

# Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund

August 2025

## **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide exposure to investment grade global asset backed securities (ABS) and generate stable income with some capital growth.

## Fund Performance as at 31 August 2025 (%)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 year (p.a.)	3 year (p.a.)	5 year (p.a.)	7 year (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Gross return (before fees)	0.32	1.19	3.02	4.89	7.62	7.08	4.70	3.98	4.14
Growth return (after fees)	-0.08	-0.16	0.23	-0.76	0.48	0.41	-0.52	-0.75	-0.18
Distribution return	0.38	1.26	2.61	5.28	6.81	6.32	4.96	4.39	3.97
Total return (after fees) <sup>1</sup>	0.30	1.10	2.84	4.52	7.30	6.73	4.44	3.63	3.79
Benchmark	0.32	0.94	2.00	4.25	4.33	4.01	2.47	2.12	2.05
Active return (after fees) <sup>2</sup>	-0.03	0.16	0.84	0.27	2.97	2.73	1.97	1.52	1.74

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

#### **Portfolio Returns**

The Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund had a total return (after fees) of 0.30% in the month of August, underperforming the benchmark (Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index) by 0.03%. On a before fees basis the fund returned 0.32% for the month, remaining flat against the benchmark.

#### **Portfolio Exposures**

The Fund's sector allocations are 48.4% in Australian Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS), 16.3% in Cash & Derivatives, 13.3% in European Collateralised Loan Obligations (CLO), 12.7% in US Broadly Syndicated CLO, 4.8% in UK RMBS, 0.8% in Credit Card ABS, 0.6% in Middle Market CLO, 0.2% in Aircraft ABS, 0.0% in Auto ABS, 0.0% in US Commercial Real Estate (CRE), 0.0% in Personal Loan ABS and 0.0% in European RMBS.

#### **Contributors**

The top performing contributors to performance included Australian RMBS and US Broadly Syndicated CLO; whilst the bottom performing contributors included Credit Card ABS and Aircraft ABS.

<b>Portfolio Summary St</b>	atistics
Yield to maturity	5.16%
Running yield	4.97%
Credit spread <sup>3</sup>	+89bps
Number of issuers	83
Interest rate duration	4.35 years
Credit duration	1.93 years
Average credit quality <sup>4</sup>	A+
Fund size	A\$273,103,490

<b>Risk Characteristics</b>	
5 Year Volatility <sup>5</sup>	3.65
5 Year Sharpe Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.61
5 Year Tracking Error <sup>7</sup>	3.54
5 Year Information Ratio <sup>8</sup>	0.63

Monthly
0.38% (Aug 2025)
4.5%

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Spread over the swap rate.

<sup>4</sup> The average credit quality is calculated using a duration adjusted Moody's Weighted Average Rating Factor (WARF) for both the S&P and Moody's security credit ratings within a portfolio.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Volatility is Standard Deviation.

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

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 FY2026 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 2025 and assumes the Fund continues to achieve an equivalent yield for FY2026. 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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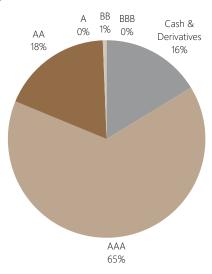
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<b>Monthly Dist</b>	ribution	n Returns	History	(%) <sup>1</sup>									
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD <sup>2</sup>
2026	0.38	0.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.75
2025	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.51	5.55
2024	0.48	0.46	0.46	0.47	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.49	2.77	8.33
2023	0.26	0.29	0.34	0.40	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.43	0.45	0.46	0.47	0.49	4.89
2022	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.16	0.69	2.21

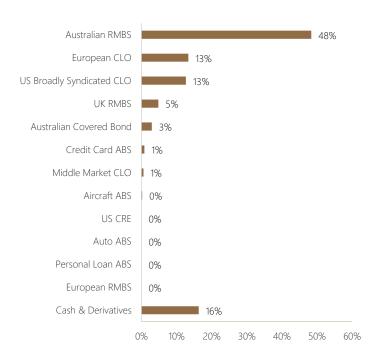
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#### Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

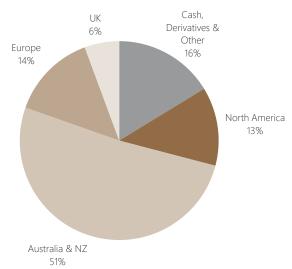
#### **Credit Rating Breakdown**



#### **Portfolio Asset Allocation**



### **Regional Breakdown**



<b>Pricing and Fees</b>	
Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.35%
Recoverable expenses	0.00% (Aug 2025)
Buy/sell spread <sup>3</sup>	+0.100%/-0.100%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	A\$10,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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.



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# August 2025

Fund Overview		Platform Availability & mFund Code	
Inception date	31 October 2016	Asgard eWrap	,
APIR code	HOW2852AU	Asgard Infiniti-Select	
Benchmark	Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index	Asgard Master Trust	
Performance objective	To exceed the Benchmark (cash) by 1.5% p.a. post	BT Panorama	
	fees over rolling three year periods	BT Wrap	
Investment universe	Includes global asset backed securities, securitised	HUB24	
	debt, government bonds, government backed bonds, cash and derivatives	Netwealth	
	bolius, casii anu derivatives	ASX mFund Settlement Service	BAMO
Credit quality objective	Minimum A-		
Credit risk	Minimum 90% exposure to investment grade* rated securities and cash equivalents		
Currency	Aims to be fully hedged to AUD		
Fund features	<ul> <li>Provides access to the global ABS market</li> <li>Active specialist management</li> <li>Portfolio diversified across ABS sectors and regions</li> <li>High credit quality portfolio</li> <li>Low volatility / risk level. Focus on preservation of capital</li> <li>Regular monthly distributions</li> </ul>		

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