REALM INVESTMENT HOUSE

**AUGUST 2025** 

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Realm High Income Fund is a fixed income strategy, that invests in domestic asset backed securities, bank-issued securities and corporate & government bonds. The objective of the Fund is to deliver investors a consistent return (net of fees and gross of franking) of 3% over the RBA cash rate through a market cycle.

### **FUND DETAILS**

#### **Distribution Frequency:**

Monthly

**Liquidity:** Daily

Buy/Sell: 0.05% / 0.05% Inception Date: 26.9.2012 Fund size: AUD \$2.40 billion Management Fees (Net of

GST):

Ordinary Units - 1.1182% Wholesale, Adviser, & mFunds Units - 0.7175%

# Direct Minimum Investment:

Ordinary, Adviser Units -

\$25,000

Wholesale Units -\$1,000,000 mFund Units - \$10,000





### **NET PERFORMANCE**

Period	Ordinary Units* (incl. franking)	Wholesale Units* (incl. franking)	RBA Cash Rate* Return
1 Month	0.51%	0.56%	0.31%
3 Month	2.24%	2.35%	0.94%
6 Months	2.93%	3.15%	1.96%
1 Year	7.48%	7.92%	4.13%
3 Years p.a	8.70%	9.14%	3.93%
5 Years p.a	5.66%	6.09%	2.45%
10 Years p.a	4.85%	5.30%	1.91%
Since Inception p.a*	5.17%	5.34%	2.05%

<sup>\*</sup> Past performance is not indicative of future performance. \*Ordinary units Inception 26 September 2012. Wholesale units Inception 2 October 2013.

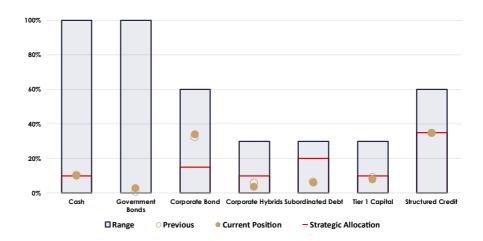
#### **FUND STATISTICS**

Running Yield	5.98%
Yield to Maturity	5.99%
Volatility†	1.13%
Interest rate duration	1.30
Credit duration	3.51
Average Credit Rating	BBB+
Number of positions	410
Average position exposure	0.22%
Worst Month*	-1.99%
Best Month*	2.09%
Sharpe ratio <sup>a</sup>	2.10

Calculated on Ordinary Units unless otherwise stated. \*Since Inception 26 September 2012.

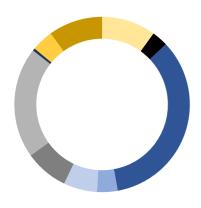
†Trailing 12 Months Calculated on Daily observations. \*Since Inception Calculated on Daily observations.

### **SECTOR ALLOCATION**



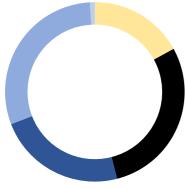
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# PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION



- Cash (9.98%)
- Government Bonds (2.98%)
- Corporate Bond (34.19%)
- Corporate Hybrid (3.79%)
- Subordinated Debt (6.19%)
- Tier 1 Capital (8.03%)
- ABS Public (20.42%)
- ABS Private (0.47%)
- RMBS Private (4.01%)
- RMBS Public (9.96%)

# CREDIT DURATION PROFILE



- At Call to 6 Months (17.04%)
- 6 Months to 3 Years (28.98%)
- ■3 Years to 5 Years (23.12%)
- 5 Years to 10 Years (30.00%)
- 10 Years + (0.86%)

### **FUND UPDATE**

**Cash and Short-Term Liquidity:** ↑ The allocation to highly liquid assets (cash and government bonds) increased from 11.22% to 12.96%. This reflected reduced allocations to corporate hybrids, subordinated debt and T1 capital, which was partly offset by an increased allocation to corporate bonds.

Corporate Bond, Corporate Hybrids & Subordinated Debt: ↓ Weighting to corporate bonds, corporate hybrids and subordinated debt decreased from 44.76% to 44.17%. Credit spreads were mixed in August with Australian cash credit finishing tighter while US and European spreads were impacted by macro weakness. The fund continued to take profit on existing corporate hybrid and subordinated debt positions with proceeds reinvested into opportunities presenting better relative value. This included USD corporate bonds and several notable primary offerings, including EUR Tier 2 and AUD senior unsecured offerings from CBA and a 20-year Tier 2 from ANZ – the first at that tenor to be issued in the Australian market.

Interest Rate Duration Position: ↑ IRD positioning increased from 1.10 to 1.30 years as the term structure steepened. Bond implied volatility finished the month unchanged after initially moving higher on the disappointing jobs data early in the month but then retreating on increased likelihood of a September Fed cut which was reinforced by Powell's dovish pivot at Jackson Hole. It moved higher again after the end of month as long-end global yields rose on fiscal sustainability concerns. US yields fell by 15bps from 4.37% to 4.22% driven by lower real yields. US 10-yr break-evens rose only slightly despite Core PCE price inflation for July coming in at 2.9% yoy, which was in line with expectations but well above the Fed's target. At the time of writing, the market is pricing 100% probability of a Fed cut on September 17, and this was supported by weak August employment data released on September 5. Australian 10-year yields rose from 4.26% to 4.27%.

