

AUSTRALIAN FIXED INTEREST FUND

As at July 2022

Fund objective

The Fund seeks to achieve a total return after fees that exceeds the total return of the Benchmark, over rolling three-year periods.

Investment approach

The Fund is an actively managed portfolio of high quality interest bearing securities that seeks to provide a high level of capital protection. The Manager's investment approach is fundamentally driven and seeks to take advantage of situations where market pricing has become misaligned with economic and investment fundamentals. The Manager seeks to add value to the benchmark using a combination of active strategies including duration and yield curve management, sector allocation and security selection.

Benchmark

Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index

Risk profile

Medium

Suggested timeframe

3 years

Inception date[^]

31 August 1994

Fund size

\$751.5 million

Minimum investment

\$25,000

Management cost (%)

0.45 p.a.

Buy/sell spread (%)

0.00/0.08^{^^}

Distribution frequency

(if any)
Quarterly

ARSN code

087 719 739

APIR code

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ASX mFund

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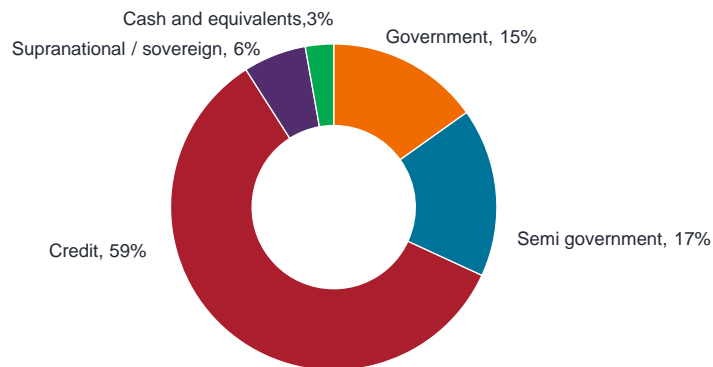
Performance	1 month (%)	3 months (%)	6 months (%)	1 year (%)	3 years (% p.a.)	5 years (% p.a.)	10 years (% p.a.)	Since inception (% p.a.)
Fund (gross)	4.04	0.85	-6.75	-10.21	-1.17	1.85	3.52	6.65
Fund (net)	4.00	0.74	-6.97	-10.62	-1.65	1.36	3.04	6.09
Benchmark	3.36	0.93	-5.46	-9.10	-1.81	1.49	2.88	5.92
Excess return*	0.64	-0.19	-1.51	-1.52	0.16	-0.13	0.16	0.17

*Excess return is measured against net performance.

Gross return is gross of management costs and sell spread.

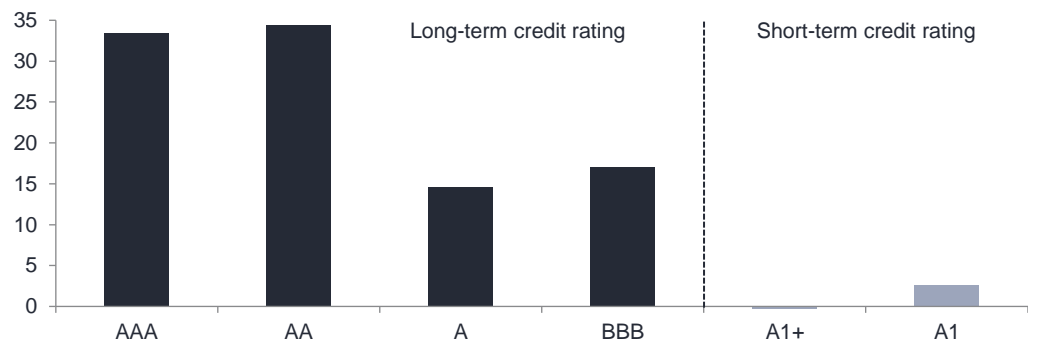
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Sector allocation



Rounding accounts for small +/- from 100%.

Credit rating distribution (%)



Portfolio characteristics

Estimated Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (EWAYTM) ¹	4.00
Benchmark EWAYTM	3.11
Running Yield	3.07
Weighted Average Credit Quality	AA

¹ Estimated Weighted Average Yield to Maturity is a measure of the average annual yield of all securities in the Fund.

Modified duration	Years
Fund	6.34
Benchmark	5.40
Active Position	0.94

Benchmark duration is as at month end and therefore does not include rebalancing.

[^] Fund inception for performance reporting purposes is at end of month, whereby the actual fund inception date may be earlier in the month.

^{^^} For more information and most up to date buy/sell spread information visit

www.janushenderson.com/en-au/investor/buy-sell-spreads

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Head of Australian Fixed Interest
Jay Sivapalan

Fund performance

The Janus Henderson Australian Fixed Interest Fund (Fund) returned 4.00% (net) 4.04% (gross). The Fund outperformed the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index (Benchmark) by 0.64% (net) in July, which gained by 3.36% on the month. The Fund has returned -10.62% (net) over the year, and 6.09% (net) since inception per annum.

