

# Bentham Global Opportunities Fund - Class A

March 2025

### **Fund Aim**

To provide diversified exposure to securities across global credit markets, with the flexibility to adapt its credit and cash exposure to suit market conditions across the credit cycle, and deliver consistent levels of income.

### Fund Performance as at 31 March 2025 (%) - Class A 3 6 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years Since inception 1 month 1 year months months (p.a.) (p.a.) (p.a.) (p.a.) (p.a.) Gross return (before fees) - Class F\* 0.08 1 44 1 64 7.41 6.10 6.17 9.53 8.31 Gross return (before fees) - Class A 0.08 1.44 1.44 7.30 12.18

Total return (after fees) - Class A 0.02 1.28 1.12 6.01 10.07 Benchmark 0.35 1.07 2.20 4 46 4.41 Active return (after fees) - Class A1 -0.33 0.21 -1.08 156 5.66

### **Portfolio and Market Returns**

The Bentham Global Opportunities Fund - Class A had a before fees return of 0.08% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 0.27%.

### **Portfolio Asset Allocation**

During the month, exposures to Cash, Basis Trades and Collateralised Loan Obligations increased, whilst exposures to Global High Yield, Capital Securities and Investment Grade Corporate Credit decreased. Current asset allocations are 34.1% in Global Syndicated Loans, 11.1% in Government Backed Bonds (Dev), 10.1% in Capital Securities, 4.5% in Investment Grade Corporate Credit, 2.7% in Collateralised Loan Obligations, 1.1% in Asset Backed Securities, 1.0% in Global Hybrids, 0.3% in Equity, -1.9% in Government Backed Bonds (EM), -22.1% in Global High Yield and 59.2% in Cash, Derivatives & Credit Hedges.

### **Portfolio Industry and Issuer Exposures**

The Fund's largest industry exposures are: 11.5% in Banking, 8.9% in Sovereign, Quasi Sovereign, Municipal and 6.1% in Electronics. The Fund's top three company exposures are: 2.7% in BNP Paribas, 2.3% in Psp Capital Inc and 2.3% in JPMorgan Chase & Co.

### **Leveraged Loan Market**

The discount margin (3 year) for the Index increased from 478bps to 498bps over the month. The top performing leveraged loan industries in March were Food And Drug, Healthcare and Utility with returns (sector performance in USD terms) of 0.66%, 0.28% and 0.27% respectively. The worst performing loan industries were Housing, Consumer Durables and Chemicals with returns of -1.50%, -0.94% and -0.90% respectively.

Portfolio Summary Statistics			
Yield to maturity	5.46%		
Running yield	6.33%		
Credit spread[) <sup>2</sup>	+172bps		
Number of issuers	501		
Interest rate duration	7.64 years		
Credit duration	1.85 years		
Investment grade[)3 exposure	90% of portfolio		
Fund Leverage	0%		
Fund size	A\$338,146,161		

Risk Characteristics		
5 Year Volatility[) <sup>4</sup>	7.97	
5 Year Sharpe Ratio[) <sup>5</sup>	0.65	
5 Year Tracking Error[) <sup>6</sup>	7.98	
5 Year Information Ratio[) <sup>7</sup>	0.65	

Fund Distributions - Class A		
Distribution frequency	Quarterly	
Quarterly distribution[) <sup>8</sup>	1.44% (Mar 2025)	

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

<sup>\*</sup> As at the date of this report, several classes of units are offered, including: Class F which has been offered since the inception of the Fund on 8 June 2017 and Class A which has been offered since 3 July 2023. For information purposes, and to give a longer term view of the Fund's performance, the returns for the Class F are also provided in the Performance table.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Active Return of the Fund is the difference between the Gross Return (before fees) and the return of the Benchmark. Gross Returns (before fees) are calculated by adding back the fees and expenses deducted. Please refer to the Information Memorandum for more information on fees and expenses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Spread over the swap rate.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Volatility is Standard Deviation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Sharpe Ratio is the excess return over the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (before fees) divided by Standard Deviation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Tracking Error is the Standard Deviation of the Active Return (before fees).

