# Realm High Income Fund May 2020



# **Fund Objective**

The Realm High Income Fund is a fixed income strategy, that invests in domestic investment grade 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 after franking) of 3% over the RBA cash rate through the market cycle.

## **Net Performance**

Period	Ordinary Units (incl. franking)	Wholesale Units (incl. franking)	RBA Cash Rate Return
1 Month	0.92%	0.95%	0.02%
3 Month	0.68%	0.78%	0.08%
6 Months	1.41%	1.62%	0.26%
1 Year	4.45%	4.89%	0.75%
3 Years p.a	3.41%	3.86%	1.25%
5 Years p.a	3.82%	4.27%	1.45%
Since Inception p.a*	4.84%	4.75%	1.86%

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

## Fund Update

**Cash and Short-Term Liquidity Weighting:** ↑ Increased to 14.89%. Paydowns, coupons, maturities and fund inflow resulted in the organic increase in the cash and short-term liquidity position.

**Interest Rate Duration Position:** ↑ IRD positioning increased moderately to 1.31 years. Generally we use interest rate exposure for diversification purposes, however at present we are holding a more aggressive position in interest rates as part of our hedging portfolio.

Corporate & Subordinated Debt Allocation: 

Weighting to corporate and sub debt increased to 32.59% from 29.37%. Credit spreads continued to tighten over the month as market liquidity stabilised, resulting in an increase in primary activity which was particularly well received. We consciously increased our risk exposure by switching short term maturities into longer fixed bonds, with a preference to Australian names trading in US dollars. The disparity between AUD and USD securities highlights the distinct market characteristics which are a function of the different investor bases in both markets.

Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS): → RMBS allocation remained in line with last month. Spreads began to tighten towards the end of the month across RMBS markets with two new primary transactions pricing, in both nonconforming and prime markets. Investor support also cleared several large auctions for stock in secondary markets towards the latter part of the month, showing an improvement in the liquidity of the asset class. The Governments \$15bn Structured Finance Support Fund (SFSF) has continued to allocate to nonbank financiers (NBF's), having publicly supported Australian issuers in both primary and secondary public markets.

The SFSF continues to work through a mechanism to support COVID-19 related hardship claims for NBF's in both public term deals and private bank facilities. This qualifies as explicit support to this market by the Australian Treasury, illustrating the importance of securitisation and non-bank competition to government.

#### Fund Statistics

Running Yield	4.54%
Yield to Maturity	4.50%
Volatility†	1.48%
Interest rate duration	1.31
Credit duration	3.69
Average Credit Rating	BBB
Number of positions	225
Average position exposure	0.31%
Worst Month*	-1.19%
Best Month*	1.22%
Sharpe ratio <sup>ð</sup>	3.24
Information Ratio <sup>ð</sup>	1.05

Calculated on Ordinary Units unless otherwise stated. \*Since Inception 26 September 2012. <sup>†</sup>Trailing 12 Months Calculated on Daily observations.



### Portfolio Composition



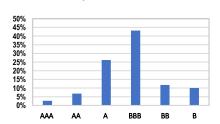
- Cash (4.87%)
- Commercial Paper (10.02%)
- Government Bonds (0.00%)
- Bank T1 (11.80%)
- Corporate Bond (14.80%)
- Subordinated Debt (17.79%)
- ABS Public (6.03%)
- ABS Private (1.63%)
- RMBS Private (13.01%)
- RMBS Public (20.07%)
- \*Yellow box reflects level of liquidity available

## Maturity Profile



- At Call to 6 Months (12.04%)
- 6 Months to 3 Years (37.30%)
- 3 Years to 5 Years (14.41%)
- 5 Years to 10 Years (34.50%)
- ■10 Years + (1.76%)

## Credit Quality



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Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Exposures: 

AT1 exposures increased slightly to 11.80% from 11.10%. The increase was almost entirely from the USD market, which presented distinct single name opportunities. Our preference is still to the longer part of a predominantly flat bank T1 curve. The second half of the month saw AUD listed hybrids rally into levels where we were happy to trim positions for the purpose of risk allocation. Despite this we note that a stable low interest rate environment is likely to support sector outperformance.