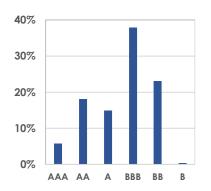
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#### **ISSUER DOMICILE**



- Australian/NZ Domiciled Issuer & Cash (75.73%)
- Foreign Domicilied Issuer (24.27%)

#### **CREDIT QUALITY**



# PORTFOLIO ESG RISK LIMITS

Sector	Portfolio Exposure	Portfolio Limit
Fossil Fuels	9.2%	10%
Non- Renewable & Nuclear Energy	0.00%	10%
Alcohol	0.00%	10%
Gambling	0.00%	10%

As at the end of the month, the swaps market expects the Fed and RBA to cut 2.2 and 3.1 more times respectively over the course of 2025.

Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS): ↓ Weighting to RMBS securities decreased from 14.19% to 13.97% over the month. Structured credit markets continued to rally over the month, with a large pipeline of new transactions now lining up to launch and settle before the Christmas break. These transactions continue to be substantially oversubscribed, especially the mezzanine (A-BBB rated) and junior mezzanine (Sub investment grade) notes. This continues to drive pricing tighter across all tranches within the capital structure.

With respect to market performance, Prime arrears as reported by S&P's SPIN index for July improved 5bps to 0.84%. Nonconforming arrears increased 9bps to 3.87%. Arrears on auto loans as reported by S&P for the same period improved 7bps to 1.34%. All results remain strong in comparison to both market expectations and historic index levels.

Tier 1 Capital: 
↓ Weighting to T1 capital decreased from 9.18% to 8.03%. It was a tale of two halves for Global T1's as spreads tightened during the first half of the month, allowing the fund to take profits across various T1 positions. The second half of the month saw a weaker macro backdrop along with a re-escalation of political instability in France which resulted in an underperformance of T1 spreads. Despite macro weakness, the fundamental strength of banks was reiterated during the month with the 2025 European Banking Authority (EBA) stress test results indicating CET1 ratios of European Banks will remain comfortably above required hurdles in severely stressed scenarios. Primary market issuance underwhelmed reflective of broader market weakness, with Allianz being the only notable issuer for the month - the fund did not participate in the deal due to expensive valuations. Domestically, Tier 1 securities tightened throughout the month particularly as the RBNZ sought consultation on potential change to treatment of Tier 1 securities. The outperformance of OTC Tier 1 securities allowed the fund to take profit on its positions.

**Asset Backed Securities (ABS):** ↑ ABS allocation increased from 20.71% to 20.89%. These assets are typically very short dated, continue to offer healthy yields and remain highly sought after by market participants.

**Targeted risk across the Fund**:  $\uparrow$  Targeted portfolio risk increased from 2.00% to 2.04%. This reflected a slight increase in interest rate duration from 1.10yrs to 1.30yrs concurrent with an increase in credit duration from 3.43yrs to 3.51yrs.

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## PLATFORM AVAILABILITY

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- Credit Suisse
- Crestone
- First Wrap
- HUB24
- IOOF Pursuit/Expand
- Macquarie Wrap
- Mason Stevens
- Netwealth
- Powerwrap
- Praemium
- uXchange
- Xplore Wealth
- mFund: RLM03

# OTHER FUND DETAILS

#### **Responsible Entity:**

One Managed Investment Funds Ltd

Custodian: State Street

Australia Limited

Unit Pricing and Unit Price History:

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### **FUND OVERVIEW**

Risk sentiment remained positive in August, buoyed by a dovish pivot from Fed Chair Powell. At Jackson Hole, Powell acknowledged that the balance of risks between employment and inflation had shifted following July's weak payrolls report, and that a rate cut may soon be warranted.

Equity markets rallied on this development, with the S&P 500 advancing 1.9% over the month. European equities rallied more modestly, particularly in France where political instability weighed. French PM Bayrou lost a vote of no-confidence on 8 September, although financial markets were relatively unmoved. In credit markets, the Bloomberg US Corporate Baa-rated Option Adjusted Spread widened 3bps to 0.98%.

US bond yields fell sharply, led by the short end as rate cut expectations firmed. The US dollar fell 2.3% in sympathy with the fall in Treasury yields, while gold (+4.8%) finished the month at record highs amid the dollar weakness and on mounting concerns over Fed independence. President Trump again ramped up his attacks on Fed officials, this time attempting to remove Fed Governor Cook over mortgage fraud allegations. Cook will challenge the decision in court. The RBA, as widely anticipated, delivered a 25bp rate cut at its August meeting. The BoE also cut rates by 25bps, albeit in a narrowly split vote following two rounds of voting.

The main economic release was August nonfarm payrolls, which showed further signs of weakness in the US labour market. Inflation data revealed that tariff impacts are starting to flow through to prices, although corporations have largely absorbed them thus far. The legality of Trump's tariffs was also brought back into the spotlight after the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled them to be unlawful. The case will now proceed to the Supreme Court.

The fund achieved a solid result (0.56%) in August, outperforming the RBA Cash Rate (0.31%). Contributions to the outperformance were broad but led by Structured Credit and Corporate Bonds.

The portfolio's yield to maturity decreased to 5.99% (p6.23%) as domestic credit spreads tightened during the month. Interest rate duration was extended to 1.30 years (p1.1) as the yield curve steepened, while credit duration rose to 3.51 (p3.43). The overall credit rating remained unchanged at BBB+.

The portfolio continued to increase its overweight position in Corporate Bonds, driven by relative value considerations. This position has a higher credit quality (BBB+) than we expect to have over the long term, and is largely held in financials, mining, infrastructure and property related issuers.

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Positions in Corporate Hybrid and Bank T1 were trimmed, meanwhile, leaving both sectors underweight relative to benchmark. Exposure to Structured Credit remained steady at benchmark levels.

Overall, the portfolio is conservatively postured and remains well-positioned to take advantage of trading opportunities should they arise. Although drawdowns are possible if trade or geopolitical tensions reescalate, the likelihood of a negative return over a 12-month period remains low due to the high starting point for Yield to Maturity.

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