

MONTHLY UPDATE

Fund Objective: The Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund (Fund) will invest in a diversified portfolio of liquid, predominately investment grade fixed and floating rate green, sustainable and social corporate bonds. The Fund aims to provide returns above the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0-5 Yr Index throughout all interest rate cycles. Note the target return is not a forecast. It is merely an indication of what the Fund aims to achieve over the medium term on the assumption that credit markets remain relatively stable throughout the investment timeframe. The Fund may not be successful in meeting the target return. Returns are not guaranteed.

AS AT 31 ST JULY 2022	FUND PERFORMANCE				
	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	Since Inception (p.a.)
GROSS FUND RETURN	1.22%	0.35%	-2.34%	-3.84%	-0.28%
NET FUND RETURN	1.18%	0.22%	-2.59%	-4.32%	-0.80%
BLOOMBERG AUSBOND COMPOSITE 0-5 YR Index	1.48%	0.75%	-2.30%	-4.12%	-1.96%
ACTIVE RETURN (net Fund return - benchmark)	-0.31%	-0.52%	-0.28%	-0.20%	1.16%

Past performance should not be taken as an indicator of future performance. Net of fees performance is based on end of month redemption prices after the deduction of fees and expenses and the reinvestment of all distributions. Gross performance is the net return with fees and expenses added back.

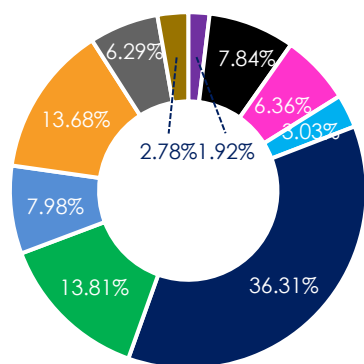
PORTFOLIO UPDATE

A better month for the Fund, as interest rates rallied and credit stabilized. Though it was still a wild ride in interest rate markets throughout July, as Australian Government bond yields fell on average ~50bps across the curve. Investors are grappling with the consequences of central banks raising interest rates to combat inflation, with the possibility of triggering a recession. Late in the month, Australian CPI just missed forecast and the US confirmed two successive quarters of contracting GDP, meeting the generally accepted technical definition of a recession. However, that definition is now being questioned by US officials such as Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen. Regardless, the economic news was the catalyst for the rally in yields, which also led to a late month rally in credit spreads. As we have seen previously, the Australian market lagged the offshore moves, but is now playing catch up which adds to the prevailing positive tone. The RBA have been consistent with their forward guidance and policy rate settings, which has been another positive for the market with respect to the future path of interest rates.

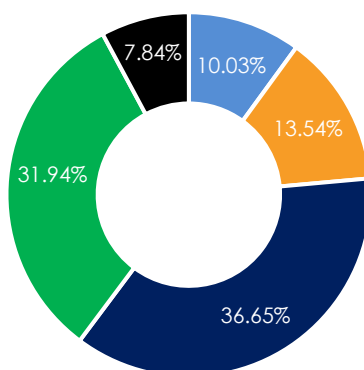
CSIRO and AEMO's GenCost 2021-22 report released July 11th, confirmed that solar and wind are the cheapest sources of electricity generation and storage in Australia. The report also highlighted that batteries, solar and wind were all projected to keep getting cheaper still, although short term cost reductions were difficult due to inflationary pressures. Clearly the report demonstrates, that the best way for government to put downward pressure on energy prices is to increase funding for renewable energy projects. This seems to be in line with the government's ambition, so there are positives for both the environment and more potential investment opportunities for the Fund.

PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

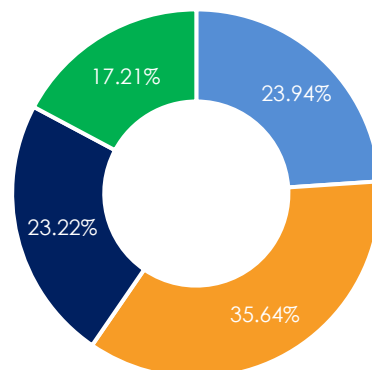
SECTOR BREAKDOWN



REGION & PRODUCT



CREDIT RATING



- Agencies
- Consumer Staples
- Financial
- Semi Government
- TMT
- Cash
- Educational Services
- Real Estate
- Supranational
- Utilities

- Australian AUD FRNs
- International AUD FRNs
- Australian AUD Fixed Rate
- International AUD Fixed Rate
- Cash

- AAA
- AA
- A
- BBB

CREDIT SPREADS

Whilst there were small pockets of marginally tighter spreads in July, the majority of issuers widened. That contrasts with iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS tightening 20bps over the month. As we have mentioned previously, CDS indices are usually a good indicator of the future direction of cash bond spreads. Based on the price action in the latter stages of July, credit spreads look to be firmer and a real bid is returning to primary and secondary markets. Floating rate notes (FRNs) continue to have their yields reset higher in line with 3-month BBSW which increased another 30bps in July, to 2.12%. It is encouraging to see the outright level of spread tightening of new issues in the secondary market, another positive sign which leads to increased market activity, liquidity and investor confidence.

