

# Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund

## Class A units

### Monthly fund update - March 2022

#### Investment approach

The Fund aims to provide customers with regular income and may offer higher returns with a lower level of risk through the market cycle in an effort to outperform a static investment in similar assets by strategically managing its portfolio in varying market and economic conditions.

The objective of the Fund is to outperform its benchmark (after fees) over any two year period.



Foresight Analytics has assigned a SUPERIOR investment rating with a product complexity indicator designating the Fund as a Relatively Simple Product.<sup>4</sup>

#### Fund performance<sup>1</sup>

as at 31 March 2022

	Fund return	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Excess return
3 months (%)	-0.40	0.01	-0.41
1 year (%)	-0.23	0.04	-0.27
2 years (% p.a.)	0.99	0.07	0.92
3 years (% p.a.)	0.90	0.46	0.44
5 years (% p.a.)	1.40	1.02	0.38
Since inception (% p.a.)	2.75	2.01	0.74
<b>Morningstar Rating™ Overall<sup>3</sup></b>	★★★★		
<b>Morningstar category rank 3 year<sup>3</sup></b>	15/33		

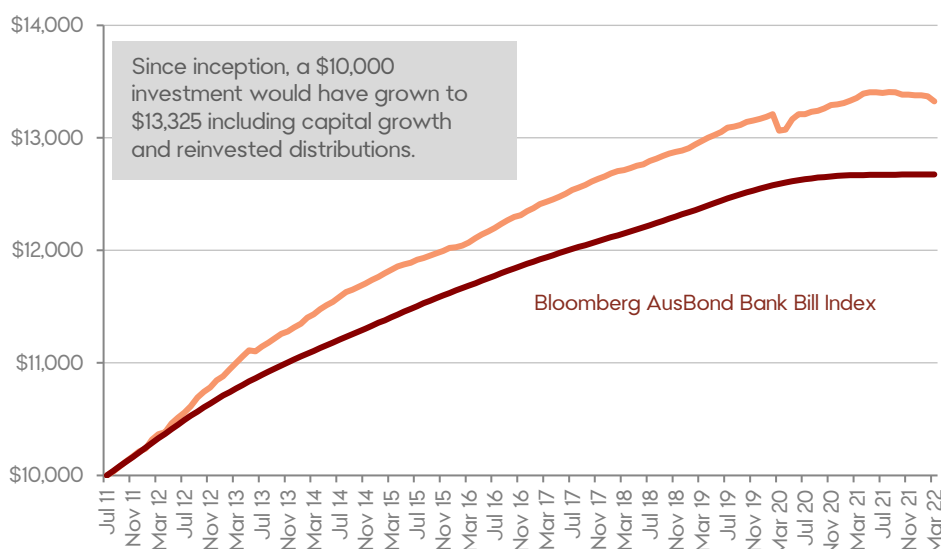
#### Fund facts

Fund APIR code	STL0027 AU
Fund start date	30 July 2011
Management costs <sup>5</sup>	0.79% p.a.
Buy / Sell spread <sup>5</sup>	+0.02% / -0.12%
Minimum investment / minimum balance	\$2,000
Recommended investment timeframe	2 years +
Risk level	Low

#### An example of how your investment grows

##### Growth of \$10,000<sup>1</sup>

(Based on historic Fund performance since inception)



#### Unit price (ex distribution)

as at 31 March 2022

Application price	\$1.02522
Withdrawal price	\$1.02378

#### Distribution details (cents per unit)

30 Jun 21	\$0.00216
30 Sep 21	\$0.00100
31 Dec 21	\$0.00150
31 Mar 22	\$0.00020

#### Benefits of investing

- ▶ regular income from quarterly distributions;
- ▶ access to a diversified portfolio therefore reducing your risk and potentially enhancing returns;
- ▶ low volatility core investments supplemented by strategically selected allocations to credit sectors;
- ▶ there's no requirement to rollover or lock away your investment for a fixed term; and
- ▶ a regular savings plan option from \$50 per month.

