HUNTER GLOBAL FIXED INTEREST FUND



30 April 2020

Report & Commentary

Fund Information	30 April 2020			
Fund Size	\$781 million			
Fund Type	PIE			
Investment management	PIMCO			
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index - \$NZ hedged			
Performance (gross)	1 month	3 months	1 Year	3 Year pa
Portfolio (%)	+2.25%	-1.07%	+5.35%	+4.62%
Benchmark (%)	+1.59%	+1.13%	+7.70%	+4.91%
Alpha (%)	+0.66%	-2.20%	-2.35%	-0.29%

The performance in this fact sheet is gross of fees and tax. Investors should also refer to the quarterly Fund Update, which is available on <u>hunterinvestments.co.nz</u> and <u>business.qovt.nz/disclose</u>.

Performance update

The Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund outperformed its benchmark in April as market liquidity improved under sustained monetary and fiscal support from the regulators.

Overweights to US duration and high quality investment grade financials added value as spreads tightened and interest rates generally declined as the Federal Reserve reaffirmed its commitment to accommodative monetary policy. Holdings of securitised assets, particularly nonagency MBS, also added value benefiting from Fed support. However, our overweight to European peripheral rates, particularly Italy and Spain, detracted value on the back of Eurozone political tensions and growing credit quality concerns. Underweights to investment grade industrials and utilities also detracted, with spreads contracting as central bank support programmes took hold. Similarly, an underweight to UK duration also detracted in the face of sustained BoE purchases.

Investment markets

Improving COVID-19 trends and plans to re-open businesses saw major equity markets rally, the S&P 500 recorded its best monthly gain since 1987. Core developed markets interest rates and risk assets generally rallied while the USD was broadly flat, all boosted by large scale policy responses, on top of monetary support, and ongoing news of potential coronavirus treatments. Markets have, for the moment, shrugged off weaker economic data, global PMI's were largely below consensus and well below the worst point in the GFC. In the US, jobless claims spiked consistent with a 20% unemployment rate and Q1 GDP contracted 4.8%. Oil was the big loser, WTI crude traded as low as -\$40 per barrel despite OPEC and other large oil produces agreeing to cut global supply by 10% (the largest cut in history) but paling in comparison with the ~30% collapse in demand and storage capacity issues.

Portfolio positioning

PIMCO is maintaining a cautious view towards both interest rates and corporate credit, with a focus on relative value positions and diversified alpha strategies. Within broader risk exposures, they maintain tactical tilts designed to benefit across a range of scenarios given the increasingly fragile environment.

The Fund's duration is currently in line with the index at 7.2 years with a bias to increase if yields back up. PIMCO still prefers U.S. duration for its resilience should the global economy worsen.

The Fund remains underweight to corporate credit generally, while targeting shorter maturities and financials.

Securitised assets (Agency and non-agency mortgages, U.K. mortgages and Danish covered bonds) remain PIMCO's preferred way to take spread exposure. The Fund is also long Italian Government bonds vs Germany which should benefit from spread contraction as QE takes hold.

The Fund is also long US TIPS given their depressed valuations.

Currency strategies are largely tactical or target diversification for the portfolio. Current key exposures include a long JPY position (which serves as a "risk off" diversifier for the Fund) and to a small basket of emerging markets currencies.

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Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund Investment Portfolio Characteristics



Quality Breakdown			
Market Value % Portfolio		Market Value % Benchmark	
58.1	AAA	38.1	
8.3	AA	15.2	
13.8	А	31.5	
15.2	BBB	15.1	
4.5	Sub Inv Grade	0.0	
100	Total	100	



	Curve Exposure			
Duration Weighted Exposure		Duration Weighted Exposure		
% Portfolio	% Benchmark		Years Portfolio	Years Benchmark
1.8	0.1	0 - 1 years	0.1	0.0
1.9	7.7	1 - 3 years	0.1	0.6
21.2	10.3	3 - 5 years	1.5	0.7
33.4	25.3	5-10 years	2.4	1.8
41.7	56.6	10+ years	3.0	4.1
100	100	Total	7.2	7.2

	Regional Breakdown by currency of settlement)				
Duration Weighted Exposure			Duration Weighted Exposure		
% Portfolio	% Benchmark		Years Portfolio	Years Benchmark	
2.1	1.1	Australia/NZ	0.1	0.1	
16.9	20.7	Japan	1.2	1.5	
17.6	23.9	Europe - EMU	1.3	1.7	
5.4	1.4	Europe - Non EMU	0.4	0.1	
4.9	8.2	United Kingdom	0.4	0.6	
46.3	38.1	North America	3.3	2.7	
4.9	4.9	Emerging Markets	0.3	0.4	
1.8	1.7	Other	0.1	0.1	
100	100	Total	7.2	7.2	

	Sector Breakdown				
Duration Weig	hted Exposure		Duration Weighted Exposure		
% Portfolio	% Benchmark		Years Portfolio	Years Benchmark	
50.5	59.6	Government	3.6	4.3	
3.9	8.1	Agency/Semi	0.3	0.6	
19.9	4.3	Mortgage	1.4	0.3	
10.4	18.3	Inv Grade Corp	0.7	1.3	
0.5	0.0	High Yield Corp	0.0	0.0	
12.6	9.7	Emerging Markets	0.9	0.7	
2.3	0.0	Cash Equivalents	0.2	0.0	
100	100	Total	7.2	7.2	



