

BT Wholesale Global Fixed Interest Fund

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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

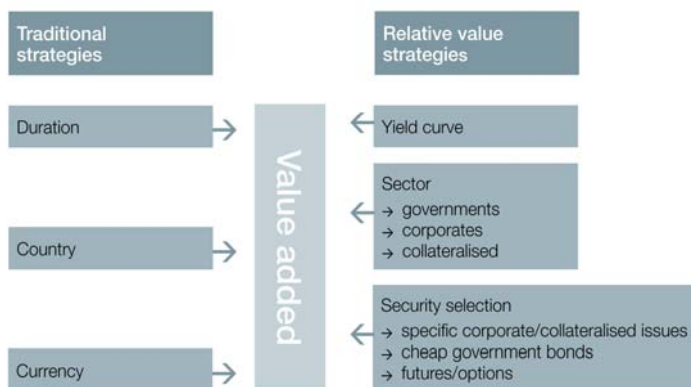
The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) that exceeds the Barclays Capital Global Aggregate Bond Index, hedged to AUD, over the medium term. The suggested investment timeframe is three years or more.

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	2.17	2.21	1.90
3 months	1.52	1.65	2.04
FYDT	4.05	4.32	6.41
6 months	4.05	4.32	6.41
1 year (pa)	7.95	8.48	10.51
2 years (pa)	9.06	9.60	9.89
3 years (pa)	9.40	9.95	9.27
5 years (pa)	6.96	7.50	8.73

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 December 2011)

Belgium	1.5%
France	2.4%
Germany	4.3%
Italy	4.7%
Netherlands	1.3%
Spain	3.0%
United Kingdom	8.0%
Other Europe	9.5%
Japan	12.7%
Canada	3.1%
USA	48.6%
Cash & Other	0.9%

Duration

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

Other information

Fund size (as at 31 Dec 2011)	\$80 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 the fourth quarter was driven by some progress in attempting to resolve the European crisis, and the strength of the US recovery. Investor sentiment improved and market calmed down toward the year end as the European governments explored a number of possible solutions to the crisis. Central banks also acted on deteriorating financial and economic conditions. ECB cut interest rate by 50bp over the quarter, conducted a three-year LTRO transaction and halved the reserve requirement. The six major central banks lowered the USD liquidity swap facility by 50bp. In the US, the economic data was generally stronger than expected, with more signs of a sustaining recovery. Apart from the upbeat leading indicators, recent data saw continued improvements in labour and housing markets. Over the month, the US, UK and Japan ten-year yields rallied 4bp, 46bp and 4bp, respectively. Australia outperformed the US with the ten-year yield spread closing lower at 1.79%. The Australian currency rebounded into the end of the month and the trade-weighted index appreciated 4.28%. Risk assets (equities and commodities) stabilized with US equity and oil outperforming other markets.

Fund performance

The Fund underperformed the index over the quarter.

In terms of attribution, macro positioning was a positive contributor to performance with overweight's in Australian duration and European country selection leading the way. Yield curve positions were mixed with Australia and Europe detracting although positions in Canada and the UK offsetting this underperformance.

Overweights in US financials and Industrials were the strongest performers in addition to exposure to hard currency EM country and quasi-sovereign names. Elsewhere exposure to capital securities as well as high quality industrial high yield performed very well on the month.

Strategy & outlook

Progress in Europe has been slow and uncertainty will remain in foreseeable future. Fiscal austerity, among other policies, is necessary to bring back market confidence. European banks will probably reduce international lending to repair their balance sheets and thus Asian economies will face increasing currency volatility due to international capital repatriation. Although disparity of recovery is evident between the US and Europe, the sustainability of the US recovery is questionable with a slowing Europe.



For more information

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