

# Bentham Global Income Fund

## **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 May 2025 (%)

	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)	-1.03	0.93	2.91	7.68	5.48	6.28	4.64	5.10	7.03	6.94	7.06
Growth return (after fees)	-1.54	-0.65	-0.28	1.17	-1.43	-0.02	-1.32	-0.70	0.34	-0.24	-0.04
Distribution return	0.46	1.37	2.77	5.75	6.14	5.65	5.17	5.02	5.88	6.39	6.29
Total return (after fees) <sup>1</sup>	-1.08	0.72	2.49	6.92	4.71	5.62	3.85	4.31	6.23	6.14	6.25
Benchmark	0.26	1.55	2.94	5.64	3.49	1.07	1.95	2.10	3.16	3.83	3.98
Active return (after fees) <sup>2</sup>	-1.34	-0.83	-0.45	1.28	1.22	4.56	1.90	2.22	3.07	2.32	2.27

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

<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>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.

## **Portfolio and Market Returns**

The Bentham Global Income Fund had a total return (after fees) of -1.08% in the month of May, underperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index, 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index) by 1.34%. On a before fees basis the fund returned -1.03% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 1.29%.

The top contributors to performance included Syndicated Loans, Capital Securities and HY Bonds, whilst the bottom performing contributors included Interest Rate Duration, Credit Hedges and Tail Hedges.

## **Portfolio Update**

Markets regained composure in May, supported by a U.S. court ruling against President Trump's proposed "Liberation Day" tariffs, which eased global uncertainty. Although temporarily upheld on appeal, the initial decision lifted investor sentiment. Easing trade tensions and ongoing U.S.-China discussions further reduced fears of a broader trade war.

In fixed income, U.S. 30-year Treasury yields rose 22bps to 4.9% over the month, driven by a weak 20-year auction and Moody's downgrade of U.S. sovereign debt from Aaa to Aa1, heightening fiscal concerns. Meanwhile, the RBA cut the cash rate by 25bps to 3.85%, supporting Australian market sentiment.

Global equities rebounded strongly. The MSCI ACWI rose 5.7%, the ASX 200 gained 4.2%, and the S&P 500's forward P/E climbed to 21.3x. In credit, U.S. high yield and syndicated loans outperformed, with Index spreads tightening and monthly returns of 1.6% and 1.5% respectively (AUD hedged).

The Fund's high interest rate exposure (which provided protection against negative credit markets in April) acted as a drag in May. However, we believe this positioning continues to offer attractive real yields and downside protection. The Fund remains conservatively positioned, focused on high-quality, liquid credit and higher interest rate duration.

<sup>4</sup> An assigned credit rating of BBB-/Baa3 or better by a credit rating agency.

<sup>5</sup> Volatility is Standard Deviation.

<sup>10</sup> 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. Actual distributions, however, can differ from this setting because of future matters which are not known or able to be presently identified.

#### Portfolio Summary Statistics

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Yield to maturity	5.11%				
Running yield	5.52%				
Credit spread <sup>3</sup>	+134bps				
Number of issuers	760				
Interest rate duration	7.19 years				
Credit duration	2.53 years				
Investment grade <sup>4</sup> exposure	90% of portfolio				
Fund size	A\$3,795,366,387				

Risk Characteristics				
5 Year Volatility <sup>5</sup>	5.11			
5 Year Sharpe Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.78			
5 Year Tracking Error <sup>7</sup>	4.03			
5 Year Information Ratio <sup>8</sup>	1.29			

# Fund Distributions

Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution <sup>9</sup>	0.46% (May 2025)
Target distribution rate (FY25) <sup>10</sup>	5.50%

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Spread over the swap rate.

<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.



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# May 2025

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	0.47	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.46	0.46	0.45	0.46	0.46	0.45	0.46	-	5.18
2024	0.51	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.53	0.53	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	6.58
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

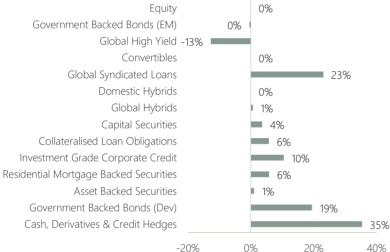
Source: Fidante Partners

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

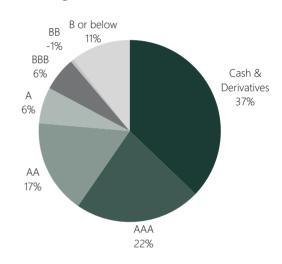
<sup>1</sup> Calculated as the cents per unit (CPU) distribution at month end divided by the ex-distribution unit price at the start of the month.

<sup>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.

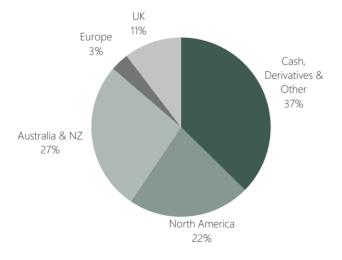
#### **Portfolio Asset Allocation**



## **Credit Rating Breakdown**



## **Regional Breakdown**



## Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC)

Sovereign, Quasi Sovereign, Municipal	26.8%
Banking	16.7%
RMBS	5.8%
Electronics	3.4%
Diversified/Conglomerate Service	3.0%

Pricing and Fees	
Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.72%
Recoverable expenses	0.05% (May 2025)
Buy/sell spread <sup>3</sup>	+0.220%/-0.220%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	A\$10,000

<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.



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# May 2025

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	~		
	<ul> <li>Access to global investment opportunities not typically available to direct retail investors</li> </ul>	Federation	√	PowerWrap	~		
	Highly diversified portfolio	FirstWrap	√	Synergy	~		
	<ul><li>Regular monthly distributions</li><li>Daily unit pricing</li></ul>	Grow Wrap	✓	uXchange	~		
	Australian domiciled trust with more than	Hillross Portfolio Care	√	CFS FC	~		
	15 years' track record • Competitive fee	HUB24	✓	ASX mFund Settlement Service BAM	105		





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