

# BT Global Macro Fund

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### About the Fund

The BT Global Macro Fund is a diversified portfolio of investments with an absolute return focus. The Fund aims to achieve its objective through exposure to quantitative global macro strategies.

### Fund objective

The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) that outperforms the UBS Bank Bill Index over the medium to long term. The recommended investment timeframe is five years or more.

### Investment style

The Fund is managed as an absolute return strategy with exposures to quantitative global macro strategies.

### Investment process

BTIM's Macro Strategies team aims to generate alpha using market neutral, top-down strategies in each major asset class including global equities, global bonds and global currency.

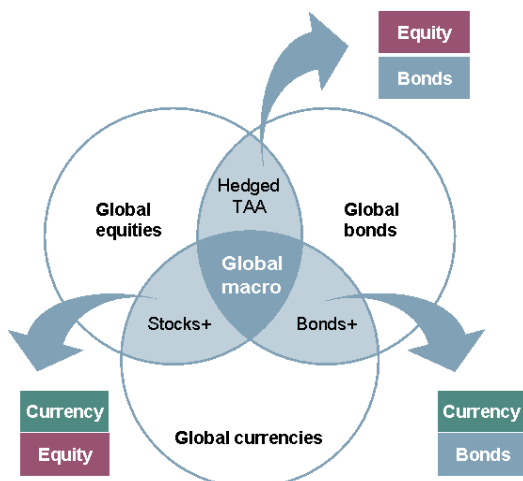
The allocation of investment risk across strategies aims to allow the portfolio to achieve its objective in a range of economic environments.

Using extensive research, the team assesses key macro signals with the aim of identifying and capturing trading opportunities across the global markets:

- Economic: trends in world economies
- Technical: market trading patterns
- Valuation: how cheap or expensive are the assets

The process utilises sophisticated computer models and implements buy and sell recommendations using highly liquid derivative instruments (primarily futures and forwards). The portfolio will also employ leverage via these derivatives.

Each asset class is managed independently and forms the building blocks upon which the Global Macro model is built, as illustrated below:



### Performance

(%)	Total Returns		Benchmark Return
	(post-fee)	(pre-fee)	
1 month	-1.35	-1.20	0.43
3 months	-1.13	-0.74	1.25
FYDT	-2.27	-1.99	0.85
6 months	-0.36	0.33	2.51
1 year (pa)	0.93	2.24	5.00
2 years (pa)	3.80	5.10	4.60
3 years (pa)	1.70	2.96	4.61
Since Inception (pa)	1.37	2.63	4.66

### Risk – Since inception

Annualised Standard Deviation	3.95%
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The risk measures are available for periods since actual portfolio inception only. Please note that statistical measures, such as those used above, are more meaningful over longer periods such as 3 and 5 years.

### The Global Macro opportunity

The Global Macro portfolio allocates capital equally across the different strategies. As the alpha streams are relatively uncorrelated, the global macro strategy creates a powerful investment model offering:

- Potential for significant diversification benefits
- Smoother risk-adjusted returns than single strategy approaches
- Customisable approach to suit varying risk requirements

These benefits provide the potential for clients to achieve long-term outperformance in their investment portfolios across economic cycles.

### Investment team

The Fund is managed by the BTIM Macro Strategies team. The team aims to generate alpha and develop global products from a range of top down strategies. Joe Bracken, Head of Macro Strategies, is responsible for the management of the BT Global Macro Fund.

## Portfolio characteristics

Authorised investments	The Fund's underlying strategies will typically use futures, forwards, swaps and options to access asset classes including equities, bonds, currency and commodities.
Risk budget allocation	Capital allocation across strategies is approximately equally weighted
Ex-ante tracking error	2 - 8%
Information Ratio	0.5 - 1.0
Cash and cash equivalents	Typically < 5%
Hedging	The Fund's underlying strategies are expected to deliver returns hedged back to the AUD

## Other information

Fund size (as at 31 Aug 2011)	\$38 million
Date of inception	August 2008
Minimum investment	\$25,000
Buy-sell spread	0.04% <sup>1</sup>
Distribution frequency	Semi-annual
APIR code	BTA0314AU

## Fees\*

Issuer fee**	1.20% p.a.
Performance fee***	20% of the performance (before fees) above the performance hurdle
Performance hurdle	Benchmark plus Issuer fee

## Monthly review

With a debt deal finally agreed in the US investors hoped that August would provide some relief after a nasty July – they were soon proved wrong. The debt crisis reared its head in Europe again and the threat of the contagion soon had equity markets in a swoon. Banking shares came under pressure after Franco-German plans to tackle the crisis underwhelmed and the Eurostoxx fell over 20% mid-month before 'recovering' to end the month 15% lower! Several European countries introduced short selling bans to try and contain the turmoil but to no real effect. The economic data was also somewhat of a mixed bag with the US ISM Manufacturing coming in a touch above 50 and consumer credit remaining robust while some regional manufacturing surveys showed major drops. In Europe Germany showed signs of weakness as the 2Q GDP disappointed and retail sales were soft. When the dust settled on another challenging month the MSCI World had fallen 7% though European markets fared worse with the German DAX losing 19% for August. In the debt markets the ECB attempted to steady nervous investors by buying Italian and Spanish debt moving the yields down significantly from their mid-August highs. General risk aversion pushed bond market yields to new lows with US 10 Yr Treasuries falling dramatically to end the month a touch above 2%.

- Our Global Equity strategy was broadly long in Europe and was short the US and Asia and underperformed by 208bps for the month.
- Most currencies fell or moved sideways for most of the month as the markets suffered more 'risk off' trading. Our Global Currency strategy was long the A\$ and short EUR and GBP and was down 99bps for August.
- Our Global Bond strategy was long Treasuries but short European and Australian debt. Any gains on the long side were swamped by losses on the shorts as the markets sought a safe haven and the strategy returned -51bps.

The Global Macro strategy returned -1.2% (pre-fee) in August as all strategies performed poorly in the turmoil that engulfed the markets.

1\_The buy-sell spread represents transaction costs incurred whenever you invest or withdraw funds, and may vary from time to time without notice.

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