

# Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund - Class A units

## Monthly fund update - October 2020

### 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.



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

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

as at 31 October 2020	Fund return	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Excess return
3 months (%)	0.37	0.03	0.34
1 year (%)	0.89	0.51	0.38
2 years (% p.a.)	1.55	1.08	0.47
3 years (% p.a.)	1.69	1.35	0.34
5 years (% p.a.)	2.06	1.59	0.47
Since inception (% p.a.)	3.12	2.32	0.80
<b>Morningstar Rating™ Overall<sup>3</sup></b>	★ ★ ★		
<b>Morningstar category rank 3 year<sup>3</sup></b>	20/35		

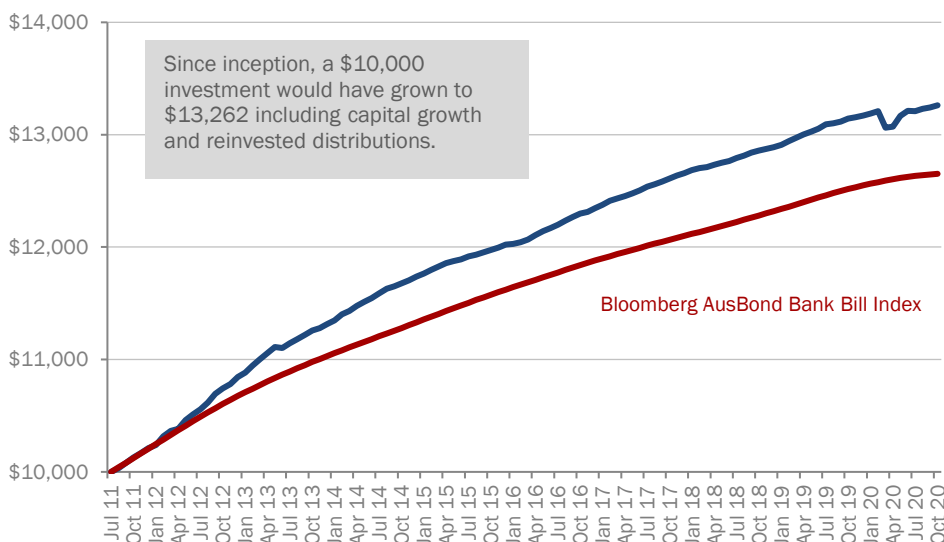
### Fund facts

Fund APIR code	STL0027AU
Fund start date	30 July 2011
Management costs <sup>5</sup>	0.79% p.a.
Buy / Sell spread <sup>5</sup>	+0.04% / -0.15%
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

as at 31 October 2020

Application price	\$1.02810
Withdrawal price	\$1.02615

### Distribution details (cents per unit)

31 Dec 19	\$0.00410
31 Mar 20	\$0.00350
30 Jun 20	\$0.00346
30 Sep 20	\$0.00160

### Do you have any questions?

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### 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.

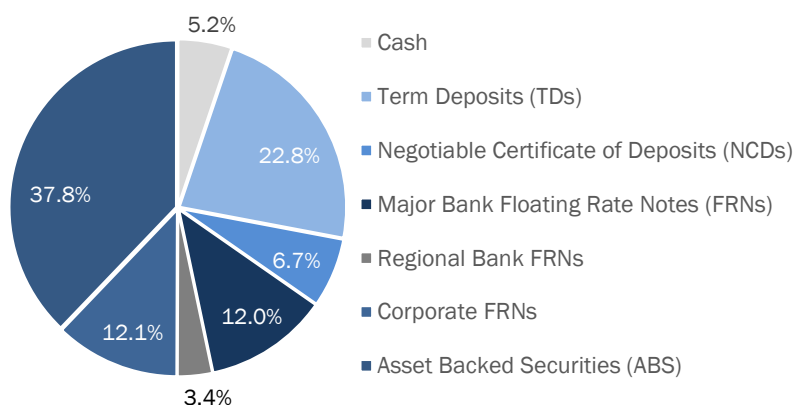
## Portfolio performance

For the month of October 2020, the Strategic Income Fund achieved a 0.15% return for the Class A units. If October's return is projected for the next 12 months, it would be an annualised return of 1.74% after fees. Returns were supported by another positive month in credit income markets, despite a risk of sentiment dominating equity markets.

October was a volatile month for global equities as a host of factors appeared to influence markets. European countries were forced to reinstate lockdowns to contain a second wave of Covid-19. The German Dax fell 8.6% in October and the UK FTSE dropped 4.8%. US markets remained volatile, headlined by the uncertainty ahead of the US presidential election and a lack of progress on additional stimulus negotiations. The S&P500 (a market capitalisation weighted index of the 500 largest US publicly traded companies) posted its second consecutive month of declines, falling 2.8%. In Australia, equities outperformed, with the ASX200 gaining 1.9% in October.

The cash rate remained unchanged in October, however a speech by RBA Governor Phillip Lowe on the 14th October gave the clearest signal yet that the RBA would expand its balance sheet (perform additional quantitative easing) and reduce the cash rate again in 2020. Following the speech, the weight of expectations for further action pushed short dated government bond yields and Bank Bills to new lows.

## Asset allocation



In credit markets, the spread between the yield on risk free and risk assets (Credit Spread) rallied tighter as markets responded positively to the reopening of Victoria later in the month. As a result, both corporate and government bonds performed well during the month.

The Fund's focus remains on high quality investments with minimal volatility. The Fund has 34.1% in cash instruments, 28.7% in Floating Rate Notes (FRN) and 37.2% in highly rated securitised assets. Approximately 75.7% 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. Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund - Class A units received a 3-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ out of 35 Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds as of 31 October 2020 and a 3-Star Three year rating out of 35 Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds as of 31 October 2020  
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4. Australia Ratings has assigned a SUPERIOR investment rating with a BLUE 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 Australia Ratings Financial Services Guide can be found at [www.australiaratings.com/fsg](http://www.australiaratings.com/fsg)
5. Other fees and costs may apply. See the Product Disclosure Statement for full details.

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