HUNTER GLOBAL FIXED INTEREST FUND



30 September 2024

Report & Commentary

Fund Information	30 Septe	ember 202	4			
Fund Size	\$1.996 Billi	\$1.996 Billion				
Fund Type	PIE	PIE				
Investment management	РІМСО					
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index - \$NZ hedged					
Performance (gross)	1 month	3 months	1 Year	3 Year pa		
Portfolio (%)	+1.31%	+3.53%	+11.25%	+0.02%		
Benchmark (%)	+1.14%	+4.22%	+10.20%	-0.57%		
Alpha (%)	+0.17%	-0.70%	+1.05%	+0.59%		

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.govt.nz/disclose</u>.

Performance update

The Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund out performed its benchmark in September as global interest rates generally fell, initially on the back of increased recession fears in the US and then optimism for a more aggressive easing track after the Fed's 0.50% September cut. Nominal returns were strongly positive.

Our overweights to European and UK duration added value in September especially our overweights to the belly of the yield curve as rates rallied. Similarly, in the credit sector, our preference for securitised assets also added value relative to the benchmark.

However, our underweight to Japanese duration and positioning in Chinese duration subtracted value as yields fell further in Japan while China fluctuated as stimulatory packages were rolled out.

Investment markets

Both stocks and bonds performed positively in September, bonds rallying on an aggressive 0.50% rate cut in the US while stocks became more comfortable, with recession fears abating, that the Fed would engineer the much talked about "soft landing". The Fed's attention has now shifted from a pure inflation focus to its joint target of maximum sustainable employment following a slowdown in job growth and an undershoot in non-farm payrolls. ECB also cut rates 0.25% as growth remained sluggish and inflation dipped back below its 2% target. Elsewhere, UK growth remained flat but China stepped up with aggressive broad reaching stimulus measures that saw Chinese equities rally sharply, the Hang Seng up 17.5% for the month.

The US election also remains sharply in focus, the race now very tight following the Harris/Trump debate and an assassination attempt on Trump.

Portfolio positioning

PIMCO continues to maintain a cautious view towards both interest rates and corporate credit, still focusing on relative value positions and diversified alpha strategies.

PIMCO has increased the Fund's overall duration to 5.8 years, still significantly less than the benchmark's duration of 6.7 years, largely reflecting a reduction in the size of the Fund's duration underweight in the US.

However, the underweight duration position remains quite targeted, focussed on Japan, Emerging Markets and North America and the Eurozone. Elsewhere, PIMCO remain overweight duration in more interest rate sensitive markets or where they see strong evidence of economic slowing, specifically, Australasia and the UK.

In terms of the yield curve, the Fund is now close to neutral 1-3 years maturities but has increased the overweight to the 3-5 and 5–10 years parts of the curve. The Fund's largest yield curve position remains its underweight to 10 years plus maturities. It is expected that 3-10 years maturities will benefit disproportionately in a variety of scenarios with an expected positive steepening of the curve, pivoting around 10-year maturities, as the central bank easing cycle continues. Longer bonds appear to have already priced much of the expected easing cycle and face challenges in increased issuance and potential demand for term premia.

The Fund has reduced its underweight to corporate credit slightly still targeting high credit quality. The Fund remains overweight government treasury bonds and underweight Emerging Markets. The average credit rating of the Fund increased in August to AA-.

US Federal Reserve "tapering" programme also sees PIMCO remaining underweight the agency and semi-government sectors but retaining a slightly reduced overweight exposure to the mortgage sector. Securitised assets remain PIMCO's preferred way to take spread exposure.

Currency strategies remain largely tactical or target portfolio diversification. Currently the fund's most significant position is and overweight to emerging market currencies predominantly against North America and a number of minor currencies. Exposure to Japan is neutral while Europe and UK have marginal overweights.

