

Bentham Global Income Fund NZD
August 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 31 August 2024 (%)

	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)	1.27	5.01	5.88	12.99	6.17	6.24	5.86	6.29
Growth return (after fees)	0.72	3.17	1.91	4.43	-1.19	-0.59	-1.00	-0.65
Distribution return	0.49	1.67	3.59	7.78	6.55	6.02	6.06	6.13
Total return (after fees)¹	1.21	4.84	5.50	12.20	5.37	5.43	5.06	5.49
Benchmark	0.88	2.60	3.24	6.11	1.62	1.40	2.73	2.91
Active return (after fees) ²	0.33	2.23	2.26	6.10	3.75	4.03	2.33	2.58

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

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.

Portfolio and Market Returns

The Bentham Global Income Fund NZD had a total return (after fees) of 1.21% in the month of August, outperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (hedged to NZD), 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index (hedged to NZD)) by 0.33%. On a before fees basis the fund returned 1.27% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 0.40%.

After a volatile start to the month, global investment markets were higher over August as investors priced in rate cuts for the latter part of the year amid continued concerns of a weakening global economy. Both equity and credit markets ended the month higher, as did rates markets, with the US 10-year bond yield falling 19 basis points to 3.91%.

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

The market volatility earlier in the month was in part sparked by weak US jobs data, with non-farm payrolls well below the consensus expectations and the unemployment rate rising to 4.3%. Both US and European manufacturing data was also weak, prompting concerns Central Banks may have left it too late to cut interest rates, raising the risk of a "hard landing". Volatility was compounded by the unwinding of the JPY carry trade. In his speech at the Jackson Hole Symposium, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell acknowledged that "the time has come for policy to adjust," with investors at month end pricing in between one and two rate cuts in September.

Portfolio Summary Statistics

Yield to maturity	6.32%
Running yield	7.73%
Credit spread ³	+168bps
Number of issuers	694
Interest rate duration	6.51 years
Credit duration	2.61 years
Investment grade ⁴ exposure	87% of portfolio
Fund size	NZ\$61,160,419

Risk Characteristics

5 Year Volatility ⁵	6.50
5 Year Sharpe Ratio ⁶	0.56
5 Year Tracking Error ⁷	5.86
5 Year Information Ratio ⁸	0.83

Fund Distributions

Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution ⁹	0.49% (Aug 2024)
Target distribution rate (FY25) ¹⁰	6.0%

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 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

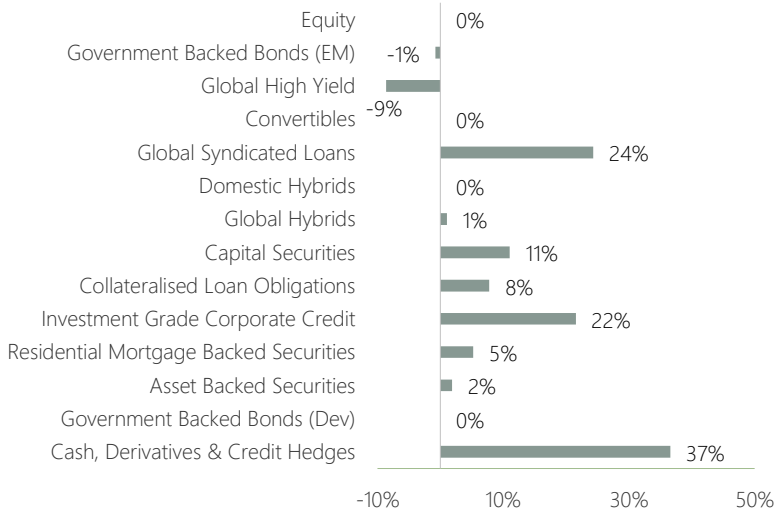
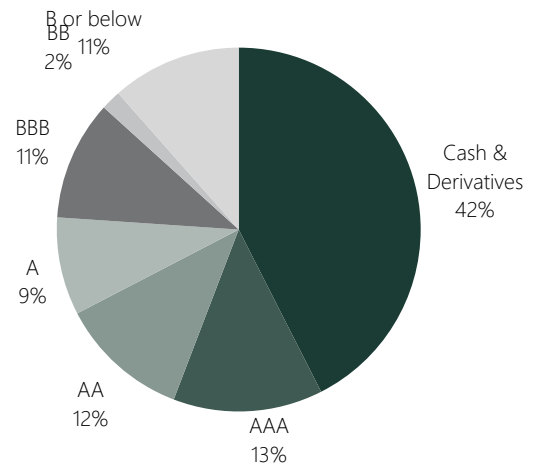
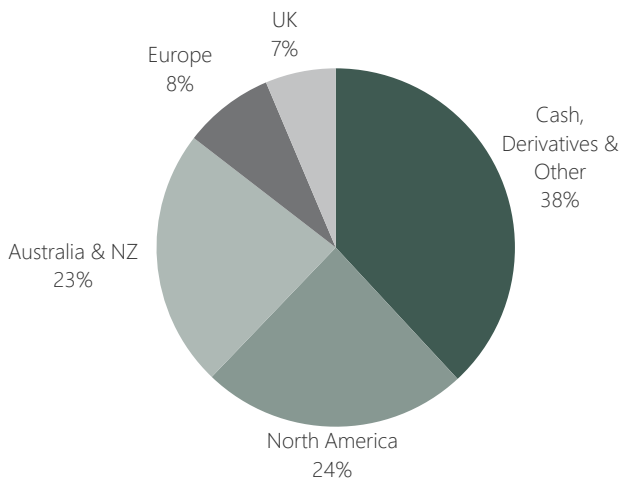
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD ²
2025	0.50	0.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00
2024	0.62	0.63	0.62	0.63	0.63	0.62	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.62	0.61	0.63	7.92
2023	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.61	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	1.40	8.19
2022	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.24	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

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

Credit Rating Breakdown

Regional Breakdown

Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC)

Banking	18.7%
Sovereign, Quasi Sovereign, Municipal	9.0%
RMBS	5.2%
Electronics	3.8%
Aerospace and Defense	3.6%

Pricing and Fees

Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.77%
Recoverable expenses	0.00% (Aug 2024)
Buy/sell spread ³	+0.230%/-0.230%
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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August 2024

Fund Overview	Platform Availability
Inception date 30 September 2013	AEGIS ✓
ARSN code 165 696 417	FNZ (including One Answer and Wealthview) ✓
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"> • 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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