

BLACKROCK GLOBAL MULTI-ASSET INCOME FUND (AUST)

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FUND UPDATE

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Investment Performance (%)

	1 Mth	3 Mths	YTD	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	Since Incep
Distribution (D Class) ¹ (Net of Fees)	0.33	1.01	1.37	4.30	3.93	4.20	4.80	5.09
Growth (D Class) ¹ (Net of Fees)	1.76	2.76	2.76	13.87	2.99	1.80	1.68	0.91
BlackRock Global Multi-Asset Income Fund (Aust) (D Class) ¹ (Net of Fees)	2.09	3.77	4.13	18.17	6.91	6.00	6.48	6.00
BlackRock Global Multi-Asset Income Fund (Aust) ² (Gross of Fees)*	2.15	3.97	4.39	19.06	7.72	6.80	7.29	6.58

¹ Fund inception: 29/10/2015. ² Fund inception: 17/08/2015.

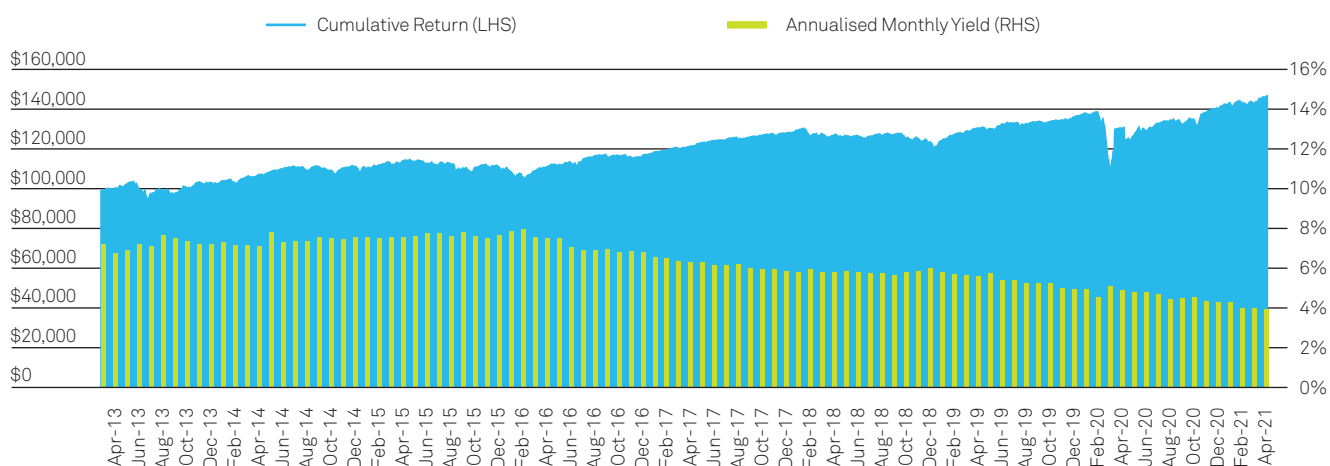
* Gross returns are calculated before fees and taxes and assume reinvestment of distributions. Gross returns are provided for products offered to wholesale clients only who may be subject to differential fees. Please refer to the Fund's product disclosure statement for more information. Net performance is calculated on exit-to-exit price basis, e.g. net of ongoing fees, performance fees and expenses.

About the Fund

The BlackRock Global Multi Asset Income Fund (Aust) follows a flexible asset allocation approach that seeks attractive income while attempting to smooth out returns and minimise loss of capital. The fund invests globally in the best income opportunities – across geographies and asset classes, whilst balancing the trade-off between yield and risk. The Fund makes use of derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management including the generation of additional income for the Fund. The Fund aims to deliver consistent income in the form of monthly distributions.

The Fund may be suitable for investors who are looking to diversify their Australian sourced income. For example equity investors looking for similar yields as Australian franked equities but wanting lower risk. The Fund can be used as a standalone diversified income solution or can be blended with other sources of income to reduce risk and help maintain investor capital.

Cumulative Return and Annualised Monthly Yield



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Performance is for the BGF Global Multi-Asset Income Fund – Aggregate (Aud Hedged). Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Long-term performance returns show the potential volatility of returns over time.

