

# BT Wholesale Multi-manager Conservative Fund

Monthly report – 31 March 2022

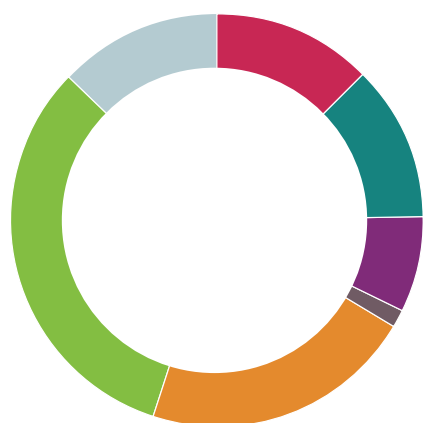
## Fund overview

Inception date	22 October 2001
APIR code	BTA0222AU
Fund size (AUD millions)	\$354.62
Investment objective	To provide income with a low risk of capital loss over the short to medium term, with some capital growth over the long term.
Recommended investment timeframe	3 years
Minimum initial investment	\$500,000
Distribution frequency	Monthly
Management costs (%) pa <sup>1</sup>	0.58
Buy/sell spread (%)	0.19 / 0.00

## Performance review<sup>2</sup>

Period ending 31 March 2022	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
	%	%	%	% pa	% pa	% pa
Total Net return	(0.51)	(3.66)	1.37	3.19	3.88	4.55
Growth return	(0.62)	(3.78)	(3.29)	(0.48)	(0.49)	(0.58)
Distribution return	0.10	0.12	4.66	3.67	4.37	5.12

## Actual asset allocation<sup>3</sup>



- Equity – Australian – 12.58%
- Equity – International – 12.26%
- Property – International and Australian Listed – 7.43%
- Unlisted Infrastructure – 1.37%
- Fixed Income – Australian – 21.39%
- Fixed Income – International – 32.22%
- Cash – 12.75%

## Fund update

The BT Wholesale Multi-manager Conservative Fund produced a negative return over the month of March.

Risk sentiment improved into the end of March as the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war showed signs of de-escalation after multiple rounds of peace talks. Additionally, the disruptions to energy and expected agricultural supplies, following the conflict, will likely maintain the current upward pressure on commodity prices in coming months. Elsewhere the US Federal Reserve continued its hawkish tone and started hiking interest rates by 25bps in March.

Strong commodity prices continued to support domestic equities and the Australian Dollar. The domestic equity market, as represented by the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index, returned 6.9% over the month. International Equities, as measured by the MSCI World ex Australia Net Return AUD Hedged Index, returned 2.9%. Unhedged international equities returned -0.9%, underperforming hedged exposure as the AUD appreciated against its major global peers. Emerging Market Equities underperformed, returning -5.6%, led by a sell-off in Chinese stocks amid record high COVID cases and new rounds of lockdowns across multiple regions in China.

Domestic listed property as measured by the S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT Index returned 1.4% and global listed property as measured by the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed AUD Hedged Net Total Return Index, returned 4.7% over the month.

Higher cash rate and inflation expectations shifted yield curves higher. The Australian 10-year government bond yield moved 70bps higher to 2.84% and the US 10-year Treasury yield moved 51bps higher to 2.34% over the month. As a result, both Australian and International Fixed Interest experienced the worst monthly drawdown over the past 30 years, the domestic fixed interest market, as represented by the Bloomberg Ausbond Composite 0+ Yr Index, returned -3.7% and the International Fixed Interest as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays Global-Aggregate Total Return AUD Hedged Index, returned -2.1%.

Funds allocated to growth assets outperformed those with a higher allocation to defensive assets over the month.

## Asset allocation ranges

Asset class	Investment managers	SAA ranges %
Equity – Australian	BlackRock; FIL Limited; First Sentier Investors Realindex; Yarra Capital; Pental; Platypus; Solaris; Vinva	0 – 31
Equity – International	Ardevora; BlackRock; First Sentier Investors Realindex; Guardcap; Hermes; Pental; River & Mercantile; T.Rowe Price; Wellington	0 – 34
Property – Australian and International Listed	BlackRock; Heitman; Principal	0 – 20
Unlisted Infrastructure	First Sentier Investors, Roc Capital, JPM	0 – 17
Fixed Income – Australian	AMP Capital; Janus Henderson; Pental	2 – 42
Fixed Income – International	Angelo, Gordon & Co.; ICG; Kapstream; Mellon; PIMCO; Sound Point; TCW; TwentyFour; Wellington; Western Asset	12 – 52
Cash	BlackRock; Pental	0 – 34

### Footnotes

1. The Management Costs included in this fact sheet are inclusive of the Management Fee and any Performance Fees and includes the effect of GST (net of RITC). They do not include other indirect costs. Refer to the Product Disclosure Statement and online disclosures for further information.
2. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Performance returns are calculated net of management fees and costs. Growth and Distribution returns may not equal the Total Net return due to rounding.
3. Allocations may not equal 100% due to rounding.

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