Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund

31 DECEMBER 2025

1 month performance	1 year performance	Fund size	Investment Management
-0.08%	**5.67%**	**$2,971,257,972**	**PIMCO**
Before fees & tax	Before fees & tax	NZD	

The Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund outperformed its benchmark in December. Sovereign yields generally rose, reflecting year-end positioning and cautious central bank stances, while corporate bonds outperformed as credit spreads tightened. In the US, the Federal Reserve delivered its third 25bp rate cut of 2025, lowering the Fed Funds rate to 3.50%–3.75%. By contrast, the Bank of Japan surprised markets with a 25bp hike to 0.75%, its highest level in three decades, underscoring a shift toward monetary policy normalisation.

PIMCO continues to believe that **global central bank policy rates have more room to fall,** but that investors will demand more term premium for longer maturity bonds given ongoing deficits and rising borrowing programs. This is a recipe for more steeply positive shaped yield curves. **It sees global growth falling with inflation pressures gradually falling around the globe as tariff pressures ease.**

PIMCO believes that **bonds at current yields (now back to pre-GFC levels) continue to offer great value and a safe place to wait until the global environment becomes a little clearer.**

The average credit rating of the Fund is in line with the benchmark at AA-, while the **Fund's total carry has increased marginally to 4.9% at the end of December.** The Fund has had no credit defaults and while we expect ongoing month to month volatility in returns, we believe the Fund will deliver strong returns going forward.

During the period, there were no liquidity concerns and no restrictions on redemptions.

Performance	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	1 YEAR P.A.	2 YEAR P.A.	3 YEAR P.A.	5 YEAR P.A.	10 YEAR P.A.	SINCE INCEPTION P.A.
Return before fees & tax	-0.08%	1.06%	5.67%	4.83%	5.89%	0.85%	-	2.96%
Benchmark return	-0.36%	0.39%	3.73%	3.38%	4.44%	-0.14%	-	2.01%
Relative return	0.28%	0.67%	1.94%	1.45%	1.45%	0.99%	-	0.95%

Inception: 15 March 2017. Benchmark: Bloomberg GlobalAgg Total Return Index Hedged NZD. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Investment statistics

	FUND
Effective duration (years)	6.7
Benchmark duration (years)	6.3
Average maturity (years)	9.4
Average coupon	3.81%
Yield to maturity	4.55%
Average quality	AA-
Fund total carry	4.91%
Benchmark total carry	3.33%

Quality breakdown

	FUND	BENCHMARK
AAA	18.12%	12.18%
AA	49.60%	39.39%
A	11.06%	34.21%
BBB	18.89%	14.22%
Sub inv grade	2.33%	0.00%

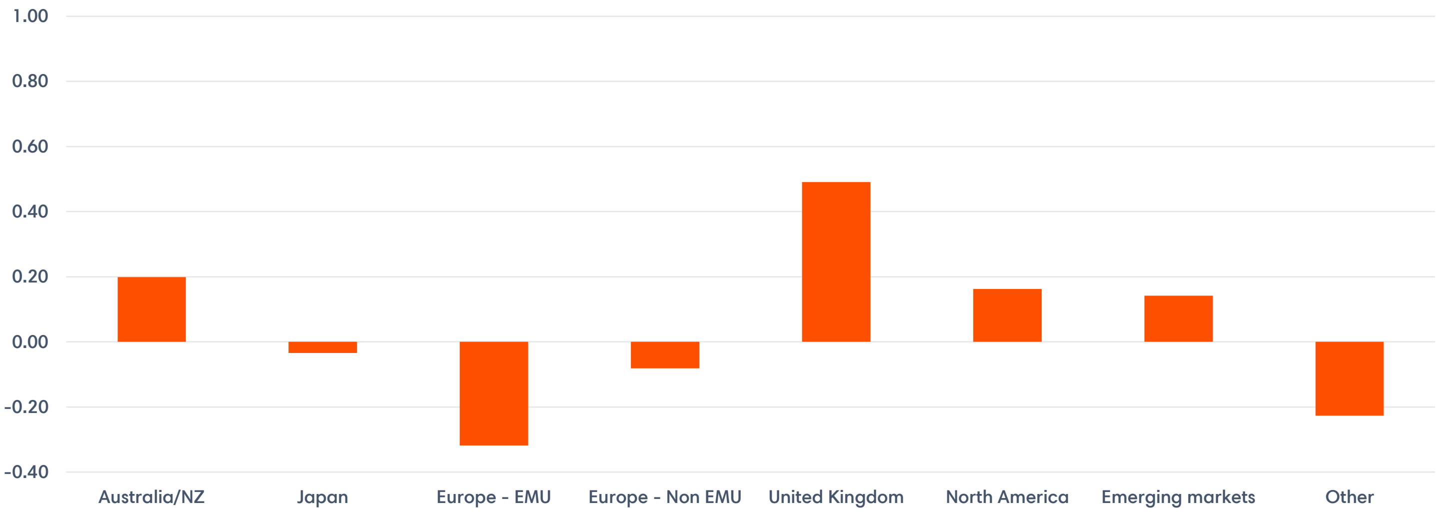
Duration weighted curve exposure

	0-1 YEARS	1-3 YEARS	3-5 YEARS	5-10 YEARS	10+ YEARS	TOTAL
Benchmark %	0.08	8.68	13.64	34.94	42.66	100.00
Portfolio %	7.20	1.45	33.31	35.52	22.52	100.00
Years Benchmark	0.01	0.55	0.86	2.22	2.71	6.34
Years Portfolio	0.48	0.10	2.22	2.37	1.50	6.67

