

Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund - Class B units

Monthly fund update - February 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.⁴

Fund performance¹

as at 29 February 2020	Fund return	Benchmark ²	Excess return
3 months (%)	0.50	0.23	0.27
1 year (%)	2.42	1.30	1.12
2 years (% p.a.)	2.32	1.64	0.68
3 years (% p.a.)	2.45	1.68	0.77
5 years (% p.a.)	2.64	1.85	0.79
Since inception (% p.a.)	3.63	2.48	1.15
Morningstar Rating™ Overall³	★★★★		
Morningstar category rank 3 year³	9/39		

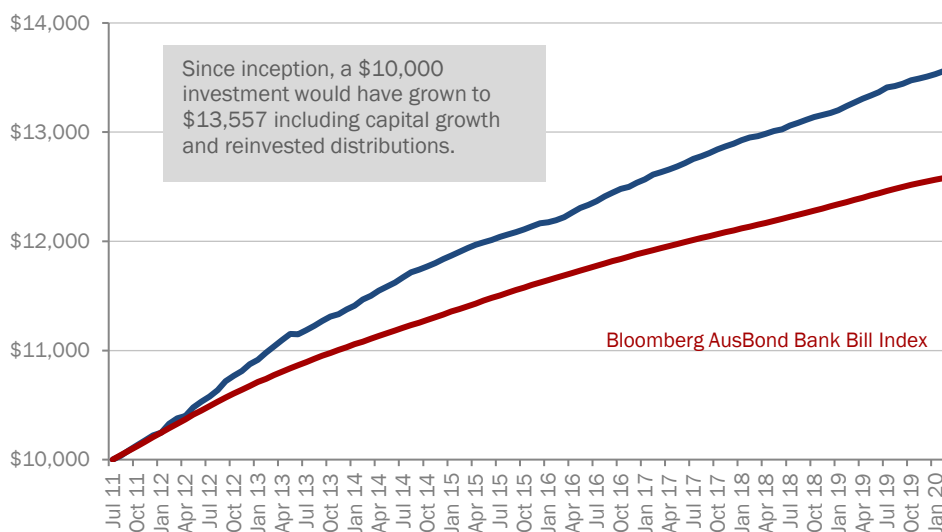
Fund facts

Fund APIR code	STL0044AU
Fund start date	30 July 2011
Management costs ⁵	0.45% p.a.
Buy / Sell spread ⁵	+0.0% / -0.1%
Minimum investment / minimum balance	\$500,000
Recommended investment timeframe	2 years +
Risk level	Low

An example of how your investment grows

Growth of \$10,000¹

(Based on historic Fund performance since inception)



Unit price

as at 29 February 2020

Application price	\$1.03809
Withdrawal price	\$1.03706

Distribution details (cents per unit)

31 Mar 19	\$0.00600
30 Jun 19	\$0.01061
30 Sep 19	\$0.00500
31 Dec 19	\$0.00500

Benefits of investing

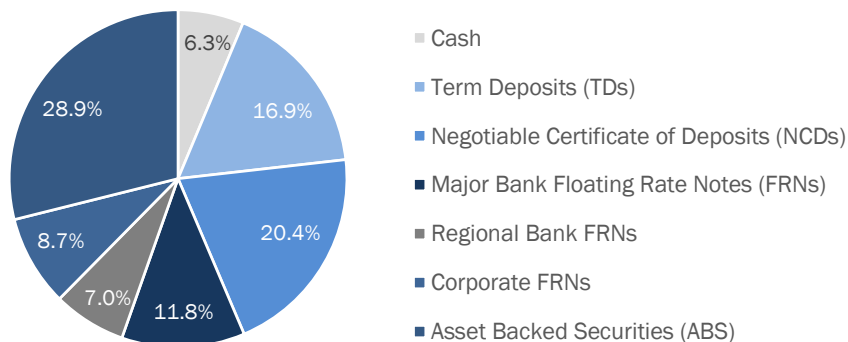
- ▶ regular income from quarterly distributions;
- ▶ access to a diversified portfolio therefore reducing your risk and potentially enhancing returns;
- ▶ low volatility core investments supplemented by strategically selected allocations to credit sectors;
- ▶ there's no requirement to rollover or lock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

Portfolio performance

Volatility engulfed markets towards the end of February as fears surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19 worsened with new cases outside of China rising. Investors had been more optimistic at the beginning of the month with fears of the coronavirus slightly waning and the US earnings season beating expectations. The virus proved to be more aggressive however with Korea, Iran and Europe observing more cases. The market reacted with a rapid sell-off as the outlook on global growth faltered and economic data out of China disappointed. The Chinese Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) crashed to an all-time low of 35.7 down from January's 50 reading. The swarm of negative news culminated with the S&P 500 and Dow Jones ending the month down over 9% and other main indices in Europe following. Government bond yields fell with the US 10-year Treasury bond hitting an all-time low of 1.1%. Credit indices started to widen with synthetics leading the charge as investors become concerned on market liquidity.

The Australian market followed the same course with a 9% drop in the ASX 200. The corporate bond market began to feel the impacts of the sell-off in the final week of February with cash spreads moving out significantly. The five-year credit spread of the Australian major banks widened by up to 10 basis points, the largest move in some time. The RBA cutting the cash rate to 0.50% further supported the warming housing market as average prices increased by 7.66% for the year.

Asset allocation



The Fund manager reduced exposure to longer dated Floating Rate Notes allocating the proceeds to cash on the news that the virus was spreading. The Fund remains focussed on high quality investments that reduce the volatility of the Fund during market events. The Strategic Income Fund B class units produced an annual return of 2.42% at the end of February which is 1.12% above the Ausbond Bank Bill Index, the benchmark used to measure against the Fund. The Fund remains one of the top performers of the Lonsec peer group. Approximately 43.6% of the portfolio is in cash instruments, and 27.5% in bank and corporate Floating Rate Notes (FRN), 28.9% is in highly rated securitised instruments, there are no unrated or subordinated FRNs in the Fund and approximately 65% of non-cash assets are rated AA- or higher.

Do you have any questions?

For further information contact us on 1800 634 969 or visit www.sandhursttrustees.com.au

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 B units received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ out of 39 Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds as of 29 February 2020 and a 4-Star Three year rating out of 39 Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds as of 29 February 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
5. Other fees and costs may apply. See the Product Disclosure Statement for full details.

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