# **HUNTER GLOBAL FIXED INTEREST FUND**



## **Report & Commentary**

30 November 2024

Fund Information	30 November 2024				
Fund Size	\$2.113 Billio	\$2.113 Billion			
Fund Type	PIE				
Investment management	PIMCO				
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index - \$NZ hedged				
Performance (gross)	1 month	1 Year	3 Year pa	5 Year pa	
Portfolio (%)	+1.49%	+8.19	-0.12%	+1.27%	
Benchmark (%)	+1.17%	+7.18	-0.87%	+0.31%	
Alpha (%)	+0.32%	+1.01%	+0.74%	+0.96%	

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 <a href="https://disclose.com/hunterinvestments.co.nz">hunterinvestments.co.nz</a> and <a href="https://disclose.co.nz">hunterinvestments.co.nz</a> and <a href="https:/

## Performance update

The Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund outperformed its benchmark in November with markets largely recovering October's losses in a "sell the rumour", "buy the fact" post US election environment. Instead, the focus returned to relative growth with most markets rallying on the prospect of lower policy rates, less so in the US where inflation remains a concern.

Consequently, our positioning European duration especially around the 10-year part of the yield curve added value as rates generally fell. Conversely, our underweight in Japan added value as rates rose there. Positioning in securitised assets also added value in November.

However, our overweight to US duration, especially around the 5-year portion of the curve subtracted some value as rates shifted higher for those maturities.

## **Investment markets**

Markets were generally focussed on the US Presidential election in November with Donald Trump's victory and a Republican sweep, in Congress and the Senate, seen as positive for business but potentially more inflationary given his pre-election rhetoric around trade tariffs. Global equity markets generally rallied, the US market reaching all time highs with only the Japanese market showing signs of fatigue. Interest rate markets were more mixed, European markets rallying on expectations of larger rates cuts from the ECB in the face political turmoil throughout Europe, stricter budget controls and the impact of potential US tariffs. US bond markets were more mixed as ongoing inflation concerns were bolstered by increased tariff expectations reducing market expectations around the size and timing of future Federal Reserve rate cuts.

## 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 maintained the Fund's overall duration underweight at 5.9 years, significantly less than the benchmark's duration of 6.6 years and largely reflecting the Funds on going yield curve positioning,

The underweight duration position remains quite targeted, focussed on Japan, Emerging Markets and North America. 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. European duration, in aggregate, is largely neutral.

In terms of the yield curve, the Fund is underweight 1-3 years maturities but has increased the overweight to the 3-5 year and is largely neutral in the 5–10 years part of the curve. The Fund's largest yield curve position remains its underweight to 10 years plus maturities. It is expected that 3-5 years maturities will benefit disproportionately in a variety of scenarios with the yield curve expected to continue to become increasingly steep and positively shaped as investors demand more term premia for moving longer on the curve. Longer bonds had already priced much of the expected easing cycle and face challenges in increased issuance and ongoing fiscal deficits.

The Fund has maintained its underweight to corporate credit, still targeting high credit quality. The Fund remains underweight government treasury bonds and Emerging Markets but is overweight cash equivalent assets. The average credit rating of the Fund remains AA-.

US Federal Reserve "tapering" programme also sees PIMCO remaining underweight the agency and semi-government sectors but has maintained an 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 an overweight to UK and North America currencies predominantly against Australasia, the Eurozone and a number of minor currencies.

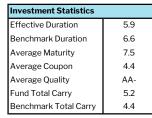
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## **Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund Investment Portfolio Characteristics**

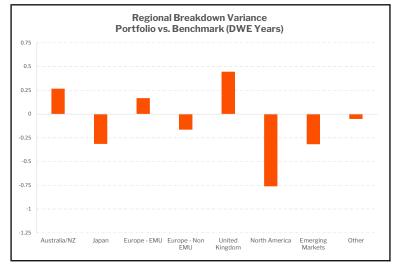


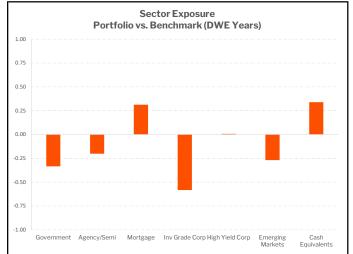
Quality Breakdown				
Market Value		Market Value		
% Portfolio		% Benchmark		
27.9	AAA	11.7		
26.6	AA	42.8		
6.4	А	31.3		
36.8	BBB	14.2		
2.3	Sub Inv Grade	0.0		
100	Total	100		

	Curve Exposure				
Duration Weig	ghted Exposure		Duration We	ighted Exposure	
% Portfolio	% Benchmark		Years Portfolio	Years Benchmark	
5.9	0.1	0 - 1 years	0.3	0.0	
4.4	7.7	1 - 3 years	0.3	0.5	
38.9	13.2	3 - 5 years	2.3	0.9	
36.6	34.1	5-10 years	2.2	2.3	
14.1	44.9	10+ years	0.8	3.0	
100	100	Total	5.9	6.6	

Regional Breakdown by currency of settlement)				
Duration Weighted Exposure			Duration Weighted Exposure	
% Portfolio	% Benchmarl	k	Years Portfolio	Years Benchmark
6.0	1.3	Australia/NZ	0.4	0.1
9.5	13.2	Japan	0.6	0.9
27.3	21.8	Europe - EMU	1.6	1.4
-1.2	1.4	Europe - Non EMU	-0.1	0.1
13.0	4.8	United Kingdom	0.8	0.3
37.5	44.8	North America	2.2	3.0
6.6	10.6	Emerging Markets	0.4	0.7
1.5	2.1	Other	0.1	0.1
100	100	Total	5.9	6.6

Sector Breakdown				
Duration Weighted Exposure			<b>Duration Weighted Exposure</b>	
% Portfolio	% Benchmark		Years Portfolio	Years Benchmark
49.6	49.2	Government	2.9	3.3
5.3	7.8	Agency/Semi	0.3	0.5
17.9	11.2	Mortgage	1.1	0.7
8.4	16.3	Inv Grade Corp	0.5	1.1
0.1	0.0	High Yield Corp	0.0	0.0
12.8	15.5	Emerging Markets	0.8	1.0
5.8	0.0	Cash Equivalents	0.3	0.0
100	100	Total	5.9	6.6







### **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)	74%	29%
Modern Slavery Statement	60%	24%
Majority Independent Board	52%	36%

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**

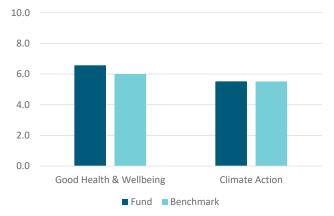
	Fund	Benchmark		
TCFD Recommendations	78%	46%		
SBTi Committed	6%	4%		
SBTi Targets Set	6%	13%		

TCFD Recommendations: proportion of portfolio holdings that have committed 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  $24\ months$ .

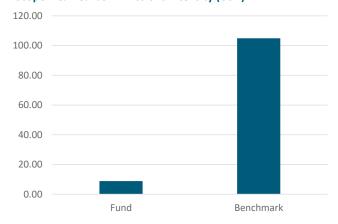
'Targets Set' indicates that SBTi has reviewed and validated the company's target(s).

## **Contribution to UN SDGs**



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.

## 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.

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# **Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund (the "Fund")**

For month ended 30 November 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;
- 2. The Fund has complied with internal guidelines as described in the Statement of Investment Policy & Objectives (SIPO), dated 30th October 2024;
- 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.

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Dated 04 December 2024