

Yarra Income Plus Fund

Gross returns as at 30 September 2024

	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.	Since inception* % p.a.
Yarra Income Plus Fund	0.90	3.19	10.83	4.57	3.66	4.57	6.20
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.36	1.11	4.41	2.81	1.80	1.90	3.85
Excess return [‡]	0.55	2.08	6.42	1.75	1.85	2.67	2.34

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Net returns as at 30 September 2024

	1 month	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.	Since inception* % p.a.
Yarra Income Plus Fund	0.85	3.02	10.08	3.86	2.96	3.86	5.44
Growth return [†]	-0.14	2.01	5.83	0.69	0.10	0.50	0.72
Distribution return [†]	0.99	1.01	4.25	3.17	2.85	3.36	4.72
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.36	1.11	4.41	2.81	1.80	1.90	3.85
Excess return‡	0.49	1.90	5.67	1.05	1.15	1.96	1.59

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- * Inception date of Yarra Income Plus Fund: May 1998.
- † The Growth Return is measured by the movement in the Fund's unit price, ex-distribution, and can be positive or negative as the unit price can fluctuate with changes in the underlying market value of the Fund's assets. The Distribution Return is the amount that is paid to unitholders by way of income distribution in a 12-month period. It does not include distribution amounts deemed as capital distributions.
- ‡ Excess Return: The excess return figures shown represent the difference between the Fund's return and the benchmark return.

Portfolio review

The Yarra Income Plus Fund returned 3.02% (net basis) over the quarter, outperforming its benchmark by 190 bps. On a 12-month view the Fund returned 10.08% (net basis), outperforming the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index by 567 bps.

Overall positive performance was driven by long duration assets as the Fixed Income, REIT and Infrastructure sleeves contributed substantially to performance. Both the Diversified Credit and Hybrid sleeves performed well, as the sleeves continued to benefit from strong running yields.

During the quarter we decreased our allocation to the REIT and Infrastructure sleeves and decreased our Diversified Credit overweight. We marginally increased our overweight to the Fixed Income sleeve as we look to benefit from rate cuts and the market moving ahead of the any official RBA move. We also increased our cash position, as the high cash rate allows us to wait and seek better opportunities across other sleeves.

Market review

During the quarter there was notable movements from Central Banks, with interest rates lowered across most major developed economies. The People's Bank of China (PBoC) also released a major stimulus package of rate cuts along with the relaxing of deposit requirements for second home buyers. Both the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) and Bank of England (BoE) cut rates during the quarter while the Bank of Japan (BoJ) moved interest rates from negative territory to 0.25% as Japan's inflation neared 2%. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) also began its rate cutting cycle with a 50 bps cut in the fed funds rate.

Domestically, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) has continued to hold rates at 4.35% during the quarter, with inflation remaining above the target band. While progress is being made to bring inflation back to target, we are lagging other major economies. RBA governor Michelle Bullock and the board have remained adamant that there will be no rate cuts this calendar year, with the beginning of the easing cycle likely moving into 2025.

While inflation readings as measured by Consumer Price Index (CPI) have not yet moved enough for the RBA to consider rate cuts, (albeit the latest monthly read came in at 2.7% (y/y)) weakness is showing in other parts of the economy, with real GDP remaining at near recessionary levels.

We continued to observe strong issuance during the quarter as corporate debt issuance appears to be on pace for a record-breaking year. There were a few key events in the Australian corporate credit market during the quarter. Both reporting season and APRA's announcement regarding Tier 1 bank hybrids were significant. The bulk of reporting from investment grade corporates met expectations, with companies maintaining strong balance sheets and earnings. Supportive of current valuations, the quality of Australian investment grade debt remains attractive to local and international investors.

In September APRA released its proposed changes to the Additional Tier 1 bank capital. In short, APRA is proposing to phase out AT1 Bank hybrids by 2032, with any Tier 1 debt after 2027 to be included as Tier 2 capital. It remains to be seen how the banks will react to the proposed changes, and what impact there will be on Tier 2 ratings.

