

## Bentham Global Income Fund

# January 2025

### **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 January 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)	0.47	2.24	1.99	5.89	4.72	5.24	4.34	5.24	7.19	6.96	7.07
Growth return (after fees) Distribution return	-0.05 0.45	0.69 1.38	-1.11 2.73	-0.77 5.92	-1.87 5.81	-1.02 5.48	-1.55 5.11	-0.55 5.01	0.45 5.93	-0.18 6.33	-0.03 6.30
Total return (after fees) <sup>1</sup>	0.40	2.07	1.62	5.15	3.94	4.46	3.56	4.46	6.39	6.15	6.27
Benchmark	0.29	1.49	1.85	3.72	1.49	0.74	1.78	1.92	3.13	3.83	3.94
Active return (after fees) <sup>2</sup>	0.12	0.59	-0.24	1.44	2.46	3.72	1.78	2.55	3.26	2.33	2.33

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 Income Fund had a total return (after fees) of 0.40% in the month of January, outperforming the benchmark (50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index, 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index) by 0.12%. On a before fees basis the fund returned 0.47% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 0.18%.

It was a volatile start to the year for markets, with investors focused on the wave of executive orders following the inauguration of US President Trump. Equity and credit markets moved higher, while bond yields were mixed, with the US 10-year yield falling by 2bps to 4.55%. In other news, the emergence of DeepSeek, a low-cost Chinese generative AI model, raised concerns over the US's competitive advantage in the tech space.

Among the executive orders announced in January were measures to enact 25% tariffs on Canada and Mexico and a 10% tariff on China, causing initial selloffs. While potential retaliatory tariffs remain uncertain, the overall uncertainty surrounding policies has heightened global economic concerns. The Fed kept interest rates on hold and adopted a hawkish tone. Non-farm payrolls data indicated a robust US jobs market, while the Q4 earnings season was well received by investors.

In Australia, headline inflation for Q4 rose by 2.4% y/y, while core inflation increased by 3.2%, paving the way for a rate cut in February. Meanwhile, the Bank of Japan raised interest rates by 25bps to 0.5%, upgraded its inflation forecasts, and the ECB cut rates for the fourth consecutive time by 25 basis points to 2.90%.

Higher-risk credit markets outperformed, led by emerging markets, bank capital securities, and high yield. Spreads on US syndicated loans remained steady at 475bps.

Bentham's multi-sector funds performed positively for the month, with the Bentham Global Income Fund maintaining an interest rate duration of approximately 6 years and has targeted positions in Australia, the UK, and the US.

Portfolio Summary Statistics				
Yield to maturity	5.72%			
Running yield	5.35%			
Credit spread <sup>3</sup>	+163bps			
Number of issuers	759			
Interest rate duration	6.19 years			
Credit duration	3.04 years			
Investment grade <sup>4</sup> exposure	83% of portfolio			
Fund size	A\$3,627,038,446			

Risk Characteristics	
5 Year Volatility <sup>5</sup>	6.76
5 Year Sharpe Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.47
5 Year Tracking Error <sup>7</sup>	5.99
5 Year Information Ratio <sup>8</sup>	0.75

Fund Distributions	
Distribution frequency	Monthly
Monthly distribution <sup>9</sup>	0.45% (Jan 2025)
Target distribution rate (FY25) <sup>10</sup>	5.50%

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Spread over the swap rate.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Volatility is Standard Deviation.

<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).

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 8}$  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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.



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<b>Monthly Distr</b>	ibution R	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	-	-	-	-	-	3.26
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

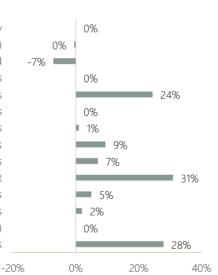
Source: Fidante Partners

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

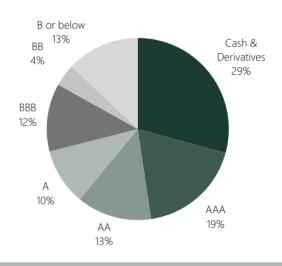
- <sup>1</sup> Calculated as the cents per unit (CPU) distribution at month end divided by the ex-distribution unit price at the start of the month.
- <sup>2</sup> Annual distribution return (Year-to-Date) is calculated as the Total Return (after fees) minus Growth Return. Total Return (after fees) is 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**

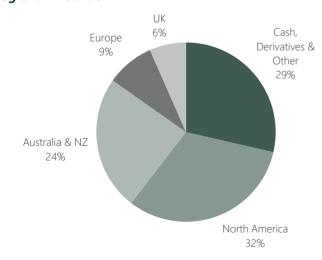
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Global High Yield
Convertibles
Global Syndicated Loans
Domestic Hybrids
Global Hybrids
Capital Securities
Collateralised Loan Obligations
Investment Grade Corporate Credit
Residential Mortgage Backed Securities
Asset Backed Securities
Government Backed Bonds (Dev)
Cash, Derivatives & Credit Hedges



### **Credit Rating Breakdown**



### Regional Breakdown



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

Banking	20.3%
Sovereign, Quasi Sovereign, Municipal	16.6%
RMBS	4.9%
Electronics	3.9%
Diversified/Conglomerate Service	3.4%

Pricing and Fees	
Unit frequency pricing	Daily
Management fee	0.72%
Recoverable expenses	0.05% (Jan 2025)
Buy/sell spread <sup>3</sup>	+0.200%/-0.200%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	A\$10,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;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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<b>Fund Overview</b>		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 Invest		✓		
	securitised credit, global syndicated loans, global	Asgard Infiniti-Select	✓	MLC Wrap – IDPS	✓		
	high yield bonds, equities and derivatives	- Asgard Master Trust	✓	MLC Wrap – Super	<b>√</b>		
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	<b>√</b>		
	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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