GLOBAL CREDIT INDICES	PRICE	CHG ON MTH
ITRAXX AUSTRALIA 5YR	1.11%	-0.20%
ITRAXX EUROPE 5YR	1.00%	-0.19%
ITRAXX EUROPE XOVER 5YR	5.09%	-0.70%
CDX US IG 5YR	0.80%	-0.21%
CDX US HY 5YR	4.71%	-1.08%

FUND METRICS

The underperformance versus benchmark was due to the Fund's underweight interest rate duration (IRD) position and overweight credit duration (CD) position. The Fund's IRD position was increased in June when we breached 4% in 3yr yields which closed July at 2.77%. With the significant rally in yields, we are now approaching our fair value levels so we are now more biased towards reducing than increasing IRD. The Fund's CD position has been a drag on performance in recent months, however as previously mentioned, there is a tail wind to credit spreads at present. The lack of labeled bond issuance in the primary market has led to a technical bid for labelled bonds in the secondary market. August is usually one of the largest volume months for issuance, so we eagerly await what new deals may come to market.

AS AT 31 ST JULY 2022	FUND	BENCH-MARK
INTEREST RATE DURATION	1.74	2.47
CREDIT DURATION	3.37	2.47
YIELD TO MATURITY	3.72%	2.88%
YIELD TO WORST	3.72%	2.88%
BLOOMBERG COMPOSITE RATING (weighted average)	A*	AA+

**Using the Morningstar methodology for Average Credit Quality*

IMPACT SINCE INCEPTION

With no new issues to report of in July, we have taken the opportunity to report on the Fund's impact since inception to June 30th.

214,576



Trips made on clean & sustainable transportation.

55,768,745



Litres of water saved.

4,774



Square metres of green energy efficient buildings financed.

5,488



People provided with access to water & sanitation.

5



Affordable housing dwellings financed.

695



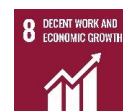
People provided with access to education.

100%



Female representation on board of Fund holdings.

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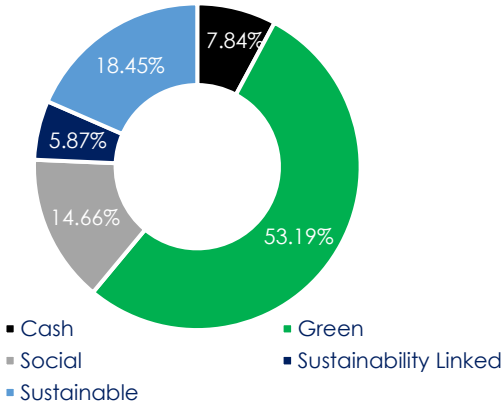
Jobs created or preserved.

The figures above are not actuals they are estimates using pro rata calculations taken from issuers use of proceeds reports, done on a best efforts basis.

GREEN, SUSTAINABLE & SOCIAL

CARBON ABATEMENT

BOND TYPE



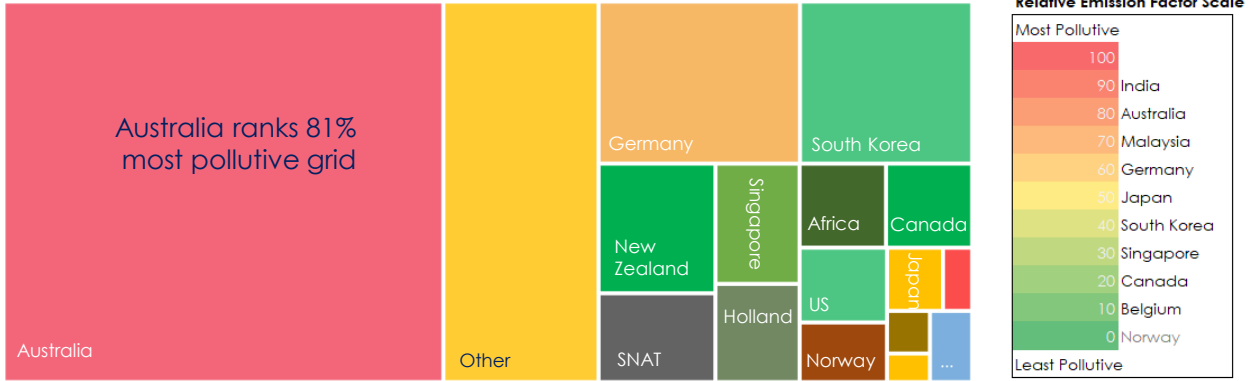
	Fund
July's estimated carbon abatement	1,010.5t CO2e*
Since inception estimated carbon abatement ¹	18,411.9t CO2e*
% of Fund used in this estimation	41%