**Asset Backed Securities (ABS):** ↓ Our ABS allocation reduced slightly over the month. We continue to monitor our exposures closely. Despite COVID asset performance has been stable and has up until this stage exceeded our expectations.

**Targeted risk across the Fund:** ↑ Targeted portfolio risk increased to 2.21% from 1.99% over the month. Additions across all sectors and in the longer part of the curve contributed to this increase in risk.

### Market Outlook

Markets moved their focus from the adverse developments of recent months towards the expected rebound in activity in the second half of the year. Whilst debate continued about the potential pathway of recovery, the outlook and preparedness to bear risk both improved significantly during May. This was reflected in the performance of major equity markets, credit markets, commodities like copper, the Australian dollar and also the lowering of the VIX level.

In Australia, following an excellent outcome on the management of COVID thus far, the markets reacted favorably to the plans to re-open the economy. The plans announced by the National Cabinet were at a faster pace than might have been anticipated, including by the RBA.

Consumer confidence improved strongly off its lows and this observation was further supported by observations from credit card data and the relatively low take-up of the early access to superannuation initiative. The pleasant surprise that the projected spend on the JobKeeper initiative was over-stated by an eye-watering \$60bn was both welcome and also highlighted that the employment market was also stronger than had been feared. This observation which was also supported by household surveys where unemployment appears to have climbed by 3% of the population aged over 18yrs since early March, with a further 2.3% working less hours than they were paid for.

Although domestic developments were favorable, the increased political risk in the US heading into the November elections and also increasingly caustic disputes involving China and other countries, including Australia, are issues of global significance. Fortunately the risk of a European fragmentation arising to the financing of a recovery from COVID appear to be abating. Overall, these developments have supported our decisions to have significantly extended credit exposures and reduced hedging activities since April. The housing market remains well supported and the likelihood of defaults on mortgages and consumer credit remains well contained. We also note that optimism amongst domestic businesses is now at levels which are the highest for over five months.

### Sector Allocation

Sector	Asset Allocation Range	SAA Target
Cash	0% - 100%	10%
Government Bonds	0% - 100%	10%
Corporate Bonds	0% - 60%	10%
Corporate Hybrids	0% - 10%	5%
Bank Tier 1 Hybrids	0% - 25%	15%
Sub Debt Hybrids	0% - 25%	15%
RMBS	0% - 60%	30%
ABS	0% - 20%	5%

### **Fund Details**

Distribution Frequency: Monthly

Liquidity: Daily

Buy/Sell: 0.125% / 0.125% Direct Minimum Investment:

> Ordinary Units - \$25,000 Wholesale Units - \$1,000,000 Adviser Units - \$25,000 mFund Units - \$10,000

Inception Date: 26.9.2012 Fund size: AUD \$626 million

APIR Codes:

Ordinary Units - OMF0001AU Wholesale Units - OMF0009AU Adviser Units - OMF0018AU mFund Units - OMF1394AU

#### Management Fees (inc. GST):

Ordinary Units - 1.20% Wholesale Units - 0.77% Adviser Units - 0.77% mFunds Units - 0.77%

Responsible Entity: One Managed Investment

Funds Ltd Custodian: JP Morgan

#### Unit Pricing and Unit Price History:

https://www.realminvestments.com.au/ourproducts/realm-high-income-fund/

### Platform Availability

- BT Wrap
- BT Panorama
- Credit Suisse Crestone
- First Wrap

- Macquarie Wrap
- Managed Accounts IAS
- MLC Navigator
- MLC Wrap

- Netwealth
- Powerwrap
- Praemium
- uXchange
- mFund Settlement Service - mFund

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