

## Bentham Defensive Income Fund (Class A)

April 2025

### 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 30 April 2025 (%)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 Year (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Gross return (before fees)	2.11	3.45	5.04	9.48	7.03	6.51
Benchmark	1.03	1.93	3.45	5.78	3.73	4.13
Excess return (before fees)	1.09	1.52	1.59	3.70	3.30	2.37
Total Return (after fees)	2.08	3.37	4.86	9.14	6.70	6.12

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 before fees return of 2.11% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 1.09%.

### Portfolio Update

April was marked by heightened volatility across investment markets, largely triggered by President Trump's announcement of "Liberation Day" with larger and broader tariffs than expected. The move raised concerns of a full-scale global trade war, prompting a sharp initial market sell-off. Sentiment improved somewhat late in the month after Trump invoked a 90-day delay.

Credit spreads fluctuated with risk sentiment, selling off sharply on the back of tariff announcements before later retracing much of the move as market conditions stabilised. US High Yield spreads only widened by 19 basis points to 389 basis points, after reaching a peak of 450 basis points earlier in the month.

The Fund was active in the corporate credit, UK ABS and sov/supra market during the month, participating in multiple primary transactions throughout the month.

The mandate held a 7.24 year interest duration position at month end, primarily in the Australian, United States and United Kingdom markets.

### Portfolio Summary Statistics

Yield to maturity	4.64%
Running yield	3.20%
Credit spread <sup>1</sup>	+81bps
Number of issuers	83
Interest rate duration	7.24 years
Credit duration	2.58 years
Average credit quality <sup>2</sup>	AA
Investment grade <sup>3</sup> exposure	100% of portfolio
Fund size	A\$67,096,271

### Risk Characteristics

1 Year Volatility	4.23
1 Year Sharpe Ratio	0.88
1 Year Tracking Error	2.75
1 Year Information Ratio	1.35

### Fund Distributions

Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution <sup>4</sup>	0.38% (Apr 2025)
Target distribution rate (FY25) <sup>5</sup>	5.0%

<sup>1</sup> Spread over the swap rate.

<sup>2</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>3</sup> An assigned credit rating of BBB-/Baa3 or better by a credit rating agency.

<sup>4</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>5</sup> Target distribution rates for FY25 set at 5.0% of the monthly unit price. Bentham intends to achieve the distribution rate for FY2025 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 2024 and assumes the Fund continues to achieve an equivalent yield for FY2025.

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### Monthly Distribution Returns History (%)<sup>1</sup>

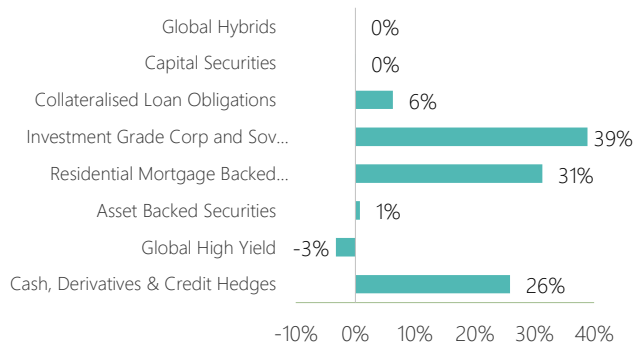
Financial Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD <sup>2</sup>
2025	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.43	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.39	0.38	0.38	-	-	4.24
2024	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	5.26
2023												0.38	4.96

Source: Fidante Partners

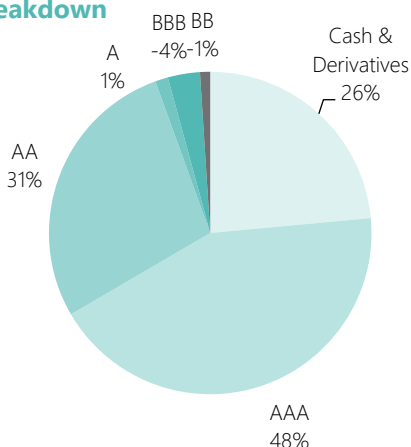
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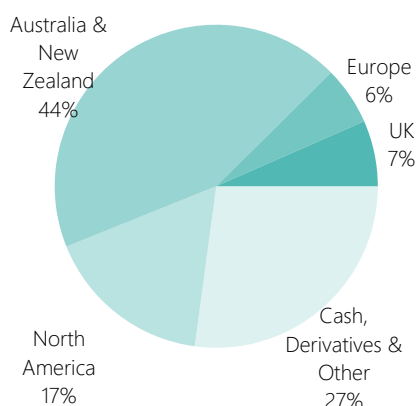
### Portfolio Asset Allocation



### Credit Rating Breakdown



### Regional Breakdown



### Top Issuer Exposures

Cppib Capital Inc	4.6%
Auckland Council	3.0%
New South Wales Treasury Corp	3.0%
Treasury Corp Victoria	2.8%
Queensland Treasury Corp	2.7%
New Zealand Government	2.6%
Medallion Trust - 2023-2	2.5%
Psp Capital Inc	2.3%
Medallion Trust - 2015-2	1.9%
Dryden Euro CLO - 2020-89X	1.7%

Interest Rate Duration (yrs)	AUD	USD	EUR	GBP	CAD	NZD	Total
<b>Total</b>	3.71	0.84	0.22	0.68	0.00	0.64	6.09

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### Fund Overview

Inception date	01 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
Interest rate exposure	Actively managed
Currency	AUD Hedged, between 95% and 105% of NAV
Tail risk management	Ongoing tail risk hedging strategy in place. The Investment Manager will use a small proportion of Fund yield to purchase options to protect the portfolio.
Fund documentation	Information memorandum for Wholesale Investors. Contact us for Product Disclosure Statement class

### 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

### Pricing and Fees

Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee (Class A)	0.35%
Recoverable expenses	0.05% p.a. estimate
Buy/sell spread <sup>1</sup>	+0.120%/-0.120%
Minimum initial investment	A\$10,000

<sup>1</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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