Duration weighted regional breakdown (by settlement currency)

	FUND	BENCHMARK	FUND%	BENCHMARK %
Australia/NZ	0.28	0.08	4.24%	1.32%
Japan	0.64	0.68	9.61%	10.65%
Europe - EMU	1.12	1.44	16.78%	22.68%
Europe - Non EMU	0.02	0.10	0.27%	1.56%
United Kingdom	0.80	0.31	12.02%	4.92%
North America	3.04	2.87	45.49%	45.32%
Emerging markets	0.87	0.73	13.02%	11.48%
Other	-0.10	0.13	-1.43%	2.07%
Total	6.67	6.34	100.00%	100.00%

Regional breakdown variance portfolio vs benchmark (DWE years)



Duration weighted sector breakdown (by settlement currency)

	FUND	BENCHMARK	FUND%	BENCHMARK%
Government	2.49	3.06	37.35%	48.25%
Agency/Semi	0.32	0.51	4.82%	7.98%
Mortgage	1.58	0.68	23.74%	10.75%
Inv Grade Corp	0.59	1.05	8.79%	16.49%
High Yield Corp	0.01	0.00	0.20%	0.00%
Emerging Markets	1.21	1.05	18.08%	16.52%
Cash Equivalents	0.47	0.00	7.01%	0.02%
Total	6.67	6.34	100.00%	100.00%

Sector exposure portfolio (DWE years)

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 Manufacturer;
- 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.
- Companies involved in 'very severe' controversies that score 0 ('red flag') on MSCI's controversy criteria are excluded from all portfolios.

ESG metrics

	FUND	BENCHMARK
Gender diversity (workforce >40% female representation)	56.53%	24.33%
Modern slavery statement	50.85%	25.72%
Majority independent board	39.25%	33.73%

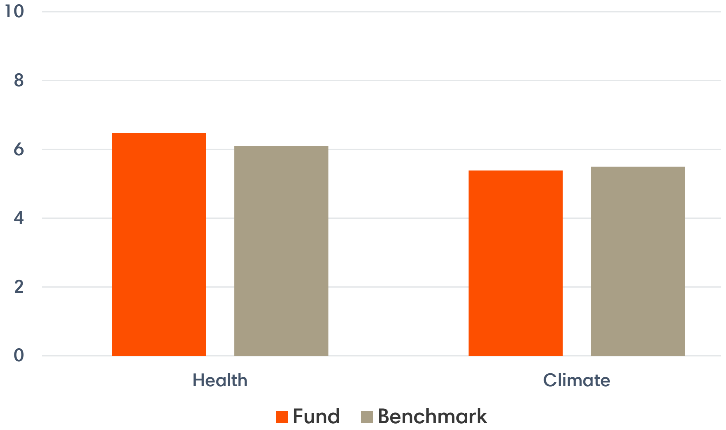
Numbers represent the proportion of holdings meeting the above criteria. We assess only the corporate bond holdings of both the Benchmark and Fund, figures shown are as a percentage of those holdings in order to maintain comparability.

Climate targets

	FUND	BENCHMARK
TCFD reporting	61.68%	39.81%
SBTi committed	2.69%	2.40%
SBTi targets set	3.84%	14.47%

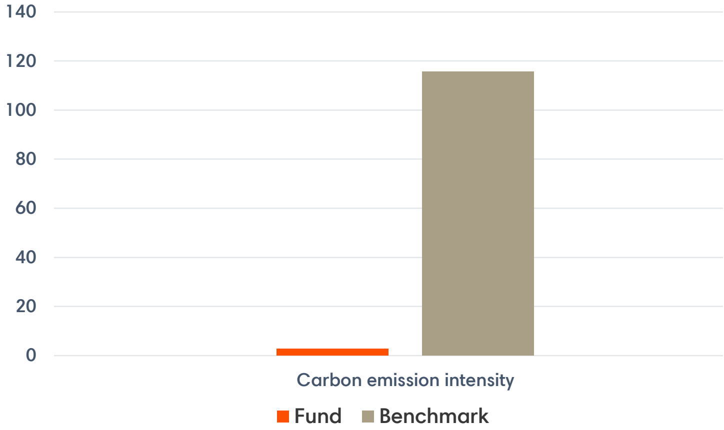
TCFD Recommendations: proportion of portfolio holdings that have commited to adopting recommendations of the Task Force for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). Does not indicate a complete TCFD disclosure. SBTi Committed indicates the company has made a public commitment to set a science-based 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



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 emission 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.

