

### Bentham Global Opportunities Fund

### **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 January 2022 (%)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 years (p.a.)	3 years (p.a.)	4 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Gross return (before fees)	1.07	1.54	3.48	5.99	6.99	6.35	5.13	5.47
Benchmark	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.16	0.57	0.91	1.03
Active return (before fees) <sup>1</sup>	1.07	1.52	3.46	5.96	6.83	5.78	4.22	4.45

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> 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.

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

The Bentham Global Opportunities Fund had a before fees return of 1.07% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 1.07%. The top performing contributors to performance included Global Syndicated Loans, Collateralised Loan Obligations (CLO) and Asset Backed Securities (ABS); whilst the bottom performing contributors included Investment Grade Credit, Capital Securities and Global Hybrids.

#### **Portfolio Asset Allocation**

During the month, exposures to Global Syndicated Loans, Global High Yield and Basis Trades increased, whilst exposures to Cash, Government Backed Bonds (Emerging Market) and Collateralised Loan Obligations decreased. Current asset allocations are 63.3% in Global Syndicated Loans, 15.3% in Global High Yield, 7.1% in Capital Securities, 5.9% in Investment Grade Corporate Credit, 4.3% in Collateralised Loan Obligations, 3.0% in Global Hybrids, 2.6% in Asset Backed Securities, 0.7% in Equity, 0.5% in Residential Mortgage Backed Securities, -4.8% in Government Backed Bonds (EM) and 2.1% in Cash, Derivatives & Credit Hedges.

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

The Fund's largest industry exposures are: 13.6% in Aerospace and Defense, 11.3% in Banking and 10.8% in Healthcare, Education and Childcare. The Fund's top three company exposures are: 2.9% in Commerzbank AG, 2.9% in Qantas Airways Ltd and 2.3% in Heathrow Funding Ltd.

#### Leveraged Loan Market

The top performing leveraged loan industries in January were Aerospace, Metals/Minerals and Consumer Durables with returns (sector performance in USD terms) of 0.78%, 0.69% and 0.59% respectively. The worst performing loan industries were Media/Telecommunications, Retail and Healthcare with returns of 0.12%, 0.28% and 0.28% respectively.

#### **Portfolio Summary Statistics**

Yield to maturity	5.51%
Running yield	3.53%
Credit spread <sup>2</sup>	+417bps
Number of issuers	453
Interest rate duration	-5.64 years
Credit duration	5.17 years
Investment grade <sup>3</sup> exposure	12% of portfolio
Fund Leverage	1%
Fund size	A\$509,112,362

#### **Risk Characteristics**

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2.20
2.72
2.20

Fund Distributions					
Distribution frequency	Quarterly				
Quarterly distribution <sup>8</sup>	0.87% (Dec 2021)				

<sup>2</sup> Spread over the swap rate.

- <sup>3</sup> An assigned credit rating of BBB-/Baa3 or better by a credit rating agency.
- <sup>4</sup> Volatility is Standard Deviation.
- <sup>5</sup> Sharpe Ratio is the excess return over the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (before fees) divided by Standard Deviation.
- <sup>6</sup> Tracking Error is the Standard Deviation of the Active Return (before fees).
- <sup>7</sup> Information Ratio is the Active Return (before fees) divided by the Tracking Error.
- <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 (%)**<sup>1</sup>

Financial Year	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	YTD <sup>2</sup>
2022	0.87	0.87	-	-	1.76
2021	0.95	0.93	0.90	6.39	10.26
2020	1.26	0.93	1.19	1.26	4.60
2019	1.12	1.12	1.14	0.60	4.03
2018	0.30	0.55	0.49	0.98	2.41

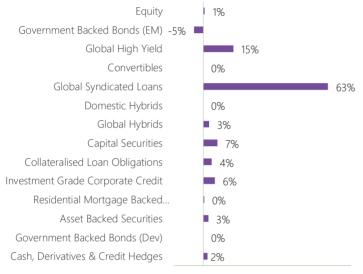
Source: Fidante Partners

Past distributions are no indication of future distributions.

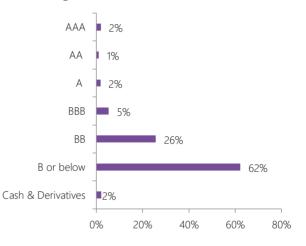
<sup>1</sup> Calculated as the cents per unit (CPU) distribution at month end divided by the ex-distribution unit price at the start of the month.

<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.

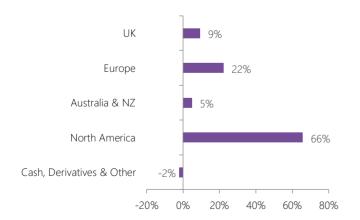
#### **Portfolio Asset Allocation**



#### Credit Rating Breakdown



#### **Regional Breakdown**



-15%

0%

15%

30% 45% 60% 75%

# Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC)

Aerospace and Defense	13.6%
Banking	11.3%
Healthcare, Education and Childcare	10.8%
Electronics	9.9%
Diversified/Conglomerate Service	7.0%
Interest	

Rate Duration (yrs)	AUD	USD	EUR	GBP	NZD	Total
Total	-0.12	-4.23	-0.53	-0.90	0.14	-5.64

### January 2022



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Fund Overview		Fund Over
Portfolio Manager	Richard Quin	Fund features
Inception date	08 June 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.	Pricing an
Credit quality	Actively managed	Unit frequenc
Interest rate exposure	Actively managed	Management
Leverage	Up to 30% of gross asset value	Recoverable e
Currency	AUD denominated, Bentham aims to hedge any	Buy/sell sprea
,	foreign currency exposure back to AUD to	Entry and exit
	between 85% and 115% of the NAV of the Fund.	Minimum init
Fund documentation	Information memorandum for wholesale investors	<sup>1</sup> Buy/sell spread Investment Man

## Fund Overview (Cont.)

	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Regular quarterly distributions</li> <li>Daily unit pricing</li> </ul>		
Pricing and Fees			
Unit frequency pricing		Daily	
Management fee (Class	l)	1.00%	
Recoverable expenses		0.05% p.a. estimate	
Buy/sell spread <sup>1</sup>	+0.310%/-0.310%		
Entry and exit fees	Nil		
Minimum initial investme	A\$250,000		

<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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