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 7}$  Information Ratio is the Active Return (before fees) divided by the Tracking Error.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</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.



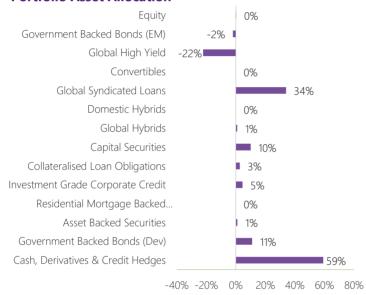
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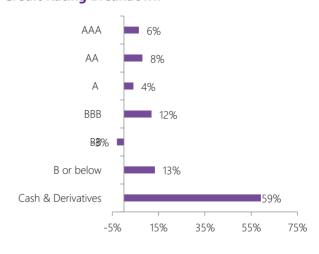
Quarterly Distribution Returns History (%) - Class A1					
Financial Year	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	YTD <sup>2</sup>
2025	1.44	1.44	1.44	-	4.52
2024	1.75	1.75	1.73	4.28	9.51

Source: Fidante Partners

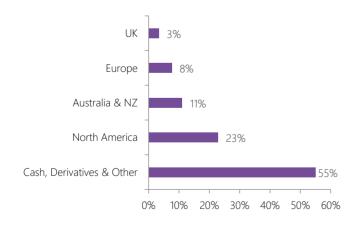
### **Portfolio Asset Allocation**



## **Credit Rating Breakdown**



### **Regional Breakdown**



# Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC) Banking 11.5% Sovereign, Quasi Sovereign, Municipal 8.9% Electronics 6.1% Diversified/Conglomerate Service 4.6% CLO 2.7%

Interest Rate Duration (yrs)	AUD	USD	EUR	GBP	NZD	CAD	Total
Total	2.68	1.91	-0.02	1.34	1.72	0	7.64

Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

<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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Fund Overview – Class A				
Strategy inception date	08 June 2017			
Class A inception date	03 July 2023			
APIR code	HOW6814AU			
Benchmark	Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index			
Performance objective	To exceed the Benchmark (cash) by 3.0% p.a. after fees 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, Australian and global hybrid securities, global high yield bonds, global syndicated loans, investment grade securities, global capital securities, asset backed securities, equities, and derivatives.			
Credit quality	Actively managed			
Interest rate exposure	Actively managed			
Leverage	Up to 30% of gross asset value			
Currency	AUD denominated, Bentham aims to hedge any foreign currency exposure back to AUD to between 85% and 115% of the NAV of the Fund.			
Fund documentation	Product Disclosure Statement			

### **Fund Overview (Cont.)**

### Fund features

- Diversified: Access to a highly diversified, multi sector global portfolio of credit securities that would otherwise not be available to investors in the domestic market.
- Flexible: Actively managed Fund with the flexibility to adapt its credit and cash exposure to suit market conditions across the credit cycle, gravitating to markets with the highest risk adjusted returns. The Fund can be opportunistic when market dislocations arise and uses leverage in a deliberate and measured way when deemed appropriate.
- Regular quarterly distributions
- Daily unit pricing

Pricing and Fees - Class A		
Unit frequency pricing	Daily	
Management fee (Class A)	0.65%	
Performance fee	The performance fee is calculated as 20% of the Fund's daily return (after fees and expenses and after adding back any distributions paid) above the Fund's Performance Benchmark.	
Performance benchmark	The daily return of Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index +2% p.a.	
Recoverable expenses	0.05% p.a. estimate	
Buy/sell spread[) <sup>1</sup>	+0.300%/-0.300%	
Entry and exit fees	Nil	
Minimum initial investment	A\$10,000	

<sup>&</sup>lt;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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