MONTHLY UPDATE

Fund Objective: The Artesian Corporate Bond Fund (Fund) will invest in a diversified portfolio of liquid, predominately investment grade fixed and floating rate corporate bonds. The Fund aims to provide returns above the RBA cash rate +2.75% 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.

	FUND PERFORMANCE - CLASS B UNITS								
AS AT 31ST AUG 26	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 year (p.a.)	3 year (p.a.)	4 year (p.a.)	5 year (p.a.)	Since Inception (p.a.)
GROSS FUND RETURN	0.22%	1.63%	2.64%	5.34%	6.37%	7.03%	6.91%	5.09%	4.92%
NET FUND RETURN	0.16%	1.44%	2.26%	4.56%	5.58%	6.24%	6.11%	4.31%	4.14%
RBA CASH RATE	0.36%	1.08%	2.11%	3.94%	4.04%	4.13%	3.94%	3.22%	2.14%
ACTIVE RETURN (net Fund return - RBA cash rate)	-0.20%	0.36%	0.15%	0.62%	1.54%	2.11%	2.18%	1.09%	2.00%

The 1m, 3m, 6m, 1yr, 2yr, 3yr, 4yr, 5yr and since inception net returns for Class A Units are 0.15%, 1.40%, 2.21%, 4.44%, 5.46%, 6.12%, 5.99%, 4.21% & 4.03% respectively. 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.

	OTHER BENCHMARK COMPARISONS								
AS AT 31ST AUG 26	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 year (p.a.)	3 year (p.a.)	4 year (p.a.)	5 year (p.a.)	Since Inception (p.a.)
BLOOMBERG AUSBOND CREDIT FRN 0+ YR Index	0.40%	1.30%	2.50%	4.83%	5.04%	5.24%	5.03%	4.02%	3.19%
BLOOMBERG AUSBOND COMP 0-3 YR Index	0.16%	0.94%	1.72%	2.54%	3.55%	3.88%	3.56%	2.26%	2.15%

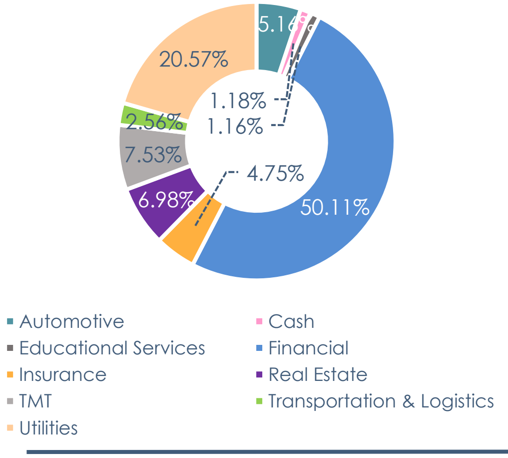
PORTFOLIO UPDATE

August saw markets continue to assess whether restrictive monetary policy was beginning to slow economic activity sufficiently to bring inflation sustainably back towards target. In Australia, the RBA left the cash rate unchanged at 4.35% on 11 August, following three increases earlier this year. The Board judged financial conditions to be somewhat restrictive and noted signs that domestic activity and the labour market were beginning to soften. However, inflation remained too high, with the RBA retaining the option to tighten policy further should upside risks materialise. Late in the month, Australian inflation provided mixed signals. Headline CPI eased to 3.5% in July from 3.8% in June, while trimmed mean inflation remained unchanged at 3.6%. Non-tradables inflation remained elevated at 4.4%, highlighting continued domestic price pressures despite the moderation in headline inflation. The labour market also showed signs of gradually easing, with unemployment increasing from 4.4% to 4.5% in July. In the United States, softer summer inflation readings provided some encouragement, although Fed Chair Kevin Warsh used his Jackson Hole address to caution that underlying inflation had not yet meaningfully improved.

Outperformance came from the Fund's positions in Nextera Energy, Alphabet, Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel, Bendigo & Adelaide Bank and SSE PLC. Underperformance came from the Fund's positions in Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ANZ Banking Group, Westconnex, Mercury NZ and Verizon Communications.

PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

SECTOR BREAKDOWN



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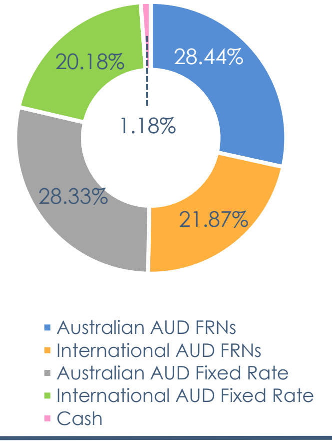
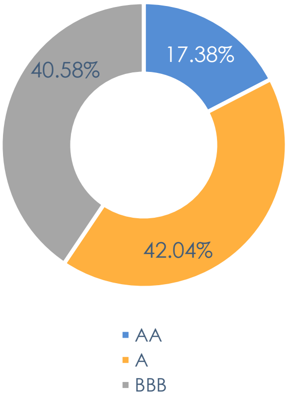


CREDIT RATING



CREDIT SPREADS

Credit default swap (CDS) indices reversed the modest widening witnessed in July, returning to levels last seen in June. This resilience was notable given the negative headlines surrounding renewed escalation in the Middle East and a broader sell-off across developed market government bonds. Australian 10yr government bond yields rose approximately 15bps to 5.09%, while Japanese 10yr yields increased 14bps to 2.93% and German Bund yields rose around 7bps to 3.27%. Despite the relative resilience of CDS markets, Australian cash credit spreads softened modestly during the month. On average, Australian dollar investment grade credit spreads widened by 2bps to 106bps. In comparison, euro denominated and US dollar investment grade credit spreads were broadly unchanged, with both markets ending August at approximately 78bps. Overall, global credit markets remained remarkably resilient despite higher government bond yields, renewed geopolitical uncertainty and the continued prospect of restrictive monetary policy remaining in place for longer.

AS AT 31ST AUGUST 26	PRICE	CHG ON MTH
ITRAXX AUSTRALIA 5YR	0.67%	-0.03%
ITRAXX EUROPE 5YR	0.51%	-0.02%
ITRAXX EUROPE XOVER 5YR	2.48%	-0.13%
CDX US IG 5YR	0.50%	-0.03%
CDX US HY 5YR	3.01%	-0.12%

FUND METRICS

The Fund was particularly active during August, recording its highest monthly trading volume of 2026 and the second highest monthly volume since the Fund's inception in 2017. Elevated primary market issuance was the key catalyst, as corporate issuers wasted little time accessing the bond market once their financial results had been released. Meanwhile, the rally in Australian government bonds experienced during July was completely reversed, with 3yr yields rising from 4.49% to 4.66% over August. On the final trading day of the month, with 3yr yields reaching approximately 4.685%, we viewed prevailing yield levels as increasingly attractive and took the opportunity to add interest rate duration to the Fund, increasing overall interest rate duration to 0.78yrs. Despite elevated trading volumes, the Fund's credit duration remained largely unchanged, as purchases of new 5yr bonds were primarily funded through the sale of existing 3yr and 7yr holdings.

AS AT 31ST AUGUST 26	FUND	CHG ON MTH
INTEREST RATE DURATION	0.78	0.10
CREDIT DURATION	3.79	0.01
YIELD TO MATURITY	5.86%	0.22%
YIELD TO WORST	5.78%	0.21%
BLOOMBERG COMPOSITE RATING (weighted average)*	A	A

Using the Morningstar methodology for Average Credit Quality

NEW ISSUES

The standout transaction was Google's record-breaking AUD 5.5 billion issuance across six tranches and four different maturities, making it the largest corporate bond transaction ever completed in the Australian dollar market. The deal also attracted a record AUD corporate order book of more than AUD 18 billion, highlighting the significant depth of investor demand.

ISSUER	Issue Date	Issue Size $M	Fixed/ Floating	Maturity	Next Call	Credit Spread EFP/BBSW	Month End Bid Spread	Net Change
ALPHABET	19-Aug-26	1,000	Fixed	27-Aug-36	-	1.21%	1.06%	-0.15%
ALPHABET	19-Aug-26	1,000	Fixed	27-Aug-46	-	1.92%	1.81%	-0.12%
NEXTERA ENERGY	25-Aug-26	500	Fixed	01-Sep-56	01-Jun-36	2.44%	2.27%	-0.17%

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