Bendigo Diversified Fixed Interest Fund

Monthly fund update - May 2021

Investment approach

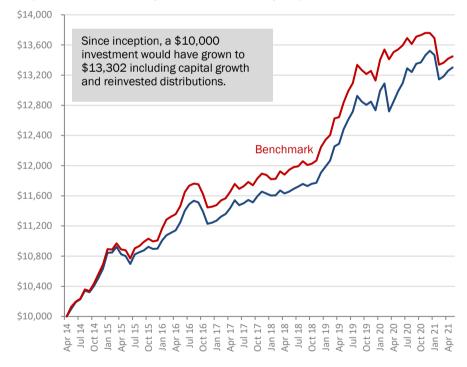
The Bendigo Diversified Fixed Interest Fund (Fund) aims to provide investors with regular income by investing via a strategically managed selection of high quality Australian and international fixed interest managers. The Fund adopts a blend of expert active and index investment managers.

Fund performance ¹ as at 31 May 2021	Morningstar Rating TM Overall ³	Morningstar Category Rank 3 Year ³	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %	5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Bendigo Diversified Fixed Interest Fund	****	4/51	1.20	2.42	4.51	3.41	4.11
Benchmark ²			0.83	-0.68	4.04	3.25	4.27

An example of how your investment grows

Growth of \$10,000¹

(Based on historic Fund performance since inception)



Fund facts

Fund APIR code	STL0051AU
Fund inception date	28 April 2014
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
Management costs ⁴	0.52% p.a.
Buy / Sell spread ⁴	+0.08%/-0.15%
Minimum investment / minimum balance	\$25,000
Recommended investment timeframe	3 years +
Risk level	Low to medium

Unit price

as at 31 May 2021	
Application price	\$1.03656
Withdrawal price	\$1.03418

Distribution details (cents per unit)

30 Jun 20	\$0.01208
30 Sep 20	\$0.00970
31 Dec 20	\$0.00990
31 Mar 21	\$0.00300

Benefits from investing

- regular income from quarterly distributions;
- access to leading professional investment managers;
- diversification for the defensive portion of your investment portfolio; and
- ▶ a regular savings plan option from \$50 per month.

Do you have any questions?

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Asset Allocation		Weight %	Weight % \triangle /mth	
Active Manager Allocation				
Australian Fixed Interest	Schroder Fixed Interest Fund - Standard Class	41.0%	1.3% 🏫	
Global Fixed Interest	Pimco Global Bond Fund	41.0%	1.3% 🏫	
Index Sector Rotation Alloca	tion			
Australian Fixed Interest	Australian Fixed Interest	3.0%	0.0% 🄶	
	Australian Government Bonds	1.2%	0.0% 🍌	
	Australian Inflation Linked Bonds	10.5%	0.4% 🏫	
Global Fixed Interest	Global Sovereign Bonds	0.0%	0.0% 奏	
	International Credit Securities	0.3%	0.0% 奏	
Cash	Sandhurst Trustees Limited*	3.0%	-0.8% 🖖	
Total		100.0%		

* Includes small amounts of cash that are held in Bendigo Bank operating accounts.

Portfolio performance and market commentary

The Fund outperformed its peer group and benchmark in the month of May, with a return of 0.32%. Over the month the markets expectations for inflation rose, while interest rates remained steady. This led to a strong contribution from Australian inflation linked bonds within the portfolio, which increase in value as inflation expectations rise. The Fund's active manager performance was in line with the market benchmark.

Strong corporate earnings, improving economic data and inflation normalising post COVID disruptions buoyed most major asset classes in the month of May. The push and pull between elevated inflation being transitory or structurally higher for longer has puzzled investors and as a result caused divergences in performance between longer and shorter duration asset classes.

Longer duration assets have underperformed relative to their peers as the market has doubted the steadfast stance of central bank officials that recent higher inflation prints are transitory in nature. Federal Reserve and RBA officials expect that CPI prints will normalise towards the end of the calendar year following the easing of disruptions to supply chains and low base effects of data rebounding from COVID lows.

Of all the major equity indices, Australian large capitalisation equities performed strongest in May (up 2.3%) given higher commodity prices which benefited resource stocks and improving operating conditions for financial companies such as the major banks. Global equities underperformed (up 1.0%) as the rotation into cyclical business continued in May, hurting growth sectors trading at elevated multiples which gave back some of their gains from earlier in the vear.

Inflation data over the next couple months will be key in understanding the likely path of price rises and its impact on the business cycle. Fiscal and monetary conditions remain accommodative and will continue to support financial assets going forward. The investment team believes a balanced approach to building portfolios will ensure protection from heightened volatility in outcomes related to inflation and will continue to manage the portfolio with regard to changing market conditions.

Footnotes

- 1. Fund performance figures are calculated before tax and after fees and costs; using withdrawal prices and assumes distributions are reinvested. Past performance is not an indication of future performance.
- 2. The benchmark for this Fund is 50% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index (\$A Hedged) and 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index (previously known as UBS Composite Bond Index 0+).

3. Morningstar rates managed funds from one to five stars based on how well they've performed (after adjusting for risk) in comparison to similar funds. Within each Morningstar Category, the top 10% of funds receive five stars, the next 22.5% four stars, the middle 35% three stars, the next 22.5% two stars, and the bottom 10% receive one star. Funds are rated for up to three time periods - three, five, and 10 years - and these ratings are combined to produce an overall rating. Funds with less than three years of history are not rated. Ratings are objective, based entirely on a mathematical evaluation of past performance. They're a useful tool for identifying funds worthy of further research, but shouldn't be considered buy or sell recommendation.

Bendigo Diversified Fixed Interest Fund received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar RatingTM out of 51 Bonds - Global/Australia funds as of 31 May 2021. In the Morningstar Bonds - Global/Australia Category, the Bendigo Diversified Fixed Interest Fund 3 year return was ranked 4 out of 51 funds as of 31 May 2021. Morningstar Category Rank' is the Fund's performance rank relative to all funds in the same Morningstar Category. Investments are placed into Morningstar Categories based on their compositions and portfolio statistics so that investors can make meaningful comparisons. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/40605

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4. Management costs are based on costs incurred by the Fund in the past financial year and may be different in the current and future financial years. Other fees and costs may apply. See the Product Disclosure Statement for full details.

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