

BT Wholesale Global Fixed Interest Fund

Fact Sheet
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About the Fund

The BT Wholesale Global Fixed Interest Fund actively seeks out investment opportunities within a broad portfolio of international fixed interest securities.

The management of BTIM's global fixed interest portfolios is outsourced to US-based BlackRock Financial Management Inc., a premier provider of international investment services across a broad range of asset classes. BlackRock has a cross-disciplinary team approach, which enables BTIM to benefit from the pooled expertise of all BlackRock's resources: its investment and risk management professionals, and its highly sophisticated, integrated, proprietary analytical tools.

Fund objective

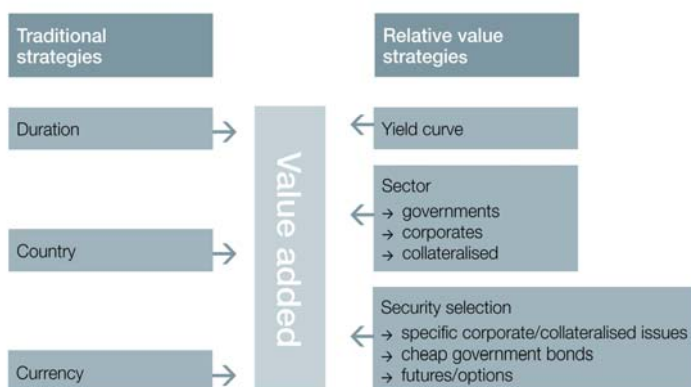
The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) that exceeds the Barclays Capital Global Aggregate Bond Index, hedged to AUD, over the medium term. The suggested investment timeframe is three years or more.

Investment approach

BlackRock's Global Bond philosophy is an extension of its risk-controlled approach that focuses on active sector/sub-sector rotation and security selection. BlackRock believes that this strategy is particularly well suited to today's dynamic global fixed income markets where the opportunity for relative value has increased.

Investment process

BlackRock's investment team employs multiple strategies to add value with an emphasis on exploiting relative value along the yield curve, across sectors and between individual securities. While value is also derived from traditional strategies, active exposures to country, currency and duration relative to the benchmark tend to be limited. In general, BlackRock expects 35% of value add to come from traditional strategies (duration, country and currency), while 65% is expected to come from relative value strategies (sector, security and yield curve).



BlackRock's portfolio construction is a two-stage process:

- Formulate strategies around major macro factors: country/bloc, currency and duration exposures
- Focus on relative value considerations: yield curve positioning, rotation between sectors and sub-sectors, and security selection are the key decision drivers

Performance

(%)	Total Returns		Benchmark Return
	(post-fee)	(pre-fee)	
1 month	1.07	1.12	1.68
3 months	1.98	2.08	3.43
FYDT	2.00	2.10	3.20
6 months	4.81	5.06	6.52
1 year (pa)	5.29	5.81	6.88
2 years (pa)	9.22	9.76	9.39
3 years (pa)	8.19	8.74	9.63
5 years (pa)	6.90	7.44	8.48

On 3rd November 2008 the benchmark name for this fund was changed to Barclays Capital Global Aggregate Bond Index Hedged to AUD.

Asset allocation (as at 31 August 2011)

Denmark	3.5%
Germany	4.7%
Italy	3.9%
Netherlands	1.4%
Spain	2.0%
Sweden	2.2%
United Kingdom	8.9%
Other Europe	12.8%
Japan	6.7%
Canada	3.7%
USA	49.0%
Cash & Other	1.2%

Duration

Portfolio duration is managed to +/- 1 year of the benchmark's duration.

Other information

Fund size (as at 31 Aug 2011)	\$87 million
Date of inception	July 2002
Minimum investment	\$25,000
Buy-sell spread	0.20% [#]
Distribution frequency	Semi-annual
APIR code	RFA0032AU

[#] The buy-sell spread represents transaction costs incurred whenever you invest or withdraw funds, and may vary from time to time without notice.

Fees

Management fee	0.53% pa*
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* You should refer to the latest Product Disclosure Statement for full details of fees and other costs you may be charged.

Market review

International market performance in August has been driven by the expanding European sovereign crisis and weak economic data. S&P's downgrading the United States prompted a wave of flight to safety. Economic data prints in the developed economies continued to surprise on the down side, while the European sovereign crisis shows no signs of ending in the near future. As a result, US ten-year yields rallied 58 basis points for the month. European, UK and Japanese yields fell by 32, 26 and 5 basis points respectively. Australia underperformed the US with the ten-year yield spread closing higher at 2.14%. The Australian currency underperformed over the period with the trade-weighted index depreciated 2.42%. Risk assets (equities and commodities) underperformed over the month.

Fund performance

Overall, our duration positioning in the Dollar bloc had a negative impact on performance, due to our underweight positioning in the US. However our overweight positioning in Australia was a positive contributor. The portfolio's sector positioning in the Dollar bloc underperformed, primarily due to our positions in High Yield. High Yield suffered in August as many were caught on the wrong sides of trades and gave up most of their year-to-date returns in a matter of one month. New issues struggled as well – for the month of August were a mere \$1.2 billion, the lowest monthly total this year, and the lowest since December 2008.

Our duration positioning in the Pan-Europe bloc had a negative impact on performance primarily due to our underweight positioning in the Euro Bloc. Our overweight position in UK credits detracted from performance while our underweight position in Euro Credits slightly benefited performance.

In the Asia bloc, our underweight position in Japan had a negative impact on performance as industrial production remained weak.

Strategy & outlook

The S&P's downgrade of the US has many more ramifications for Europe than it does for the US with markets starting to question the sustainability of more developed economies. At the Jackson Hole symposium, Bernanke acknowledged disappointment with the slow recovery, but a new round of quantitative easing will require a much higher political hurdle. While the real yields in most major bond markets are negative, it is possible to see inflation falling rather than nominal yields rising, that is, the risk of turning Japanese is much higher.



For more information

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