



# Bentham Asset Management

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Global fixed income and credit investors

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# About Bentham

Bentham Asset Management Pty Limited (Bentham) is a specialist fixed interest and credit investment manager. Bentham actively manages a number of high yielding funds with varying risk profiles. The portfolios are designed to generate income while diversifying risk in global credit markets. Bentham's goal is to deliver higher income to investors than can generally be achieved in traditional fixed interest and equity markets.

## Investment team

Bentham is a stable and experienced team of credit and fixed interest investment professionals based in Australia. The founders of Bentham Asset Management previously worked together as part of the Credit Investment Group of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC. They are still managing the same portfolios.

The team has a long track record of managing global diversified fixed interest portfolios and is well resourced with market-leading risk portfolio systems. The team is also complemented with an ongoing formal association with their ex-colleagues at Credit Suisse Credit Investments Group. The Credit Suisse team comprises investment professionals based in New York and London.

**Bentham's investment philosophy is based on a strong credit culture and a systematic investment process, with a focus on the preservation of principal and protection against downside risk.**

## Investment approach

Bentham's global focus provides more investment opportunities and diversity when compared with managers that focus only on domestic fixed income markets. In addition, global markets provide Bentham with greater depth and liquidity.

Bentham draws on a combination of both internal experience and strong relationships with sector specialists. Bentham identifies global investment opportunities in different credit sectors, then populates those sectors using bottom-up security selection. Key aspects to Bentham's approach include relative value asset allocation, appropriate diversification and a respect for market liquidity.

Relative value approach	Diversification	Liquidity
Choosing investments with the best value or yield for a given level of risk. Factors that are considered include credit risk, seniority, security structure and liquidity. The ability to invest in global markets and in a variety of currencies helps to ensure the best value investments are made.	A fundamental concept in credit portfolio management is diversification. Credit portfolios require more diversification than equity portfolios given the skewed nature of returns. Downgrades and defaults tend to be unexpected and occur in industry clusters. Diversity reduces portfolio volatility and mitigates the impact of defaults.	Investments with good liquidity are usually more easily traded at a lower cost than less liquid securities. Factors contributing to the liquidity of a security include broad distribution by investor type, transparent pricing and external credit ratings.

## The name 'Bentham'

The name Bentham derives from 18th Century English jurist, philosopher and social reformer, Jeremy Bentham. Born in 1748, Bentham had many notable achievements throughout his lifetime. Most significantly, he exchanged views with renowned economist, Adam Smith, on the topic of free interest rates. Bentham argued that interest rates should be charged according to risk which is an important factor for modern capital markets and an important component for Bentham Asset Management's investment approach.

# Investment opportunities

## Fund facts

Bentham is the investment manager for a range of investments which offer exposure to a number of securities not generally available to direct retail investors. Each Fund in the tables below is actively managed and reflects Bentham's rigorous fundamental approach to credit portfolio management.

Bentham Global Income Fund	
Investment strategy	The Fund is actively managed and focused on generating regular, monthly investment income by providing a diversified exposure to domestic and global credit markets. The Fund is a multi-sector credit and fixed income strategy, with flexibility to invest across a broad investment universe, including government bonds, investment grade securities, loans, high yield bonds, capital securities and asset backed securities. The Fund is AUD denominated.
Minimum investment timeframe	At least 3 years
Benchmark	50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index/50% Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index
Target distribution frequency	Monthly <sup>^</sup>
Inception date	16 September 2003
Fund availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fund is available to investors in Australia</li> <li>The global income strategy is available via the ASX mFunds platform, code BAM05 - Bentham Professional Global Income Fund</li> <li>A NZD-hedged version available</li> </ul>

Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund	
Investment strategy	The Fund is actively managed and aims to provide exposure to high yielding investments primarily through the US syndicated loan market (non-investment grade securities), with limited exposure to US corporate debt securities that are rated below investment grade (high yield bonds) and collateralised debt obligations. The Fund is AUD denominated.
Minimum investment timeframe	At least 3 years
Benchmark	Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index (hedged into AUD)
Target distribution frequency	Monthly <sup>^</sup>
Inception date	16 August 2004
Fund availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fund is available to investors in Australia</li> <li>The syndicated loan strategy is available via the ASX mFunds platform, code BAM04 - Bentham Professional Syndicated Loan Fund</li> <li>A NZD-hedged version available</li> </ul>

Bentham High Yield Fund	
Investment strategy	The Fund is actively managed and aims to provide higher returns than traditional fixed income investments through investing in a diversified portfolio of US corporate debt securities, which are rated below investment grade (high yield bonds). The Fund consists primarily of US high yield bonds with limited exposure to syndicated loans and collateralised debt obligations. The Fund is AUD denominated.
Minimum investment timeframe	At least 3 years
Benchmark	Merrill Lynch High Yield Cash Pay Constrained Index (hedged into AUD)
Target distribution frequency	Quarterly <sup>^</sup>
Inception date	15 October 1998
Fund availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fund is available to investors in Australia</li> <li>The Fund is available via the ASX mFund platform, code BAM03</li> </ul>

<sup>^</sup> However, there may be periods in which reduced or no distributions are paid and we do not guarantee any level of distributions.

### Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund

Investment strategy	The Fund is actively managed and aims to provide exposure to the global asset backed securities (“ABS”) market and generate stable income with some capital growth. The performance objective for the Fund is to exceed the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index by 1.5% per annum after fees over rolling three year periods while maintaining a minimum average credit quality of A-. The Fund is AUD denominated.
Minimum investment timeframe	Medium term – 3 years
Benchmark	Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index
Target distribution frequency	Monthly <sup>^</sup>
Inception date	31 October 2016
Fund availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fund is available to investors in Australia</li> </ul>

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## Fidante Partners

Fidante Partners Services Limited or Fidante Partners Services (Fidante Partners) is the responsible entity of the Funds and issuer of units in each fund.

Fidante Partners has appointed Bentham Asset Management Pty Limited (Bentham) as the Fund’s investment manager of each Fund. A related entity of Fidante Partners holds a partial equity stake in Bentham.

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For more information on the Funds, see the relevant Product Disclosure Statements (PDS) available at [www.fidante.com.au](http://www.fidante.com.au) or call the Fidante Partners Investor Services Team on 13 51 53.

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