This quarter has also seen the continued issuance of RMBS/ABS deals at a record pace. RMBS and ABS have remained a cheap funding source for ADIs, and we expect the market to close out a record year strongly. Private debt while attracting some media attention has also continued to perform well and quality names continue to provide attractive risk adjusted returns.

Sector review

Listed Property, Infrastructure and Utilities

The S&P/ASX 200 A-REIT index rose during the quarter, returning 14.47% for the period while the broader S&P/ASX 200 returned 7.79%. The S&P/ASX 300 Custom Infrastructure and Utilities Index returned 2.86%.

Hybrids

During the quarter, strong demand in primary and secondary markets saw spreads continuing to tighten, with Tier 2 being the primary benefactor. APRA released its proposed changes to the Additional Tier 1 bank capital. In short, APRA is proposing to phase out AT1 Bank hybrids by 2032, with any Tier 1 debt after 2027 to be included as Tier 2 capital. It remains to be seen how the banks will react to the proposed changes, and what impact there will be on Tier 2 ratings.

Diversified Credit

There was strong issuance in the corporate credit market with broad based spread tightening continuing. High demand for quality credit in the higher for longer rate environment has given issuers confidence that deals will continue to be well funded. The Australian iTraxx index moved to 63 bps.

Fixed Income

With expectations of interest rate cuts being priced in more aggressively, the front of the yield curve has rallied over the

past quarter. This has led to strong price performance on long duration bonds.

Cash

The RBA has continued to hold the cash rate at 4.35%. The sleeve continues to offer reasonable returns, making it attractive while we look for new opportunities.

Asset allocation

	Target %*	Neutral position %§	Strategy
A-REITs, Infrastructure & Utilities	13.0	15.0	Underweight
Hybrid and FRNs	13.5	15.0	Underweight
Diversified Credit [†]	15.0	10.0	Overweight
Fixed interest	23.0	20.0	Overweight
Cash	35.5	40.0	Underweight

Source: Yarra Capital Management. Portfolio holdings may not be representative of current or future investments. The securities discussed may not represent all of the portfolio's holdings and may represent only a small percentage of the strategy's portfolio holdings. Future portfolio holdings may not be profitable.

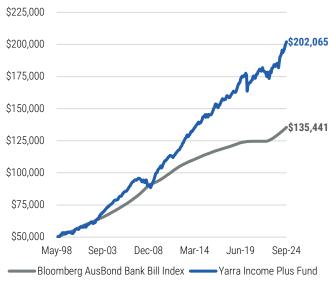
- § Neutral position is calculated by Yarra Capital Management and is believed to be the optimal asset allocation for this portfolio over the long term.
- * Projected estimation as at the date of this commentary.
- † Effective 25 October 2018 the Fund's asset allocation was modified, with Diversified Credit replacing Global High Yield. Further information in relation to this change can be found here.

Features

Investment objective	To provide regular income and to achieve medium term capital growth through exposure to cash, money market products, domestic fixed interest and a range of high yielding investments, including domestic hybrid investments, property, infrastructure and utilities securities and international fixed interest assets. In doing so, the aim is to outperform the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index over rolling 3-year periods.			
Benchmark	Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index			
Fund inception	May 1998			
Fund size	A\$68.3 mn as at 30 September 2024			
APIR code	JBW0016AU			
Estimated management cost	0.68% p.a.			
Buy/sell spread	+/- 0.10%			
Distribution frequency	Quarterly			
Platform availability	Asgard BT Panorama Hub24 IOOF Wrap Macquarie Wrap	Mason Stevens MLC Navigator Netwealth Praemium Xplore Wealth		

Investment performance comparison of \$50,000

After fees, since inception of the Yarra Income Plus Fund, May 1998 to September 2024.



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