Performance Summary

Key Contributions to Portfolio Outcome:

Key contributors to portfolio income this month were covered calls, high yield bonds, and global ex-US developed equities. Covered calls, global ex-US developed equities, and global REITs were the largest contributors to total return this month, offset by negative returns in currency and duration management positions.

Main Portfolio Changes:

We spent down some of our cash positioning in favour of high yield bonds, which we continue to view as an attractive source of income in a low-yielding world.

We continue to believe cyclical exposures can benefit from an improving recovery and we remain focused on these areas within covered calls.

An acceleration in vaccine-led reopening activity and firming inflation support the case for higher yields. Thus, we further reduced portfolio duration during the month, taking it down to a historic low.

Positioning & Outlook:

April was a strong month for markets with virtually all asset classes posting a positive return. A decline in U.S. Treasury yields and strong corporate earnings provided support to most markets and helped technology retake its leadership across equities. During the month, the Federal Reserve confirmed their incredibly accommodative policies are at no risk of reversing in the near-term. The weaker headline jobs number in the U.S. also likely reduces the odds the Fed tapers its asset purchases in 2021, even though there remains underlying strength in jobs data. President Joe Biden also revealed his \$4 trillion spending plan on infrastructure and social services with a portion of this expected to be paid for by higher taxes.

Despite a relatively risk-on tone, April served as a stark reminder that much of the emerging world is still fighting the virus. Notably, a surge in new cases and fatalities in India, evidence of a new variant, and slower vaccine rollouts remain risks to an otherwise supportive economic backdrop.

In terms of interest rates, April marked the first month since last July where the 10-year Treasury yield trended lower. We would attribute the recent drop, at least partially, to renewed buying from global institutional investors given the ongoing demand for income. While this demand should help keep a lid on how high rates can go, we see the pullback in yields as a temporary pause in an ongoing move up.

April's economic data releases confirmed a powerful economic restart is well underway in the U.S. Combined with a supportive policy backdrop, we come away with a favourable view on equities and credit.

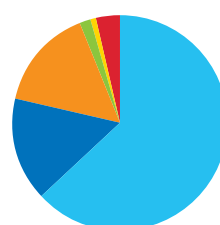
Source: BlackRock

Contributors to Yield*

	Asset Allocation %	Yield %	Contribution to Yield %
Fixed Income	27.7%		26.1%
HY Bonds	22.5%	4.3%	23.2%
Investment Grade Bonds	5.2%	2.3%	2.9%
Equity	20.6%	6.4%	10.5%
EM Equity	6.5%	2.5%	3.8%
Global Ex-US Equities	7.0%	2.8%	4.8%
US Equities	7.1%	1.1%	1.9%
Non Traditional Assets ex Hedges	48.4%		63.4%
EM Debt	8.4%	5.5%	11.0%
Floating Rate Loans	8.7%	2.0%	4.1%
Mortgage-Backed Securities	5.0%	3.0%	3.6%
Preferred Stock	7.1%	3.4%	5.7%
Covered Call Writing	12.4%	11.3%	33.5%
Global Infrastructure	3.6%	3.7%	3.1%
Global REITs	3.2%	3.1%	2.4%
Cash	3.4%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: BlackRock. * The table shows yield from underlying investment strategy. The fund receives additional yield, via the currency hedge, approximately equal to the interest rate differential between AUD and USD.

Regional Exposure (%)



Fund Details

BlackRock Global Multi-Asset Income Fund (Aust)	
APIR	BLK0009AU
Fund Size (A\$)	51mil
Management Fee (Class D Units) ¹	0.75% p.a.
Buy/Sell Spread	N/A
Liquidity	Daily
Distribution Frequency	Monthly
Yield (Annualised) ²	4.30%
Standard Deviation ³	7.01%

Source: BlackRock

¹ The amount of this fee can be negotiated with certain "wholesale clients" or "sophisticated" or "professional" investors (as defined by the Corporations Act) in compliance with legal requirements and any applicable ASIC class orders. ² Yield is based on the past 12 monthly distributions divided by the most recent month-end fund NAV. ³ Standard deviation of monthly returns since inception, annualized.

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