

Bentham Defensive Income Fund (Class A)

February 2026

Fund Aim

Fund aims to provide investors with access to a diversified, defensive, multi-sector credit strategy with a focus on providing steady monthly income with a focus on downside volatility.

Fund Performance as at 28 February 2026 (%)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 Year (p.a.)	3 Year (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Gross return (before fees)	1.35	0.83	1.65	3.97	5.20	5.69	5.42
Benchmark	0.58	0.68	0.92	3.50	3.93	3.90	3.79
Excess return (before fees)	0.77	0.15	0.74	0.47	1.26	1.79	1.63
Total return (after fees)	1.33	0.74	1.49	3.63	4.84	5.35	5.06

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

The inception date of the fund is 01 July 2022.

Portfolio and Market Returns

The Bentham Defensive Income Fund (Class A) had a total return (after fees) of 1.33% in the month of February, outperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg Comp Bond and 50% Bank Bill Index) by 0.75%. On a before fees basis the fund returned 1.35% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 0.77%. The top performing contributors to performance included Asset Backed Securities (ABS), Investment Grade Credit and Capital Securities; whilst the bottom performing contributors included Global Hybrids, Bond and Equity Securities.

Portfolio Summary Statistics

Yield to maturity	5.24%
Running yield	4.60%
Credit spread ¹	+72bps
Number of issuers	97
Interest rate duration	6.59 years
Credit duration	3.42 years
Average credit quality ²	AA
Investment grade ³ exposure	100% of portfolio
Fund size	A\$74,599,352

Risk Characteristics

1 Year Volatility	3.21
1 Year Sharpe Ratio	0.15
1 Year Tracking Error	2.34
1 Year Information Ratio	0.20

Fund Distributions

Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution ⁴	0.38% (Feb 2026)
Target distribution rate (FY26) ⁵	4.50

¹ Spread over the swap rate.

² 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.

³ An assigned credit rating of BBB-/Baa3 or better by a credit rating agency.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Target distribution rates for FY26 set at 4.5% of the monthly unit price. 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

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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
2026	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.39	0.38	0.36	0.38	-	-	-	-	3.00
2025	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.43	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.39	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.41	5.06
2024	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	5.26
2023	0.42	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.40	0.42	0.42	0.38	4.96

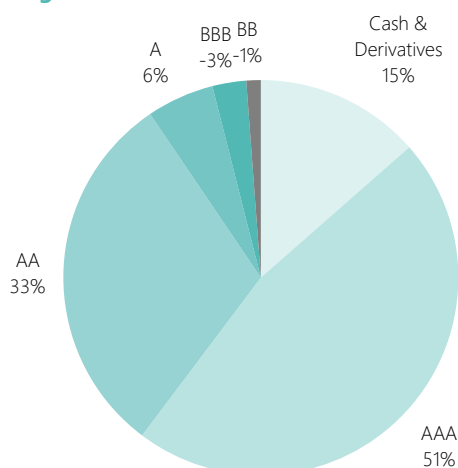
Source: Fidante Partners

Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

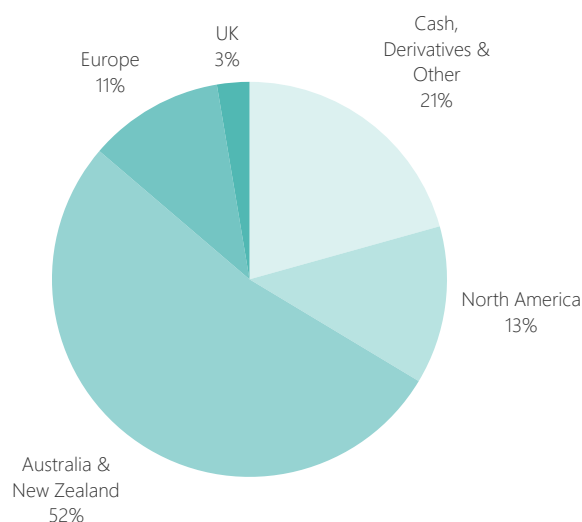
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² Annual distribution return (Year-to-Date) is calculated as the Total Return (after fees) minus Growth Return. Total Return (after fees) is calculated using pre-distribution month end withdrawal unit price, and assumes distributions are reinvested.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

