

MONTHLY UPDATE

About the Fund: The Artesian Green and Sustainable Bond Fund (NZD) offers New Zealand-based investors a Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE) vehicle through which to invest in the Artesian Green and Sustainable Bond Fund (AUD). Through this structure, the Fund will invest in a diversified portfolio of liquid, predominately investment grade fixed and floating rate green and sustainable bonds. In this document, we refer to the Artesian Green and Sustainable Bond Fund (AUD) as the Underlying Fund. In most sections of this document, the metrics and commentary shown are taken from the Underlying Fund. We have signalled these sections with a hashtag in the section heading. From time to time there may be small differences between the metrics of the NZD Fund and the Underlying Fund, as a result of liquidity cash held in the NZD fund.

AS AT 30 TH JUNE 26	FUND PERFORMANCE					
	1 month	3 months	1 year	2 year	3 year	Since Inception (p.a.)
ARTESIAN GREEN & SUSTAINABLE BOND FUND (NZD) GROSS	0.69%	1.81%	1.61%	4.64%	5.23%	5.23%
ARTESIAN GREEN & SUSTAINABLE BOND FUND (NZD) NET*	0.64%	1.55%	0.35%	3.42%	4.11%	4.11%
ARTESIAN GREEN & SUSTAINABLE BOND FUND PIR RETURN (NZD)**	0.64%	1.65%	0.97%	3.98%	4.57%	4.56%
BLOOMBERG AUSBOND COMPOSITE 0-5YR INDEX 100% NZD HEDGED	0.51%	1.42%	0.58%	3.48%	4.09%	4.06%

*Artesian Green and Sustainable Bond Fund (NZD) returns are after all fees and expenses, but before tax which varies by investor. Past performance should not be taken as an indicator of future performance. The inception date for Artesian Green and Sustainable Bond Fund (NZD) is 19 June 2023. **Artesian Green and Sustainable Bond Fund (NZD) returns are after all fees and expenses, but before tax which varies by investor and inclusive of tax credits. The Fund invests in an underlying Australian Unit Trust (AUT) which is required to distribute all income. Tax on these distributions is withheld at fund level but investors receive a tax credit for this amount. As such, the Zero PIR return is a reasonable basis for comparing performance between the NZD Fund and its AUT alternative.

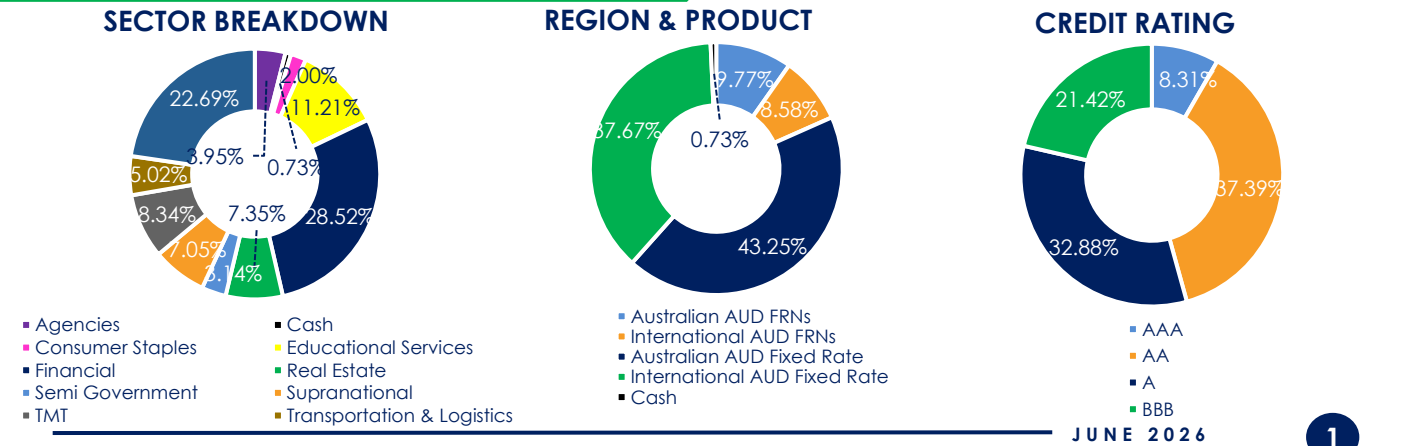
AS AT 30 TH JUNE 26	PERFORMANCE OF THE UNDERLYING FUND								
	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 year	3 year	4 year	5 year	Since Inception (p.a.)
GROSS FUND RETURN	0.85%	2.30%	2.26%	2.83%	5.20%	5.50%	4.98%	2.98%	3.12%
NET FUND RETURN	0.81%	2.17%	2.01%	2.32%	4.67%	4.98%	4.46%	2.46%	2.61%
BLOOMBERG AUSBOND COMPOSITE 0-5 YR Index	0.67%	1.92%	1.87%	1.99%	4.15%	4.22%	3.56%	1.76%	1.55%
ACTIVE RETURN (net Fund return - benchmark)	0.14%	0.25%	0.14%	0.33%	0.52%	0.75%	0.90%	0.71%	1.05%

