

# Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund - Class B units

## Monthly fund update - March 2021

### 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 March 2021	Fund return	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Excess return
3 months (%)	0.50	0.00	0.50
1 year (%)	2.56	0.11	2.45
2 years (% p.a.)	1.81	0.67	1.14
3 years (% p.a.)	2.00	1.12	0.88
5 years (% p.a.)	2.39	1.40	0.99
Since inception (% p.a.)	3.37	2.22	1.15
<b>Morningstar Rating™ Overall<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>★★★★</b>		
<b>Morningstar category rank 3 year<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>9/34</b>		

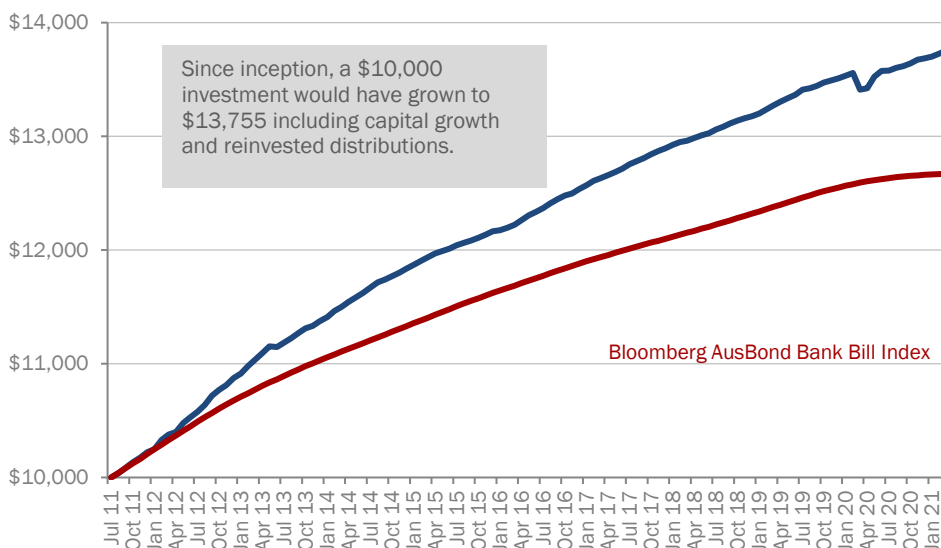
### Fund facts

Fund APIR code	STL0044AU
Fund start date	30 July 2011
Management costs <sup>5</sup>	0.45% p.a.
Buy / Sell spread <sup>5</sup>	+0.02% / -0.12%
Minimum investment / minimum balance	\$500,000
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 2021

Application price	\$1.03757
Withdrawal price	\$1.03611

### Distribution details (cents per unit)

30 Jun 20	\$0.00435
30 Sep 20	\$0.00250
31 Dec 20	\$0.00250
31 Mar 21	\$0.00200

### 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

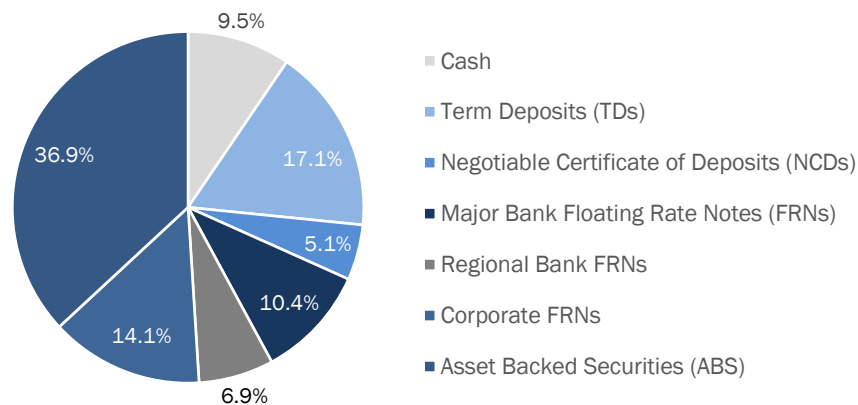
March saw stability return to markets after a more volatile month in February. Investors gained more confidence in the outlook with better than expected economic data releases, positive developments on vaccination programs and more stimulus announcements from the US. For the month of March 2021, the Strategic Income Fund achieved a 0.19% return after fees for the Class B units (2.34% pa).

Stability came back to bond markets with inflation fears subsiding as Central Banks globally doubled down on their commitment to supportive monetary policy and the “lower for longer” rhetoric on cash rates. The Biden administration announced a new infrastructure stimulus package, one of the largest in history and economic data globally continued to beat expectations.

In Australia, domestic data was robust with a strong labour market recovery, buoyant housing market and improving fiscal position for the Australian government. There were concerns around the vaccination program in Australia with international supply issues causing a slow than expected recovery, but the concerns were not enough to offset the building confidence in the economic recovery.

Credit markets in Australia saw increase primary activity as large corporates took advantage of the low outright yields in the market. Corporate issuers dominated the pipeline which caused a slight period of indigestion with spreads moderately wider. Overall, the credit market retraced the widening experience in late February and delivered a positive performance for the month.

## Asset allocation



The Fund manager remains cautious and focussed on high quality investments that reduce the volatility of the Fund during market events. Approximately 33% of the portfolio is in cash instruments, 31% in bank and corporate Floating Rate Notes and 36% is in highly rated securitised instruments. There are no unrated or subordinated assets in the Fund and approximately 73% 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 B units received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ out of 34 Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds as of 31 March 2021. In the Morningstar Australian Short Term Fixed Interest Category, the Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund - Class B units 3 year return was ranked 9 out of 34 funds as of 31 March 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/19876](http://www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19876)  
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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. 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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