

Alpha Enhanced Yield - Snapshot

Morningstar Category: Australia Fund Multi-Strategy Income
 Inception Date: 2/04/2007

Fund and Market Commentary

During December, the Bloomberg AusBond Cash benchmark returned 0.14% while the Alpha Enhanced Yield Fund underperformed. Over longer periods the Fund's return has significantly outperformed the benchmark.

Global sovereign bond yields mostly moved positively. The United States (US) two year Treasury Note yield increased ten basis points to 1.883%, building on November's gain of eighteen basis points with part of the rate hike already priced in, while the ten year Note remained almost flat at 2.405%. The Federal Reserve continues its tightening monetary policy and raised the interest rate for the third time in 2017 by 25 basis points to the target range 1.25% to 1.5%. In contrast, the Reserve Bank of Australia maintained the current monetary policy and left the interest rate on hold in the hope of stronger wage growth and inflation. Australian two year bond yields rose 23 basis points to 1.968%, while the ten year bond was thirteen basis points higher at 2.630%.

In Europe, Germany and Italian ten year yields rose six and twenty-seven basis points respectively to end the month at 0.427% and 2.016%, while the United Kingdom (UK) ten year bond fell fourteen basis points to 1.190%. Backed by the prosperous eurozone economic outlook, the European Central Bank (ECB) upgraded the expected economic growth for the single currency area substantially from 1.8% to 2.3%. As announced in October, the ECB will lower the pace of quantitative easing from January 2018.

Considering the prospects for assets beyond short-term volatility, our preference is to take a longer term approach to the markets. This does not mean we are not actively managing the Fund. To the contrary, the structure of our Fund is always reflective of our current assessment of market risk. In structuring the Alpha Enhanced Yield Fund, Alpha Fund Managers seek to select managers demonstrating a proven track record in managing risk and generating long-term outperformance. These managers are then blended to create portfolios that can achieve consistent, absolute and relative performances, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

Alpha Enhanced Yield - Monthly Returns (net of fees)*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2017	0.58	0.95	0.36	0.47	0.56	0.38	0.58	0.40	0.15	-0.21	0.09	0.08	4.50
2016	0.33	0.27	1.54	0.68	-0.15	1.42	1.18	0.28	-0.04	-0.13	-1.33	0.54	4.66
2015	0.65	0.94	0.23	-1.32	-0.22	-1.35	0.61	-0.99	-0.36	1.08	0.21	-0.73	-1.27
2014	0.49	0.62	0.73	0.35	0.09	0.63	0.46	-0.33	0.53	0.18	-0.02	0.00	3.79
2013	0.69	0.47	0.61	0.58	-0.11	-0.77	0.65	0.18	0.61	0.28	0.44	0.78	4.49

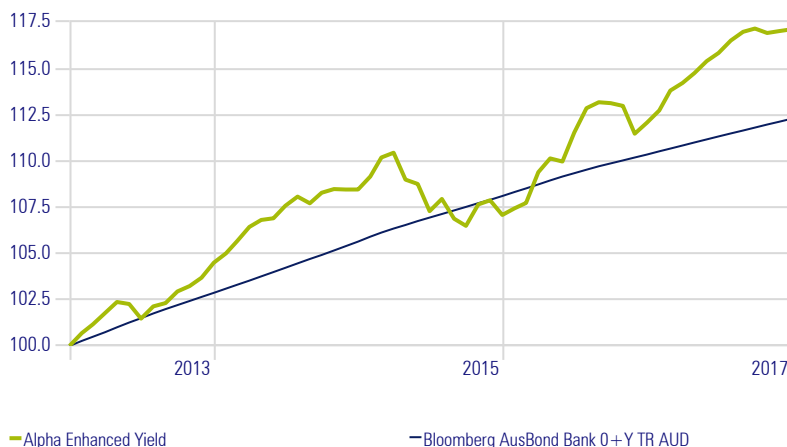
Risk Matrix

Time Period: 1/01/2013 to 31/12/2017

	Alpha Enhanced Yield	AusBond Bank 0+ Yr
Alpha	0.38	0.00
Std Dev	2.08	0.13
Sharpe Ratio	0.44	1.73
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Investment Growth (net of fees) versus Benchmark*