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PORTFOLIO UPDATE #

June was shaped by the partial unwind of Middle East driven energy pressures, even as central banks continued to grapple with the inflationary fallout. The RBA left the cash rate on hold at 4.35%, pausing after three rate hikes earlier this year to assess how much of the cumulative tightening had flowed through to the economy. The Board noted that financial conditions had tightened materially and that signs of slowing economic activity were beginning to emerge. In Europe, the ECB tightened policy for the first time since 2023, raising its deposit rate by 25bps to 2.25% after eurozone inflation accelerated to 3.2% in May, while core inflation also increased to 2.5% from 2.2%. In the United States, the Fed left rates unchanged at 3.50% to 3.75% in Kevin Warsh's first meeting as Chair. However, the accompanying dot plot adopted a more hawkish tone, with the median 2026 policy rate projection rising to 3.8% from 3.4% in March. Midway through the month, a US brokered peace agreement reopened the Strait of Hormuz, providing some relief to oil prices following months of conflict-driven spikes. Despite this easing in energy markets, growth indicators across developed economies remained soft. The Underlying Fund's outperformance versus benchmark in June was driven by the overweight credit duration positioning (credit spreads were lower/tighter) and the overweight interest rate duration positioning (interest rates were lower/tighter). The Underlying Fund's running yield of 5.24% versus the benchmark's 4.62%, had a positive contribution to this month's return. Outperformance came from the Underlying Fund's positions in ANZ (Sustainable), BPCE SA (Social), Lloyds Banking Group (Green), Investa Commercial Property Fund (Green) and Optus Finance (Sustainability-Linked). Underperformance came from the Underlying Fund's positions in Transpower (Green), NBN (Green), Bank Australia (Sustainable), MTR Corp (Green) and Contact Energy (Green).

PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN #



CREDIT SPREADS #

Global credit spreads were mixed in June, with the AUD market slightly outperforming its global peers. On average, Australian dollar investment grade credit spreads tightened by 1bp to 105bps. In comparison, euro denominated spreads widened by 1bp to 80bps, while US dollar spreads widened by 2bps to 74bps. The outperformance of the AUD market was all the more impressive given another considerable month of new issuance, with AUD 16.7b priced during June. Total year to date AUD corporate issuance now stands at a record AUD 102.4b, representing another important step in the continued maturity and liquidity of the domestic credit market. Despite the elevated supply, demand remained robust and new transactions were well absorbed. One notable exception during the month was Judo Bank (no exposure in the Underlying Fund), which announced a surprise profit downgrade. The announcement saw subordinated debt spreads widen by approximately 50bps.

