

# Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund - Class B units

## Monthly fund update - May 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 May 2020	Fund return	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Excess return
3 months (%)	-0.25	0.16	-0.41
1 year (%)	1.42	0.97	0.45
2 years (% p.a.)	1.96	1.48	0.48
3 years (% p.a.)	2.15	1.58	0.57
5 years (% p.a.)	2.43	1.77	0.66
Since inception (% p.a.)	3.50	2.43	1.07
<b>Morningstar Rating™ Overall<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>★★★★</b>		
<b>Morningstar category rank 3 year<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>9/39</b>		

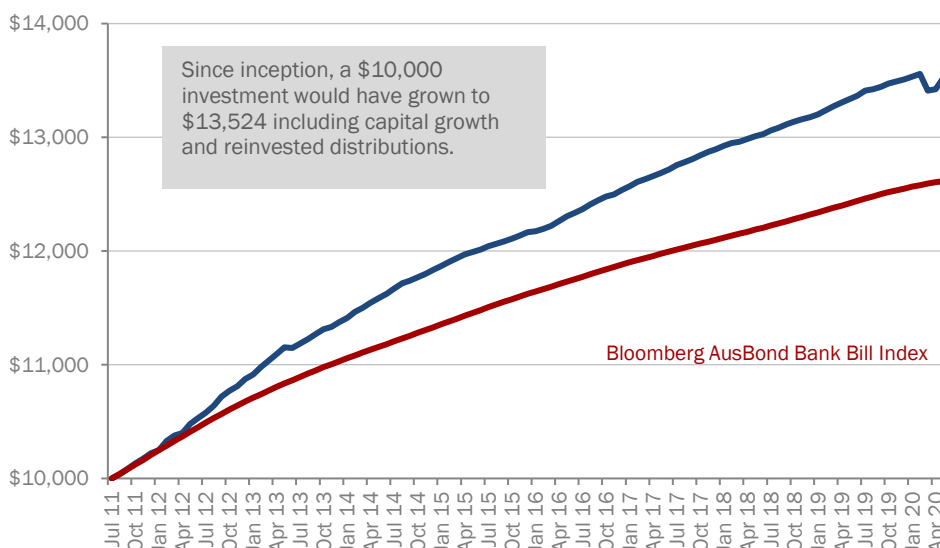
### Fund facts

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>	+0.05% / -0.22%
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

as at 31 May 2020

Application price	\$1.03276
Withdrawal price	\$1.02998

### Distribution details (cents per unit)

30 Jun 19	\$0.01061
30 Sep 19	\$0.00500
31 Dec 19	\$0.00500
31 Mar 20	\$0.00450

### 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.

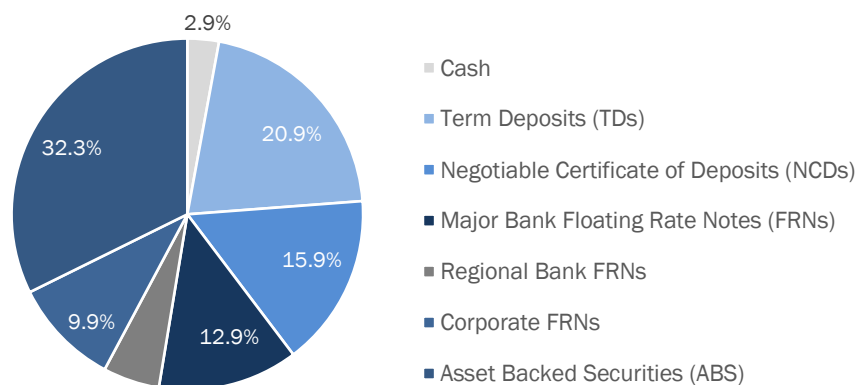
## Portfolio performance

May saw a continuation in the recovery in markets observed in April. Both equity and credit markets performed well over the month as investors became increasingly more optimistic on the economic recovery. The confidence was triggered by the reopening of economies as cases of COVID-19 started to decline. Governments and central banks around the globe added further support measures to the market increasing liquidity and certainty amongst investors.

Equity markets had a strong month with the easing of restrictions encouraging hopes of a quicker than expected recovery, which helped the US markets rally. The Eurozone followed with the European Commission proposing a \$750 billion Euro recovery package providing certainty to investors in the region. The Australian market was pushed higher on the back of a stellar run from the major banks. The big four saw rises of over 8% over the month with ANZ recording a 17% increase. This move was supported by receding worries over bad debts due to COVID-19 when it was revealed the JobKeeper payments were covering 3.5 million workers instead of the 6.4 million originally announced.

Credit markets in Australia saw further tightening in spreads that delivered strong returns across many sectors. Australian bank bonds were again the flavour of the month with investors aggressively purchasing outstanding stock from dealers. The durability of these recent rallies in markets will be highly dependent on the path to recovery from the COVID-19 triggered downturn. The Fund manager remains cautious and focussed on high quality investments that reduce the volatility of the Fund during market events.

## Asset allocation



The Strategic Income Fund B class units produced a monthly return of 0.76% over the month of May. The Fund return benefitted from reduced transaction costs on the Fund's investments. The transaction costs were pushed higher in March as markets reacted to the COVID-19 economic downturn. The Fund holds the buy / sell cost for the benefit of unit holders remaining in the Fund. The sell cost decreased by 0.43% on 20 May 2020 which was reflected in the return to unit holders.

May continued the strong recovery seen in April, however the Fund manager expects to see further volatility in markets as the uncertainty of COVID-19 remains. Approximately 39.7% of the portfolio is in cash instruments, 28.0% in bank and corporate Floating Rate Notes (FRN) and 32.3% is in highly rated securitised instruments. There are no unrated or subordinated FRNs in the Fund and approximately 64% 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 B units received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ out of 39 Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds as of 31 May 2020 and a 4-Star Three year rating out of 39 Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds as of 31 May 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.austliaratings.com/fsg](http://www.austliaratings.com/fsg)
5. Other fees and costs may apply. See the Product Disclosure Statement for full details.

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