The team's 'fair value' interest rate process and qualitative judgement led us to position portfolios with the most overweight duration position in the history of portfolios by mid-June despite being a little early in adding duration and the recent reassessment by markets vindicates such a high conviction strategy now delivering results for our investors. Our targeted yield curve strategy focusing on the two to four-year part of the yield curve to effectively 'lock in' what we assessed as elevated yields unlikely to be fully delivered by the RBA benefited from this part of the yield curve rallying the most.

In terms of top down sector strategy, having previously preserved capital with significant credit protection via CDS earlier in the year our focus has been on accumulating more liquid high quality credit assets (predominantly AAA, AA). This exposure to credit was a positive contributor to performance in the month.

Market review

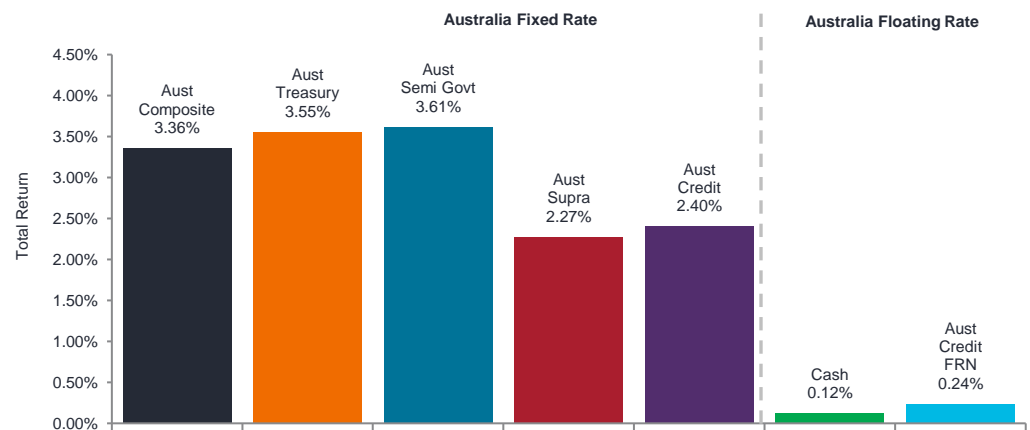
Both the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) continued with aggressive front-end loaded monetary tightening against the backdrop of stubbornly high inflation readings. Risk appetite improved as markets saw signs of moderating growth as limiting the amount of prospective monetary tightening. While volatile, both equity and credit markets ended stronger, while yields fell across the curve.

Bond markets rallied strongly with market participants reassessing the terminal cash rate for this cycle downwards on concerns of a policy induced economic downturn despite meaningful hiking in monetary policy by a number of central banks including the RBA. The Australian bond market, as measured by the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index, having drawn down peak to trough around 15.3% by mid-June, on the back of rising rates has recovered around 6.3% in just 6 weeks!

Short-term money market yields continued to rise as markets discounted further near-term tightening. The three-month bank bill yield ended the month 31.5 basis points (bps) higher at 2.12%, while six-month bank bills ended 11bps higher at 2.78%

The RBA lifted the cash rate by a consecutive 0.5% increment in early July to 1.35%. In contrast to recent months, yields fell across the curve despite mixed economic data readings. At the shorter end, the three-year government bond yield fell 46bps to end the month at 2.66%. Further out along the curve, 10- and 30-year government bond yields ended 60bps and 42bps lower at 3.06% and 3.43%.

Despite intra-month volatility, credit markets closed on a stronger footing. The Australian iTraxx Index closed 19bps tighter at 111bps, while the Australian fixed and floating credit indices returned 2.40% and 0.24% respectively.



Source: Bloomberg AusBond Indices
Period of 1 July 2022 – 31 July 2022

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Market Outlook and Investment Strategy

Whilst the process and journey of policy normalisation, consumer demand moderating, inflation peaking and the forthcoming economic growth slowdown from tighter financial conditions has a long way to go with many more twists and turns, it does seem markets are taking a more balanced view of where cash rates may ultimately peak in this cycle.

For in-depth economic analysis and the Australian Fixed Interest Team's outlook, visit [go.janushenderson.com/Viewpoint-Aug22](https://www.janushenderson.com/Viewpoint-Aug22).

Interest rates:

While the recent rally has released much of the value we saw, we still see some value at the shorter to mid part of the yield curve as market pricing does not see the Australian economy responding to an extended period of tighter monetary policy. The recent rally in longer-dated yields has released some of the value we saw building up.

Sector allocation:

Semi-government bonds: We have neutralised our position in semi government bonds. Some recent spread widening has made this sector start to look attractive again, we will look to add as valuations warrant.

Investment grade credit: We remain active and selective, favouring relative value within sub-sectors, whilst being judicious on overall credit beta. Recent spread widening has allowed us to access high quality names at attractive levels. We now see valuations as more attractive in investment grade credit as spreads on high quality financials have normalised and the global growth outlook is softening. We favour rotating up the capital stack into AAA covered, senior financials, investment grade corporate bonds in defensive sectors, and Tier 2 notes which present better risk adjusted value. We anticipate primary supply post reporting to provide good entry points into attractive yielding quality credit.

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

From an ESG perspective, we continue to engage with intermediaries and issuers on growing Australia's positive impact bond market. We seek to participate where valuations make sense.

Important information

A Product Disclosure Statement and Additional Information Guide for the Fund dated 30 September 2021 is available at www.janushenderson.com/australia.

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