

# Bentham Global Opportunities Fund - Class I

May 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 May 2025 (%) - Class I

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 years (p.a.)	3 years (p.a.)	4 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Gross return (before fees) - Class I	-1.74	0.53	3.68	10.31	8.67	6.88	6.18	8.15	5.98
Benchmark	0.34	1.05	2.16	4.42	4.38	3.79	2.84	2.28	2.04
Active return (before fees) - Class I1	-2.08	-0.52	1.53	5.89	4.30	3.09	3.33	5.87	3.94

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

#### **Portfolio and Market Returns**

The Bentham Global Opportunities Fund - Class A had a before fees return of -1.74% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 2.08%. The top performing contributors to performance included Syndicated Loans, Capital Securities Collateralised Loan Obligations (CLO); whilst the bottom performing contributors included Credit Hedges, Tail Hedges and Interest Rate Swaps.

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 relatively conservatively positioned, focused on higher-quality, more liquid credit and higher interest rate duration.

### **Portfolio Asset Allocation**

During the month, exposures to Global Syndicated Loans, Investment Grade Corporate Credit and Capital Securities increased, whilst exposures to Cash, Asset Backed Securities and Collateralised Loan Obligations decreased. Current asset allocations are 33.1% in Global Syndicated Loans, 11.1% in Government Backed Bonds (Dev), 7.8% in Capital Securities, 4.5% in Investment Grade Corporate Credit, 2.4% in Collateralised Loan Obligations, 1.0% in Global Hybrids, 0.6% in Asset Backed Securities, 0.3% in Equity, -1.8% in Government Backed Bonds (EM), -21.6% in Global High Yield and 58.4% in Cash, Derivatives & Credit Hedges.

## **Portfolio Industry and Issuer Exposures**

The Fund's largest industry exposures are: 12.8% in Sovereign, Quasi Sovereign, Municipal, 12.2% in Banking and 5.4% in Electronics. The Fund's top three company exposures are: 2.7% in BNP Paribas, 2.5% in New South Wales Treasury Corp and 2.3% in Psp Capital Inc.

Portfolio Summary Statistics				
5.38%				
6.72%				
+175bps				
508				
8.56 years				
1.90 years				
88% of portfolio				
0%				
A\$355,623,248				

Risk Characteristics	Risk Characteristics			
5 Year Volatility <sup>4</sup>	6.35			
5 Year Sharpe Ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.92			
5 Year Tracking Error <sup>6</sup>	6.37			
5 Year Information Ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.92			

Fund Distributions - Class I				
Distribution frequency Quarterly				
Quarterly distribution <sup>8</sup>	1.43% (Mar 2025)			

<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 I which has been offered since 14 November 2017. 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>lt;sup>7</sup> 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 F	ution Returns History (%) - Class I1				
Financial Year	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	YTD[) <sup>2</sup>
2025	1.44	1.44	1.43	-	4.52
2024	1.74	1.74	1.73	5.51	11.17
2023	1.93	1.92	1.94	1.94	7.82
2022	0.88	0.87	0.88	0.86	3.46
2021	0.97	0.95	0.92	6.07	9.91

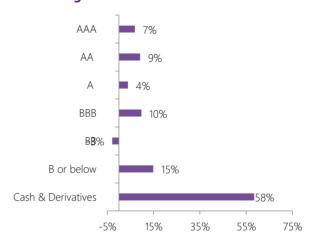
Source: Fidante Partners

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

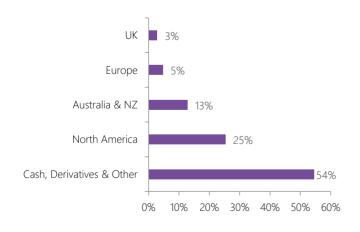
### **Portfolio Asset Allocation**



### **Credit Rating Breakdown**



### **Regional Breakdown**



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

Sovereign, Quasi Sovereign, Municipal	12.8%
Banking	12.2%
Electronics	5.4%
Diversified/Conglomerate Service	4.7%
CLO	2.4%

Interest Rate Duration (yrs)	AUD	USD	EUR	GBP	NZD	CAD	Total
Total	2.28	1.15	0.00	3.37	1.75	0.01	8.56

<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 I						
Strategy inception date	08 June 2017					
Class I inception date	14 November 2017					
APIR code	HOW7031AU					
Benchmark	Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index					
Performance objective	To exceed the Benchmark (cash) by 4% p.a. pre 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	Information memorandum for wholesale investors					

### **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 I	
Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee (Class I)	1.00%
Recoverable expenses	0.05% p.a. estimate
Buy/sell spread <sup>1</sup>	+0.350%/-0.350%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	A\$250,000
<sup>1</sup> Buy/sell spread is retained in the Fund to c	•

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  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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