One of the primary goals for the Fund is to report regularly on the impact that the bonds we have invested in are having on the environment. As issuers report their use of proceeds achievements, we update our records and this should also lead to a continual increase in the 41% of the Fund used to calculate the carbon abatement.



Equivalent to **8,631 cars**** off the road for a year, since fund inception

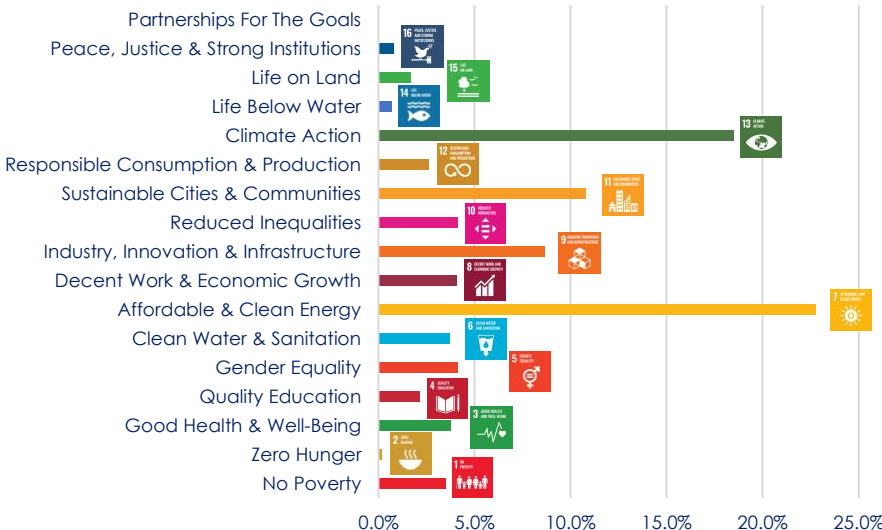
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS HEATMAP



Source: Artesian, EIB; Relative Emission Factor is measured across 43 countries/regions; Oct 2020

The heatmap above shows which countries the Fund is allocating capital to, to improve the global green economy. The Relative Emission Factor Scale shows how dirty the energy grid of each country is. It is a normalised scale of the baseline emission factor for electricity generation across 43 major countries - how much gCO2e/kWh is emitted. In essence, the more green capital investors can channel to higher pollutive countries, the higher the impact per dollar.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. When mapping the SDG's per bond held in the Fund, we take a conservative approach. If one bond targets more than one SDG, then the allocation is split evenly between the SDGs and then portfolio weighted. Unsurprisingly, the Fund is most aligned with Clean Energy, Climate Action and Sustainable Cities, making up 52% of the Fund's targeted SDGs. The Fund currently supports 16 of the 17 SDGs, with the goal of supporting all 17 as the Fund grows.

NOTES

**We take a conservative approach to estimating the carbon abatement of our portfolio holdings. If we own a bond that has not yet produced a use of proceeds report or something similar, we don't report any carbon abatement whatsoever. For those issuers who have produced a use of proceeds report, we pro rata the Fund's allocation of the reported carbon abatement. We use the previously reported 12-month carbon abatement figures to project the following 12 months and update those as soon as a new report from the issuer is produced.*

***As per the ABS's latest Survey of Motor Vehicle Use ([link](#) as of 20 Mar'19), Passenger Vehicles in Australia on average travelled 12,600km a year in 2018. As per NTC's latest emission intensity paper ([link](#); as of Jun'20). Passenger Vehicles in Australia on average had an emission intensity of 169g/km in 2019 (or 169.8g/km in 2018). As a result, we defined the carbon footprint of an average passenger vehicle in Australia as 2.14t CO₂e per year being $[(169\text{g}/\text{km} \times 12,600\text{km}) / 1,000,000]$.*

The impact metrics published in this document reflects the proprietary methodology developed by Artesian for the collection, evaluation, calculation and harmonization of thematic ESG indicators that are aligned with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Actual data and estimated data are both analysed based on companies' disclosures including but not limited to "Use of Proceeds", "Impact Report" and "Second-party Verification", as well as engagement with the companies themselves.

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