

# Bentham Global Opportunities Fund - Class I

January 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 January 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	0.37	3.02	2.53	7.74	6.90	6.87	6.64	6.89	6.03
Benchmark	0.38	1.12	2.25	4.48	4.24	3.32	2.49	2.04	1.93
Active return (before fees) - Class I1	-0.01	1.90	0.28	3.25	2.66	3.54	4.15	4.84	4.10

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 I had a before fees return of 0.37% for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 0.01%.

#### **Portfolio Asset Allocation**

During the month, exposures to Cash, Basis Trades and Collateralised Loan Obligations increased, whilst exposures to Global Syndicated Loans, Investment Grade Corporate Credit and Capital Securities decreased. Current asset allocations are 34.2% in Global Syndicated Loans, 21.6% in Investment Grade Corporate Credit, 10.7% in Capital Securities, 2.6% in Collateralised Loan Obligations, 1.8% in Asset Backed Securities, 1.0% in Global Hybrids, 0.3% in Equity, -1.9% in Government Backed Bonds (EM), -15.3% in Global High Yield and 45.0% in Cash, Derivatives & Credit Hedges.

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

The Fund's largest industry exposures are: 14.6% in Banking, 12.7% in Sovereign, Quasi Sovereign, Municipal and 6.0% in Electronics. The Fund's top three company exposures are: 3.2% in Queensland Treasury Corp, 2.4% in Treasury Corp Victoria and 2.3% in JPMorgan Chase & Co.

# **Leveraged Loan Market**

The top performing leveraged loan industries in January were Aerospace, Food/Tobacco and Consumer Non-Durables with returns (sector performance in USD terms) of 1.01%, 0.94% and 0.93% respectively. The worst performing loan industries were Food And Drug, Chemicals and Manufacturing with returns of -1.74%, 0.43% and 0.50% respectively.

Portfolio Summary Statistics					
Yield to maturity	6.01%				
Running yield	6.06%				
Credit spread <sup>2</sup>	+193bps				
Number of issuers	503				
Interest rate duration	8.21 years				
Credit duration	2.61 years				
Investment grade <sup>3</sup> exposure	82% of portfolio				
Fund Leverage	0%				
Fund size	A\$333,827,422				

Risk Characteristics			
5 Year Volatility <sup>4</sup>	7.99		
5 Year Sharpe Ratio⁵	0.61		
5 Year Tracking Error <sup>6</sup>	7.99		
5 Year Information Ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.61		

Fund Distributions - Class I				
Distribution frequency Quarterly				
Quarterly distribution <sup>8</sup>	1.44% (Dec 2024)			

<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.



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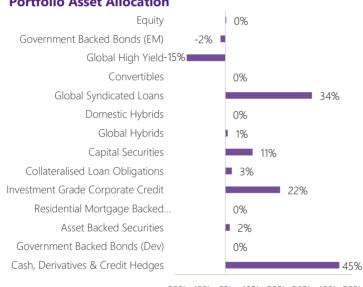
Quarterly Distribution Returns History (%) - Class I1					
Financial Year	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	YTD <sup>2</sup>
2025	1.44	1.44	-	-	3.00
2024	1.74	1.74	1.73	5.51	11.17
2023	1.93	1.92	1.94	1.94	7.82
2022	0.88	0.87	0.88	0.86	3.46
2021	0.97	0.95	0.92	6.07	9.91

Source: Fidante Partners

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

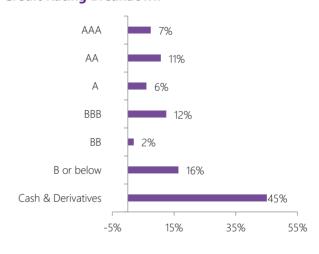
- <sup>1</sup> Calculated as the cents per unit (CPU) distribution at month end divided by the ex-distribution unit price at the start of the month.
- <sup>2</sup> Annual distribution return (Year-to-Date) is calculated as the Total Return (after fees) minus Growth Return. Total Return (after fees) is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



### -20% -10% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50%

### **Credit Rating Breakdown**



#### **Regional Breakdown**



Top 5 Industry Exposures (Moody's SIC)				
Banking	14.6%			
Sovereign, Quasi Sovereign, Municipal	12.7%			
Electronics	6.0%			
Diversified/Conglomerate Service	5.1%			
Finance	3.0%			

Interest Rate Duration (yrs)	AUD	USD	EUR	GBP	NZD	CAD	Total
Total	3.16	1.07	0.30	1.87	1.79		8.21



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Fund Overview – C	lass 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 spread¹	+0.300%/-0.300%
Entry and exit fees	Nil
Minimum initial investment	A\$250,000

Investment Manager. The buy/sell spread is reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure it fairly reflects market transaction costs.

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