed	Summit	✓	Netwealth – Public	√			
Currency	Aims to be fully hedged to AUD	BT Panorama	✓	Oasis	✓			
Fund features	Active specialist management	BT Wrap	✓	Perpetual Wealth Focus	✓			
	 Access to global investment opportunities not typically available to direct retail investors 	Federation	✓	PowerWrap	✓			
	Highly diversified portfolio	FirstWrap	✓	Synergy	✓			
	Regular monthly distributionsDaily unit pricing	Grow Wrap	✓	uXchange	✓			
	Australian domiciled trust with more than	Hillross Portfolio Care	✓	ASX mFund Settlement Service BAN	√105			
	15 years' track record • Competitive fee	HUB24	✓					





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