Performance update

The Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund outperformed its benchmark again in December, delivering a -0.08% return for the month vs. the benchmark return of -0.36%. Sovereign yields generally rose, reflecting year-end positioning and cautious central bank stances, while corporate bonds outperformed as credit spreads tightened. Overall, global bonds delivered solid gains for the year.

Adding value this month was an overweight to higher-carry securities within securitised assets, and strategic duration positioning within EM, particularly an overweight exposure to duration in South Africa. Also contributing to performance was curve positioning in US rates, particularly being underweight the long end of the curve as the curve steepened.

Detracting from performance was the overweight to Australian duration, especially around the 5-10 year portion of the curve, as yields shifted higher. The underweight to industrials within corporate investment-grade credit also detracted as credit spreads compressed over the period.

Investment markets

December delivered an assortment of narratives – ranging from divergent central bank moves to AI valuation concerns and geopolitical jitters. In the US, the Federal Reserve delivered its third 25bp rate cut of 2025, lowering the Fed Funds rate to 3.50%–3.75% in a divided 9–3 vote, despite jobless claims beating expectations and headline CPI easing to 2.7% y/y. This came alongside GDP data showing the US economy grew by a robust 4.3% in the September quarter – much stronger than expected. US equities failed to deliver a "Santa Claus Rally", with the S&P 500 ending nearly flat and the NASDAQ falling 0.73%, reflecting AI fatigue and pressure on Big Tech valuations. Treasuries sold off into year-end, with the 10-year yield up +15bps, the 30-year +18bps, and the 2s30s spread steepening by +20bps. The US dollar extended its downward slide, with the DXY down 1.14% as shifting rate expectations weighed on sentiment.

European equities outperformed their US counterparts, supported by monetary easing and resilient economic data. The Euro Stoxx 50 rallied +2.17%, with Spain's IBEX 35 leading gains at +5.72%. Other major indices such as the FTSE 100 and DAX also posted solid advances. Sovereign bond yields climbed across the region, with Germany's Bunds rising +17bps and France's OATs +15bps, reflecting mixed monetary policy outcomes and year-end positioning.

In Asia, the Bank of Japan surprised markets with a 25bp hike to 0.75%, its highest level in three decades, underscoring a shift toward normalisation. Australian 10-year bond yields rose sharply (+23bps), mirroring global developments and amplified by hawkish comments from RBA Governor Bullock, who suggested further rate cuts were off the table and that the Board may need to raise rates in early 2026. Gold and silver posted their best annual performance since 1979, with gold climbing +1.89% and silver surging +26.84%. Brent crude slipped to US$61 per barrel by month end, amid concerns of a looming global supply glut and positive developments in Russia–Ukraine peace talks.

Portfolio positioning

PIMCO continues to maintain a cautious view towards credit, focusing instead on relative value positions and diversified alpha strategies.

PIMCO has increased the Fund's overall aggregate duration to 6.7 years, from 6.6 years in November, vs. the benchmark of 6.3 years. This reflects recent market moves despite PIMCO's ongoing view that at current interest rate levels, bonds continue to represent better than fair value and their conviction that the next major move in bond markets will see yields fall further especially in short- to mid-maturities. Bonds also remain a good place to sit given the uncertain global environment at present. However, PIMCO believe that careful maturity and stock selection is imperative.

The Fund has maintained active positioning in individual markets with overweights in the UK (+0.5 years), Australasia and North America (+0.2 years), and EM (+0.1 years). The Fund is at benchmark in Japan and remains underweight Eurozone duration (-0.3 years). The largest overweights remain focussed in more interest rate sensitive markets where PIMCO still sees evidence of economic slowing, specifically Australasia and the UK and this is predominantly a yield curve play.

In terms of the yield curve, the Fund has maintained its underweight in 1-3 year maturities (-0.5 years) and remains significantly overweight 3-5 year maturities (+1.4 years). The Fund remains overweight the 5-10 year part of the yield curve but has reduced the size of the overweight to +0.2 years. **The Fund retains a significant underweight to the 10-year+ part of the curve (-1.2 years).** It is expected that 3-10 years maturities will benefit disproportionately in a variety of scenarios with the yield curve expected to continue to become increasingly positively shaped as central banks cut short term rates. Longer bonds are expected to remain under pressure as investors focus on increased government borrowing/deficits and hence, demand more term premia for moving longer on the curve.

The Fund has maintained its underweight to corporate credit (-0.5 years) and is still targeting high credit quality securities. The average credit rating of the Fund is AA-, which is in line with the benchmark.

The Fund maintained its slight underweight to the agency and semi-government sectors (-0.2 years) and retained its overweight exposure to the mortgage sector (+0.9 years). Securitised assets remain PIMCO's preferred way to take spread exposure.

Currency strategies remain largely tactical or target portfolio diversification. The Fund is underweight North America, Australasia and a basket of minor currencies. Offsetting these positions are overweights to Japan, Europe (both EMU and non-EMU), the UK and, most significantly, high yielding EM currencies.

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COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

Hunter Global Fixed Interest Fund

For month ended 31 December 2025

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 28th August 2025;
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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Harbour Asset Management Limited

Dated 05 January 2026