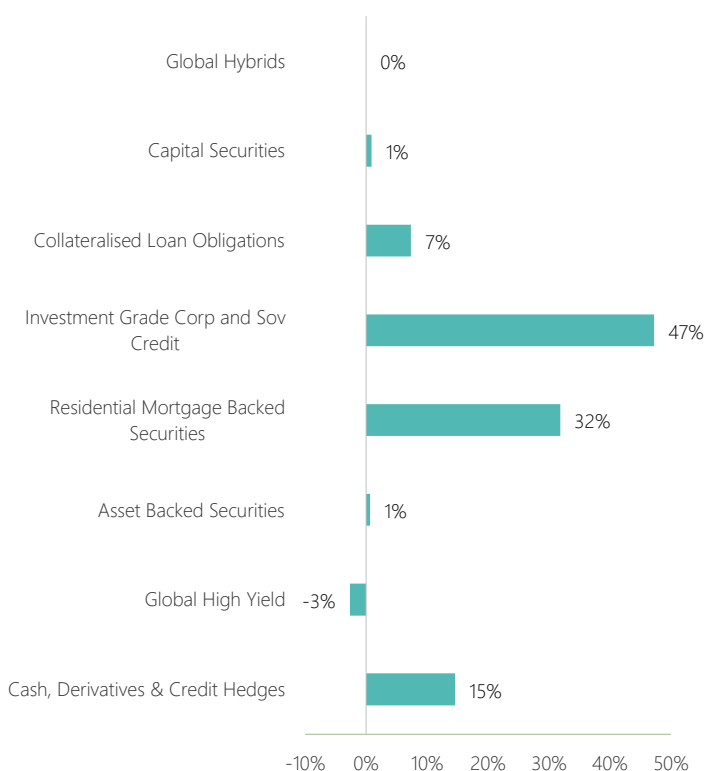
Credit Rating Breakdown



Regional Breakdown



Portfolio Asset Allocation



Top Issuer Exposures

New South Wales Treasury Corp	3.8%
Treasury Corp Victoria	3.2%
Auckland Council	2.7%
Province Of Quebec	2.6%
Nederlandse Waterschapsbank Nv	2.5%
Landwirtsch. Rentenbank	2.4%
Queensland Treasury Corp	2.4%
Puma - 2025-1	2.3%
South Aust Govt Fin Auth	2.3%
Dbx Group Holdings Ltd	2.0%

Currency	Interest Rate Duration (yrs)
AUD	6.52
USD	0.45
EUR	-0.02
GBP	0.01
CAD	0.00
NZD	-0.38
Total	6.59

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Fund Overview

Inception date	1 July 2022
APIR code	CSI0521AU
Benchmark	50% Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Bond Index and 50% Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index
Performance objective	To exceed the Benchmark (cash) by 1.5% p.a. over rolling three-year periods
Suggested investment time frame	Medium term, minimum 3 years
Investment universe	Global credit and fixed interest markets, including but not limited to, investment grade securities, asset backed securities, capital securities and derivatives
Credit quality	Minimum exposure of 90% to investment grade rated securities

Fund Overview (Cont.)

Fund features	• The Fund is a diversified multi-sector credit strategy with a focus on providing investors with steady monthly income from an actively managed portfolio of fixed income securities with a focus on downside protection. • Actively managed Fund with the flexibility to change the credit exposures to suit market conditions across the credit cycle. • Access to global investment opportunities • Diversified sources of income across many countries, industries, companies and investment types • Unique asset classes with specialist expertise • Regular monthly distributions • Daily unit pricing
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Pricing and Fees

Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.35%
Recoverable expenses	0.05% p.a. estimate
Buy/sell spread ¹	+0.100%/-0.100%
Entry and exit fees	A\$10,000

¹ 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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