

### Pendal Sustainable Australian Fixed Interest Fund

ARSN: 612 664 730

Bond, Income & Defensive Strategies

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#### About the Fund

The Pendal Sustainable Australian Fixed Interest Fund (**Fund**) is an actively managed portfolio of Australian fixed interest securities. Investments are selected based on a range of sustainable, ethical and financial criteria.

#### Investment Return Objective

The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) that exceeds the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index by 0.75% p.a. over rolling 3 year periods.

#### Description of Fund

The Fund offers investors access to a diversified portfolio of fixed interest securities and seeks exposure to issuers that demonstrate leading environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) and ethical practices while avoiding exposure to issuers with activities that we consider to negatively impact the environment or society.

The Fund will not invest in issuers directly involved in either of the following activities:

- tobacco production; or
- controversial weapons manufacture (such as cluster munitions, landmines, biological or chemical weapons, depleted uranium weapons, blinding laser weapons, incendiary weapons, and/or non-detectable fragments).

The Fund will also not invest in issuers directly involved in any of the following activities, where such activities account for 10% or more of an issuer's total revenue:

- the production of alcohol;
- manufacture or provision of gaming facilities;
- manufacture of non-controversial weapons or armaments;
- manufacture or distribution of pornography;
- direct mining of uranium for the purpose of weapons manufacturing; or
- extraction of thermal coal and oil sands production.

The Fund uses a security selection process that combines sustainable and ethical criteria with Pendal's credit analysis. Pendal's investment process for fixed interest aims to add value through multiple strategies and investment research. Pendal seeks to generate excess returns through strategies including active security (including Green, Social and Sustainable Bonds) and sector selection, duration, yield curve and credit management.

We believe our strategy is unique in the Australian marketplace due to our top down process which combines a large number of quantitative models, our qualitative overlay and technical analysis giving us a greater understanding of global forces that affect the domestic market and the opportunities it presents. This is a more robust process than focussing primarily on domestic economic factors when evaluating the opportunity set.

Our investment approach for credit management seeks to identify opportunities on a sector, issuer and security basis by incorporating top-down and bottom-up research. Top-down research includes analysis of economic and market data, along with macro credit fundamentals such as company earnings, balance sheet health, default rates and equity volatility. The bottom up research includes analysis of earnings and cashflow volatility, balance sheet, business diversity, industry and valuation.

#### Investment Team

Pendal's Bond, Income & Defensive team includes fifteen dedicated investment professionals. The team also draws on a wide range of knowledge resources including Pendal's other specialist investment teams: Equity Strategies and Multi-Asset Strategies. The co-portfolio managers of the Fund are George Bishay and Tim Hext, who have a combined 50 years of industry experience.

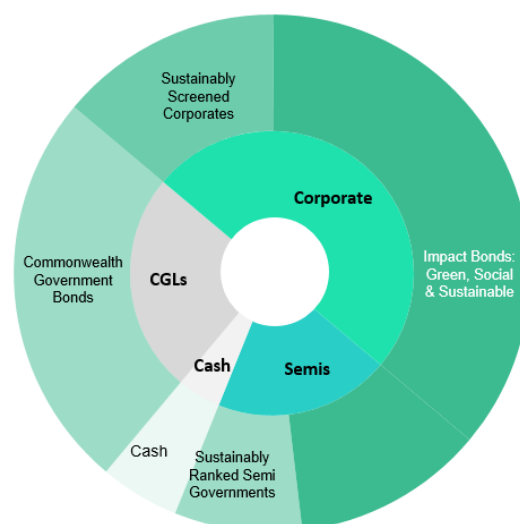
#### Performance

(%)	Total Returns		Benchmark Return
	(post-fee)	(pre-fee)	
1 month	1.80	1.84	1.76
3 months	2.84	2.94	2.73
6 months	0.72	0.92	0.41
1 year (pa)	1.81	2.22	0.53
2 years (pa)	3.16	3.57	2.05
3 years (pa)	5.58	6.00	4.77
Since Inception (pa)	3.76	4.17	3.33

#### Sector Allocation (as at 31 July 2021)

Government bonds <sup>^</sup>	25.9%
Semi-Government bonds <sup>^</sup>	7.6%
Sustainability Screened Corporate bonds	11.1%
ESG Thematic bonds - Climate	24.9%
- Social	12.7%
- Sustainable	11.2%
Cash & other	6.6%

<sup>^</sup> Ex Green, Social & Sustainable Bonds



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## Portfolio Statistics (as at 31 July 2021)

Running Yield <sup>†</sup>	1.97%
Yield to Maturity <sup>#</sup>	1.10%
Modified duration	5.86 years
Credit spread duration	2.56 years
Weighted Average Maturity	6.01 years

<sup>†</sup> The portfolio running yield is calculated as the weighted average coupon rate of the physical portfolio assuming all securities are held at par or face value. Carry/interest income from synthetic positions are excluded from this calculation. Running yield does not reflect the actual income return of the portfolio.

<sup>#</sup> The portfolio yield to maturity is an estimate of the fund's internal rate of return. It is calculated as the yield to maturity of all securities comprised in the benchmark at the relevant time (sourced from Bloomberg), plus our estimate of the weighted average traded margin over the swap rate for each of those securities based on observed market prices. The portfolio yield to maturity does not represent the actual return of the fund over any period.

## Other Information

Fund size (as at 31 Jul 2021)	\$461 million
Date of inception	August 2016
Minimum investment	\$25,000
Buy-sell spread <sup>1</sup>	
For the Fund's current buy-sell spread information, visit <a href="http://www.pendalgroup.com">www.pendalgroup.com</a>	
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
APIR Code	BTA0507AU

<sup>1</sup> The buy-sell spread represents a contribution to the transaction costs incurred by the Fund, when the Fund is purchasing and selling assets. The buy-sell spread is generally incurred whenever you invest in the Fund, and may vary from time to time without notice.

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## Risks

An investment in the Fund involves risk, including:

- **Market risk:** The risk associated with factors that can influence the direction and volatility of an overall market, as opposed to security-specific risks. These factors can affect one country or a number of countries.
- **Security specific risk:** The risk associated with an individual security.
- **Interest rate risk:** The risk associated with adverse changes in asset prices as a result of interest rate movements.
- **Credit risk:** The risk of an issuing entity defaulting on its obligation to pay interest/principal when due.
- **Liquidity risk:** The risk that an asset may not be converted to cash in a timely manner.
- **Counterparty risk:** The risk of another party to a transaction failing to meet its obligations.

Please read the Fund's product disclosure statement (PDS) for a detailed explanation of each of these risks.

For more information please call 1300 346 821, contact your key account manager or visit [pendalgroup.com](http://pendalgroup.com)

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## Management Costs<sup>2</sup>

Issuer fee <sup>3</sup>	0.40% pa
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<sup>2</sup> You should refer to the latest Product Disclosure Statement for full details of fees and other costs you may be charged.

<sup>3</sup> This is the fee we charge for overseeing the operations of the Fund and managing the assets of the Fund. The Issuer fee is paid from the assets of the Fund and is reflected in the unit price of your investment.

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