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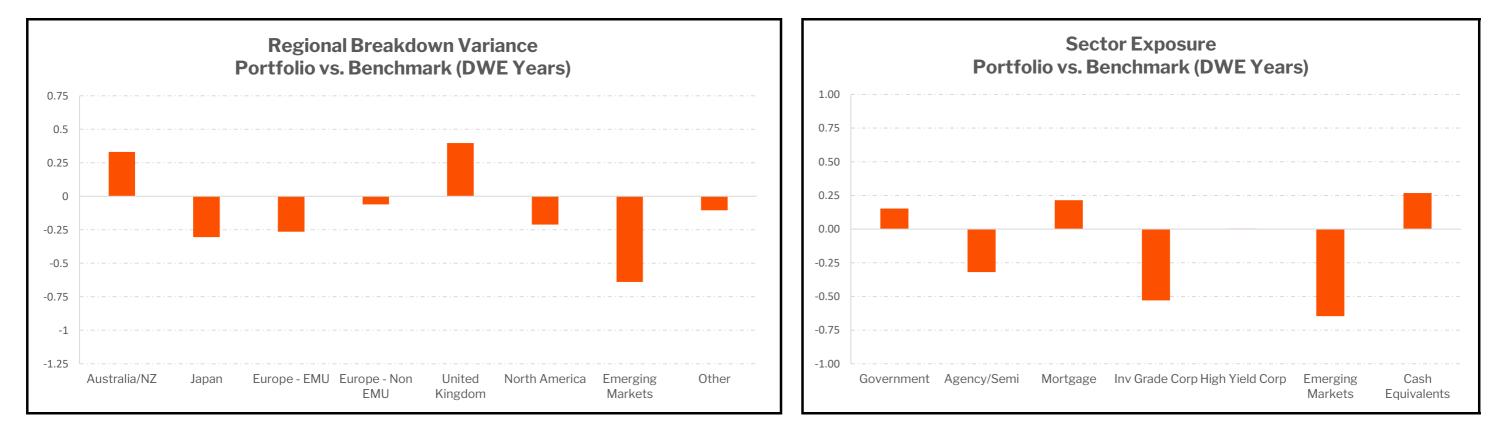
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Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund **Investment Portfolio Characteristics**

Investment Statistics			Quality Breakdow	n		
Effective Duration	5.8	Market Value		Market Value	Duration Weig	hted Exposure
Benchmark Duration	6.7	% Portfolio		% Benchmark	% Portfolio	% Benchmark
Average Maturity	7.1	52.5	AAA	11.8	4.8	0.1
Average Coupon	4.3	6.3	AA	42.5	6.2	7.9
Average Quality	AA-	7.2	А	31.4	26.1	12.8
Fund Total Carry	5.4	31.8	BBB	14.2	58.3	33.9
Benchmark Total Carry	4.6	2.2	Sub Inv Grade	0.0	4.6	45.4
		100	Total	100	100	100

Regional Breakdown by currency of settlement)				
Duration Weighte	ed Exposure	Duration Weighted Exposure		
% Portfolio	% Benchmar	k	Years Portfolio	Years Benchmark
7.2	1.3	Australia/NZ	0.4	0.1
10.4	13.7	Japan	0.6	0.9
20.5	21.8	Europe - EMU	1.2	1.5
0.6	1.4	Europe - Non EMU	0.0	0.1
12.6	5.0	United Kingdom	0.7	0.3
47.2	44.3	North America	2.7	3.0
1.1	10.5	Emerging Markets	0.1	0.7
0.5	2.0	Other	0.0	0.1
100	100	Total	5.8	6.7

Sector Breakdown					
Duration Weig	ghted Exposure		Duration Weighted Exposure		
% Portfolio	% Benchmark		Years Portfolio Years Benchmar		
59.6	49.6	Government	3.5	3.3	
3.5	7.8	Agency/Semi	0.2	0.5	
16.1	10.8	Mortgage	0.9	0.7	
9.6	16.3	Inv Grade Corp	0.6	1.1	
0.1	0.0	High Yield Corp	0.0	0.0	
6.5	15.4	Emerging Markets	0.4	1.0	
4.6	0.0	Cash Equivalents	0.3	0.0	
100	100	Total	5.8	6.7	





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Curve Exposure					
	Duration Weighted Exposure				
	Years Portfolio Years Benchmark				
0 - 1 years	0.3	0.0			
1 - 3 years	0.4	0.5			
3 - 5 years	1.5	0.9			
5-10 years	3.4	2.3			
10+ years	0.3	3.0			
Total	5.8	6.7			



ESG Integration (PIMCO)

At PIMCO, we define ESG Integration as the integration of material ESG factors into investment research. We believe incorporating ESG factors should be part of a robust investment process. We recognize that ESG factors are increasingly material inputs into our understanding of global economies, markets, industries and business models. Whether climate change, income inequality, shifting consumer preferences, regulatory risks, human capital management or unethical conduct, ESG factors are important considerations when evaluating long-term investment opportunities. These factors are evaluated across markets and assets classes where applicable. Our commitment to ESG integration was one of the main drivers that led PIMCO to become a signatory to the Principles of Responsible Investment (PRI) in September 2011.