Time Period: 1/01/2013 to 31/12/2017

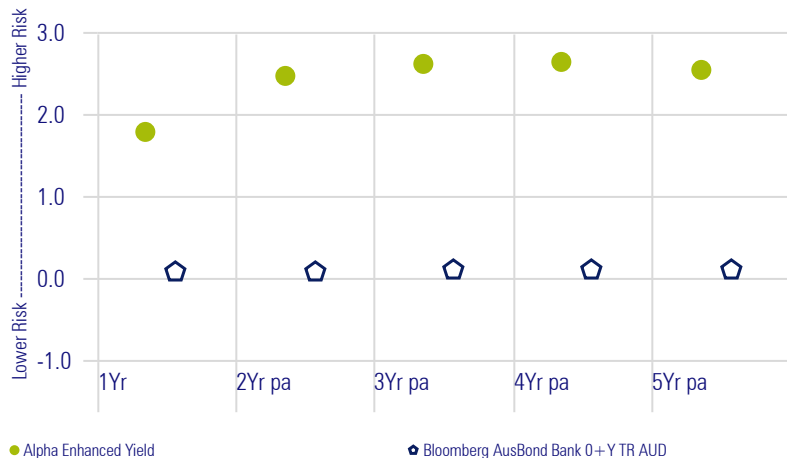


Returns (net of fees) versus Benchmark*

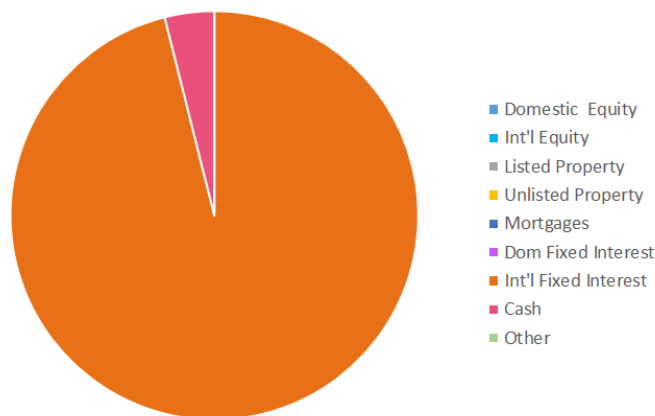
As of Date: 31/12/2017 Data Point: Return

	Month	Quarter	6 Mth	1 Yr	2Yr pa	3Yr pa	4Yr pa	5Yr pa
Alpha Enhanced Yield	0.08	-0.04	1.10	4.50	4.57	2.59	2.89	3.21
Bloomberg AusBond Bank 0+Y TR AUD	0.14	0.42	0.86	1.75	1.91	2.05	2.21	2.34

Risk (i.e. Volatility of Returns) versus Benchmark



Asset Allocation



Investment Objective

The Alpha Enhanced Yield Fund may invest in a portfolio of global government, semi-government, corporate, mortgage, asset-backed, high-yield and emerging-market sovereign debt, and other fixed interest securities, while seeking to preserve capital through diversification and prudent investment management.

Alpha Fund Managers seek to achieve this objective in each of the Alpha funds by blending a small number of high conviction investment managers, each with a different investment process, in a complementary manner so as to produce consistent outperformance with similar or less risk than the benchmark.

Fund Style: Actively Managed Diversified Multi-Strategy Fixed Income Portfolio

Current Manager Line-up

Legg Mason Brandywine Global Opportunistic Fixed Income Fund

Manager Style: Actively Managed, Broadly Diversified Global, High Conviction and Long Term Value Oriented Strategy

PIMCO Diversified Fixed Interest Fund

Manager Style: Actively Managed, Broadly Diversified, Strong Expertise in Top Down Assessment of Global Bond Markets

Premium Asia Income Fund

Manager Style: Concentrated Emerging Market Debt Strategy

Smarter Money Long-short Credit

Manager Style: Absolute Return Australian Fixed Income Strategy

Bentham Wholesale Syndicated Loan Fund

Manager Style: Global High Yield Strategy

Supervised Global Income Fund

Manager Style: Global Diversified Credit Strategy

Mason Steven Credit Fund

Manager Style: Multi-Strategy Income, Absolute Return Strategy

Janus Henderson Global Fixed Total Return Fund

Manager Style: Unconstrained, Multi-Strategy Income, Total Return Strategy

About Alpha Fund Managers

Alpha Fund Managers' investment philosophy is based on the premise that there are particular investment managers that have the ability to consistently generate "alpha" over the medium to long-term, and through all financial market cycles irrespective of any style bias (growth vs. value, large cap vs. small cap, etc.). "Alpha" in this context is defined as an investment manager's unique ability to select a portfolio of securities that differs from and outperforms its benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. In other words, it is an investment manager's ability to beat the index. Alpha Fund Managers' investment process is based on a balanced approach to quantitative and qualitative research and analysis techniques to assess and select the underlying investment managers in each Alpha Fund Series fund. Alpha Fund Managers seek to add value by selecting investment managers who demonstrate a high-level of investment conviction, unique investment processes and a proven record in managing risk and generating long-term "alpha" over full market cycles. Alpha Fund Managers then blend these managers so as to create portfolios that can achieve consistent, absolute and relative performances, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

Investment Details

APIR Code	ETL0093AU
Ticker	15578
Net Assets (\$Mil)	38
Month End Price Date	31/12/2017
Month End Price	0.8874

Purchase Information

Minimum Initial Investment	\$25,000
Minimum Balance	\$25,000
Minimum Additional Investment/Withdrawal	\$10,000
Buy-sell Spread	Nil
Income Distribution	Quarterly
Valuation/Unit Pricing	Daily
Management Fee	0.993%
Performance Fee	Applicable - refer to PDS on Website

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