

# Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund - Class A units

# Monthly fund update - April 2020

#### Investment approach

The Fund aims to provide customers with regular income and may offer higher returns with a lower level of risk through the market cycle in an effort to outperform a static investment in similar assets by strategically managing its portfolio in varying market and economic conditions.

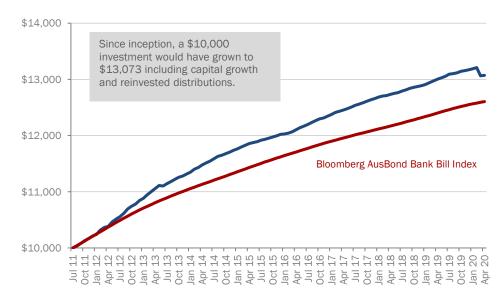
The objective of the Fund is to outperform its benchmark (after fees) over any two year period.

# Fund performance<sup>1</sup>

| as at 30 April 2020                                  | Fund return | Benchmark <sup>2</sup> | Excess return |
|--|-------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 3 months (%)   | -0.88       | 0.22                   | -1.10         |
| 1 year (%)   | 0.54        | 1.12                   | -0.58         |
| 2 years (% p.a.)                                     | 1.33        | 1.56                   | -0.23         |
| 3 years (% p.a.)                                     | 1.63        | 1.63                   | 0.00          |
| 5 years (% p.a.)                                     | 1.97        | 1.80                   | 0.17          |
| Since inception (% p.a.)                             | 3.13        | 2.45                   | 0.68          |
| Morningstar Rating <sup>™</sup> Overall <sup>3</sup> | ***         |                        |               |
| Morningstar category rank 3 year <sup>3</sup>        | 24/39       |                        |               |

## An example of how your investment grows

(Based on historic Fund performance since inception)



# Australia Ratings SUPERIOR Relatively Simple Product

Australia Ratings has assigned a SUPERIOR investment rating with a BLUE product complexity indicator designating the Fund as a Relatively Simple Product.<sup>4</sup>

#### Fund facts

| Fund APIR code                       | STL0027AU       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Fund start date                      | 30 July 2011    |
| Management costs <sup>5</sup>        | 0.79% p.a.      |
| Buy / Sell spread <sup>5</sup>       | +0.17% / -0.65% |
| Minimum investment / minimum balance | \$2,000         |
| Recommended investment timeframe     | 2 years +       |
| Risk level                           | Low             |

### Unit price

as at 30 April 2020

| Application price | \$1.02500 |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Withdrawal price  | \$1.01661 |

#### Distribution details (cents per unit)

| 30 Jun 19 | \$0.00966 |
|-----------|-----------|
| 30 Sep 19 | \$0.00410 |
| 31 Dec 19 | \$0.00410 |
| 31 Mar 20 | \$0.00350 |

### Do you have any questions?

For further information contact us on 1800 634 969 or visit www.sandhursttrustees.com.au

#### Benefits of investing

- regular income from quarterly distributions;
- access to a diversified portfolio therefore reducing your risk and potentially enhancing returns;
- Iow volatility core investments supplemented by strategically selected allocations to credit sectors;
- ▶ there's no requirement to rollover or lock away your investment for a fixed term; and
- ▶ a regular savings plan option from \$50 per month.

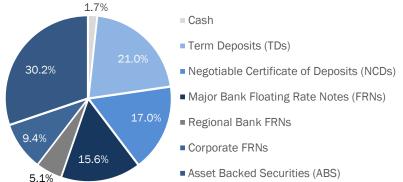
Growth of \$10,000<sup>1</sup>

### Portfolio performance

For the month ending April 2020, the Strategic Income Fund achieved a 12 month return of 0.54% for the Class A units broken down into positive income 2.07% and negative capital growth -1.53%. Returns for the month were heavily impacted by, what is expected to be, a temporary increase in transaction costs of the funds' investments. The transaction costs were pushed higher as markets reacted to the COVID-19 related shutdowns through the economy. The Fund holds the buy/sell cost for the benefit of remaining unit holders. The sell cost increased by 0.60% on 27 March 2020 and decreased by 0.05% on 27 April 2020. The increased transaction costs has a flow on effect to reported returns. Once underlying transaction costs return to their previous level, reversal of the costs will result in a return increase, having no net impact on investors who hold their investment over the full period.

After an unprecedented shock in March, equity markets rebounded strongly in April. Falling infection rates and signs of economies reopening were enough to get markets rallying with sharp recoveries in most regions. Governments around the globe continued to introduce and upscale stimulus packages with central banks also playing a part in restoring markets to stability. Volatility in markets retreated from historic highs and fixed income markets rallied strongly with central banks around the globe committing to purchases a variety government and corporate debt. Uncertainty lingers with forecasting a challenging task. The trajectory for growth is unfavourable with grim predictions on economic data prints in the coming quarters.





Various parts of the Australian economy remained shut with containment measures for the virus resulting in loss of revenue for Australian companies. The positive is that a reopening is looking more likely to occur sooner rather than later. Markets have responded positively to developments from the Australian government and the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) regarding stimulus packages and other initiative to ensure stability in the financial system.

Toward the end of March, the Fund manager increased allocation to longer dated assets at higher yields. After observing the strong rally in April, the Fund manager sold down the longer dated assets to lock in gains to investors. The Fund's focus remains on high quality investments with minimal volatility. The Fund has approximately 85% of assets rated AA- or higher, 39.8% in cash instruments, 30.0% in Floating Rate Notes (FRN) and 30.2% in highly rated securitised assets.

#### Footnotes

1. Fund performance figures are calculated before tax and after fees and costs; using withdrawal prices and assumes distributions are reinvested. Past performance is not an indication of future performance.

2. The benchmark for the Fund is Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index.

3. Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund - Class A units received a 3-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup> out of 39 Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds as of 30 April 2020 and a 2-Star Three year rating out of 39 Australian Short Term Fixed Interest funds as of 30 April 2020.

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- 4. Australia Ratings has assigned a SUPERIOR investment rating with a BLUE product complexity indicator designating the Fund as a Relatively Simple Product. This rating implies the highest level of confidence that the Fund can deliver a risk adjusted return in line with its investment objectives. Designation as a Relatively Simple Product indicates that the investment manager will seek to outperform their chosen mainstream market sector. A rating is not a recommendation to invest, retain or redeem units in the Fund. The rating may be subject to change or withdrawal at any time. A copy of Australia Ratings Financial Services Guide can be found at www.australiaratings.com/fsg
- 5. Other fees and costs may apply. See the Product Disclosure Statement for full details.

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