The integration of ESG factors into PIMCO's investment process seeks to account for material ESG risks in both top-down macro positioning and bottom-up security evaluation. To the extent that ESG risks are material for particular sectors, issuers, etc., our fundamental credit views will reflect this. While ESG scores play a role in security selection for portfolios that follow ESG strategies and guidelines, they are not a criterion for security selection in portfolios that do not follow ESG strategies and guidelines. Additionally, integrating material ESG factors into the evaluation process does not mean that ESG information is the sole consideration for an investment decision; instead, PIMCO's portfolio managers and analyst teams evaluate a variety of factors, which can include ESG considerations, to make investment decisions. By integrating material ESG factors into the evaluation process, PIMCO is increasing the total amount of information assessed to generate a more holistic view of an investment, in efforts to deliver the best performance outcomes for our clients.

Exclusions

Further to the ESG integration in the PIMCO investment process, the Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund has the following exclusions (derivative positions that may include exposures as part of a basket are exempt from these restrictions, e.g. Basket CDS for spread trade or hedging etc.):

- Tobacco Companies;
- Armament Manufacturers;
- Cluster munitions development or production;
- The Portfolio will not invest in companies who derive more than 10% of their earnings from pornography or gambling; and

- The Portfolio will not invest in companies who derive more than 10% of their earnings from or whose only, core, or majority business is the exploration, extraction, refining or processing of fossil fuels. In addition, the Portfolio will not invest in any utility who primarily burns fossil fuels. The development or operation of pipelines are excluded from this restriction.

ESG Metrics

	Fund	Benchmark
Gender Diversity (workforce >40% female)	79%	30%
Modern Slavery Statement	64%	23%
Majority Independent Board	56%	38%

Numbers represent the proportion of holdings meeting the above criteria.

We assess only the corporate bond holdings of both the Benchmark and Fund, figures shown are as a percentage of those holdings in order to maintain comparability.

Climate Targets

	Fund	Benchmark
TCFD Recommendations	80%	45%
SBTi Committed	7%	5%
SBTi Targets Set	7%	13%

TCFD Recommendations: proportion of portfolio holdings that have commited to adopting recommendations of the Task Force for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). Does not indicate a complete TCFD disclosure.

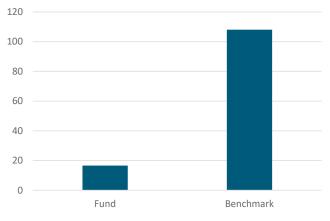
SBTi Committed indicates the company has made a public commitment to set a science-based target aligned with SBTi's target-setting criteria within 24 months.

'Targets Set' indicates that SBTi has reviewed and validated the company's target(s).

Contribution to UN SDGs



Scope 1 & 2 Carbon Emissions Intensity (USD)



Scope 1 & 2 Carbon Emissions Intensity reflects the portfolios weighted average total carbon emissions (tonnes) per million USD of revenue, as a proxy of the carbon efficiency per unit of output.

Represents the overall portfolio impact on progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals: 3. Good Health and Wellbeing, and 13. Climate Action, as assessed by ISS. On a scale of 0-10: 0 is a negative impact, 10 a positive impact, and 5 is no net impact. Bloombere Disclaimer

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COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

HUNTER GLOBAL FIXED INTEREST FUND (THE "FUND") (RETAIL UNIT TRUST)

Investment Mandate Compliance Certificate for month ended 30th September 2024

Harbour Asset Management Limited (the "Manager"), certifies that to the best of our knowledge, and having made reasonable enquiries, that, and except as specified in this certificate;

- 1. The Fund has at all times complied with the Fund's Trust Deed;
- The Fund has complied with internal guidelines as described in the Statement of Investment Policy & Objectives (SIPO), dated 1st September 2023;
- 3. PIMCO Australia Pty Ltd ('PIMCO') as the appointed underlying specialist investment manager for the Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund, provides Harbour with a monthly certification of compliance.

3.10.2024

Date

Tim Morrison Head of Compliance Harbour Asset Management Limited