

# Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund

## Class A units

### Quarterly fund update - March 2025

#### 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.

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

as at 31 March 2025	Fund return	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Excess return
3 months (%)	1.19	1.07	0.12
1 year (%)	5.45	4.46	0.99
2 years (% p.a.)	5.42	4.32	1.10
3 years (% p.a.)	4.23	3.56	0.67
5 years (% p.a.)	2.92	2.15	0.77
Since inception (% p.a.)	3.07	2.35	0.72
<b>Morningstar Rating™ Overall<sup>3</sup></b>	★★★		
<b>Morningstar category rank 3 year<sup>3</sup></b>	13/31		

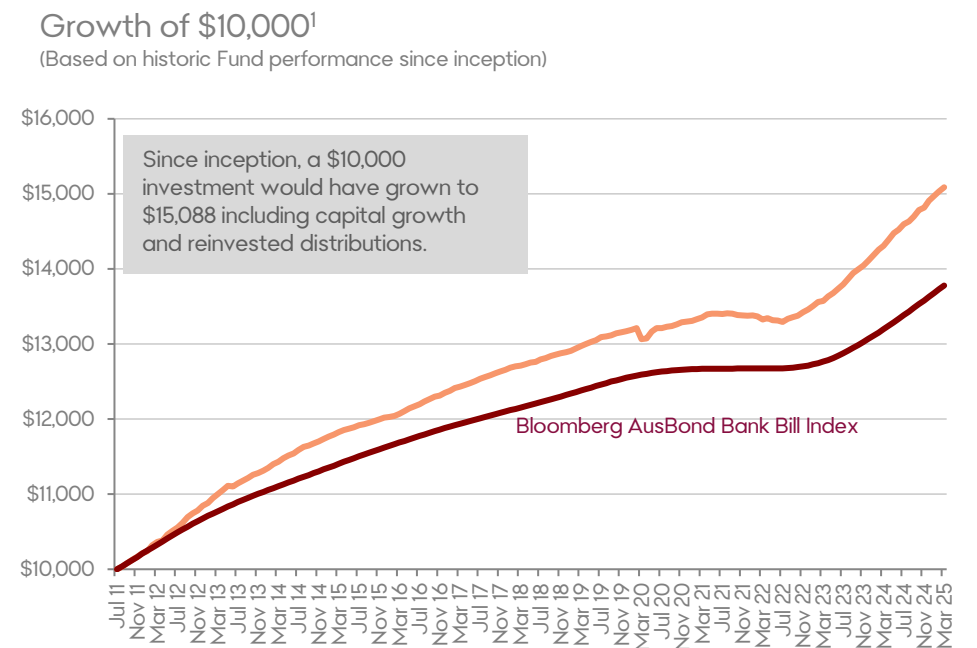


Foresight Analytics has assigned a SUPERIOR investment rating with a product complexity indicator designating the Fund as a Relatively Simple Product.<sup>4</sup>

#### Fund facts

Fund APIR code	STL0027 AU
Fund start date	30 July 2011
Management fees & costs <sup>5</sup>	0.81 % p.a.
Buy / Sell spread <sup>5</sup>	+0.02 % / -0.08 %
Minimum investment / minimum balance	\$2,000
Recommended investment timeframe	2 years +
Risk level	Low

### An example of how your investment grows



#### Unit price (ex distribution) as at 31 March 2025

Application price	\$1.03417
Withdrawal price	\$1.03231

Distribution details (cents per unit)	
30 Jun 24	\$0.01 659
30 Sep 24	\$0.01 297
31 Dec 24	\$0.01 762
31 Mar 25	\$0.01 534

#### Fund features

- ▶ 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.

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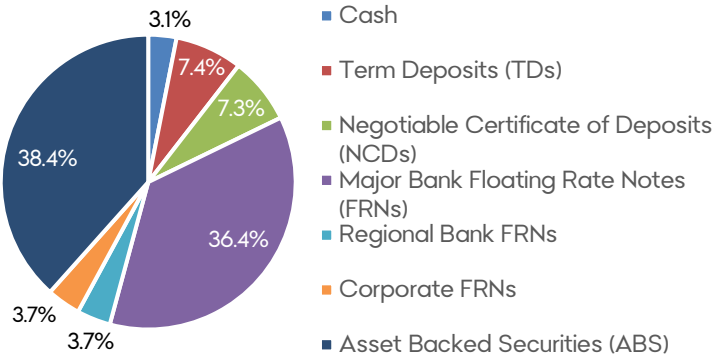
## Portfolio performance

The Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund (Class A) delivered 1.19% (after fees) to investors through the quarter ending 31 March 2025. The Fund continues to outperform its benchmark and over the past 12 months has returned 5.45% (after fees). The performance over the past year corresponds to returns (after fees) for investors that have exceeded the benchmark by 1%.

The past quarter was characterised by continuous news flow largely emanating from the US. This news pipeline was centred around potential reforms from the Trump Administration which included but was not limited to tax cuts, deregulation and tariffs. The announcements from US policy makers culminated in reciprocal tariff announcements on trading partners following the end of the quarter in early April. Market turmoil followed as sentiment collapsed. Global credit was not spared from the volatility with credit spreads domestically widening from multi-year tights. This heightened uncertainty saw credit issuance delayed by issuers in the hope that geopolitical tensions ease and volatility subsides.

Expectation for US growth has dampened in response to growing concerns over tariff impacts. The RBA Board's statement from the April meeting noted concerns regarding the impact the tariffs will have on economic activity globally and market pricing indicates that there will be at least another 25bp cut to the cash rate in May with additional cuts priced in across calendar year 2025. However, there are constraints as to how central banks will be able to respond as tariffs and the threat of a continued deterioration in foreign relations increase inflationary pressures.

## Asset Allocation



The geopolitical situation can continue to worsen from here and the management of the Fund continues to be nimble so that it can be proactive with its investment management as the external situation continues to develop. More recently, the Fund has used the credit spread widening as an opportunity to source assets at more attractive levels.

As at the end of March, the average credit rating for the Fund's investments is AA- and more than 25% of the Fund's exposures are AAA rated. As at the end of March, 18% of the portfolio is allocated to bank deposits, 44% in bank/corporate bonds and 38% to asset backed securities.

### 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 3-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ out of 31 Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds as of 31 March 2025. The Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund - Class A returns were ranked 13 out of 31 Morningstar Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds for 3 years to 31 March 2025.  
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5. Management fees & costs are based on fees and 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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