#### Do you have any questions?

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## Portfolio performance

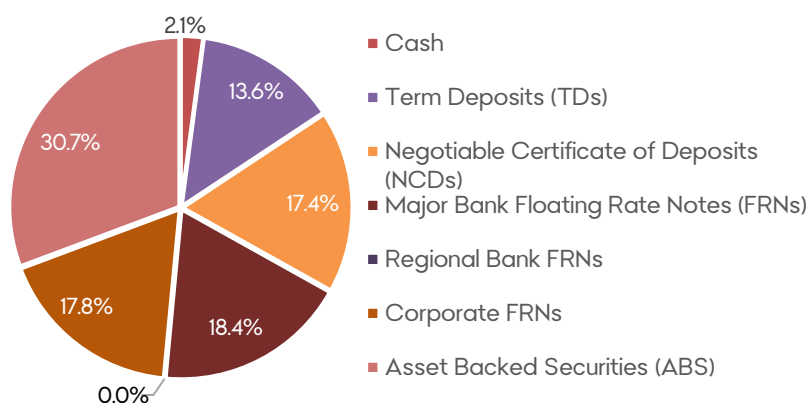
The Strategic Income Fund has achieved an average annual return for the past two years of 0.99% (after fees) and has generated an average annual return of 2.75% (after fees) since inception.

The elevated volatility seen in late February in credit markets persisted in March and liquidity was constrained as Russia's invasion of Ukraine further fuelled existing inflationary pressures. These developments drove the risk-off theme and resulted in small capital losses across credit markets.

Revised expectations for further interest rate increases in the United States to combat inflation (Consumer Price Index (CPI) showed a 12-month rise of 7.9%) and a 25bp increase in the benchmark rate did not weigh on the share market as the S&P 500 rose by 5.2% through March. Rapid rises in interest rates increase fears of a recession. Despite the increase in equities, slower earnings growth, reduced fiscal stimulus from the government, inflation risks and geopolitical tensions have created uncertainty for global share markets moving forward. Comparatively, Australian equity markets outperformed global benchmarks as the ASX 200 rose by 5.7%.

In contrast to the Federal Reserve, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) maintained the cash rate at its all-time low of 0.1%. Whilst the RBA Governor detailed that the developments in Ukraine supported the current patient approach to monetary tightening, they did broaden the measure of labour costs which provides flexibility as there is now no specific numerical trigger that will need to be met for rate rises (previously there had been a guideline that rates would not rise until the Wage Price Index lifted by 3%). Concerns over rising inflation saw government

## Asset allocation



bond yields increase and the weak lead in for credit assets from February intensified as both corporate and bank yields widened. Further bond supply in March from Australian major banks that offered significant new issue concessions (extra return offered for new issuance to incentivise investors) contributed to the minor capital drop.

The rise in yields has provided an opportunity for the Strategic Income Fund and has allowed the portfolio to increase exposure to investments now offering greater returns than seen in the past two years throughout the pandemic. At the end of March, approximately 33% of the portfolio is allocated to cash instruments, 36% in bank/corporate floating rate notes and 31% to asset-backed securities. There are currently no unrated assets in the Fund and approximately 47% of non-cash assets are rated AA- or higher.

### 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 the Fund is Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index.
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 recommendations. Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund - Class A units received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ out of 33 Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds as of 31 March 2022. In the Morningstar Australian Short Term Fixed Interest Category, the Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund - Class A units 3 year return was ranked 15 out of 33 funds as of 31 March 2022. '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/19434](http://www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19434)  
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4. Foresight Analytics has assigned a SUPERIOR investment rating with a product complexity indicator designating the Fund as a Relatively Simple Product. This rating implies the highest level of confidence that the Fund can deliver a risk adjusted return in line with its investment objectives. Designation as a Relatively Simple Product indicates that the investment manager will seek to outperform their chosen mainstream market sector. A rating is not a recommendation to invest, retain or redeem units in the Fund. The rating may be subject to change or withdrawal at any time. A copy of Foresight Analytics Financial Services Guide can be found at [www.foresight-analytics.com/financial-services-guide](http://www.foresight-analytics.com/financial-services-guide)
5. 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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