AS AT 30 TH JUNE 2026	PRICE	CHG ON MTH
ITRAXX AUSTRALIA 5YR	0.68%	-0.04%
ITRAXX EUROPE 5YR	0.52%	-0.01%
ITRAXX EUROPE XOVER 5YR	2.45%	-0.14%
CDX US IG 5YR	0.51%	0.01%
CDX US HY 5YR	3.06%	0.06%

UNDERLYING FUND METRICS #

Although the Underlying Fund's metrics did not change materially month on month, we were once again active across both the primary and secondary markets. Australian government bond yields continued to rally during June, declining by approximately 17bps across the curve. Whilst the Underlying Fund remains neutral relative to the benchmark interest rate duration (IRD), with 3yr Australian Government Bond yields at 4.35%, broadly in line with the RBA cash rate, we see limited value in adding further duration at current levels. The Underlying Fund's credit duration (CD) remains longer than the benchmark, reflecting our constructive view on investment grade credit valuations. However, should credit spreads continue to tighten, we expect to gradually reduce credit duration as valuations become less compelling. The Underlying Fund's running yield declined by 8bps during June as a result of the rally in government bond yields but remains attractive at 5.24%.

AS AT 30 TH JUNE 2026	FUND	BENCH - MARK
INTEREST RATE DURATION	2.33	2.35
CREDIT DURATION	3.49	2.35
YIELD TO MATURITY	5.25%	4.62%
YIELD TO WORST	5.24%	4.62%
BLOOMBERG COMPOSITE RATING (weighted average)	A	AA+

**Using the Morningstar methodology for Average Credit Quality*

NEW ISSUES

In June we witnessed another impressive month of new issuance in the AUD labelled bond market. We recorded 4 new deals from 3 unique issuers for a total volume of AUD 3.75b.

ISSUER	Bond Type	Issue Date	Issue Size \$M	Fixed/Floating	Maturity
LLOYDS BANKING GROUP PLC	Green	4-Jun-26	300	Fixed	11-Jun-32
	Green	4-Jun-26	450	Floating	11-Jun-32

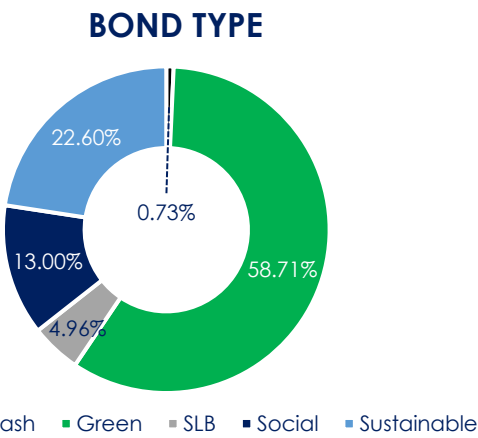
Issuer	 LLOYDS
Currency	AUD
Sector	Financials
SDG Alignment	  
Eligible Projects	- Renewable Energy: Development, construction, operation, maintenance and storage of renewable energy projects. - Energy Efficiency: Energy efficiency technologies and equipment including smart meters, energy-efficient lighting and heating. - Clean Transportation: Zero-emission passenger vehicles, electric vehicle charging infrastructure - Green Buildings: Construction, acquisition or retrofit of residential and commercial buildings meeting recognised environmental standards.

Lloyds Banking Group plc (Lloyds) is one of the UK's largest financial institutions, providing a broad range of retail and commercial banking, insurance and wealth management services to more than 27 million customers across the United Kingdom. The bank has issued two tranches of an inaugural 6NC5 AUD Green Bonds.

As a founding signatory to the Net-Zero Banking Alliance in 2021, Lloyds has committed to aligning its financed emissions with net zero by 2050. The Group has established interim 2030 decarbonisation targets across several carbon-intensive sectors including residential mortgages, commercial real estate, power generation, automotive manufacturing, agriculture, cement, iron and steel.

Lloyds has committed to publishing annual reporting for as long as any Green Bonds remain outstanding.

GREEN, SUSTAINABLE & SOCIAL #



CARBON ABATEMENT #

	Underlying Fund
June's estimated carbon abatement	196 tCO2e*
Since inception estimated carbon abatement ¹	67,061 tCO2e*
% of Underlying Fund used in this estimation	24%

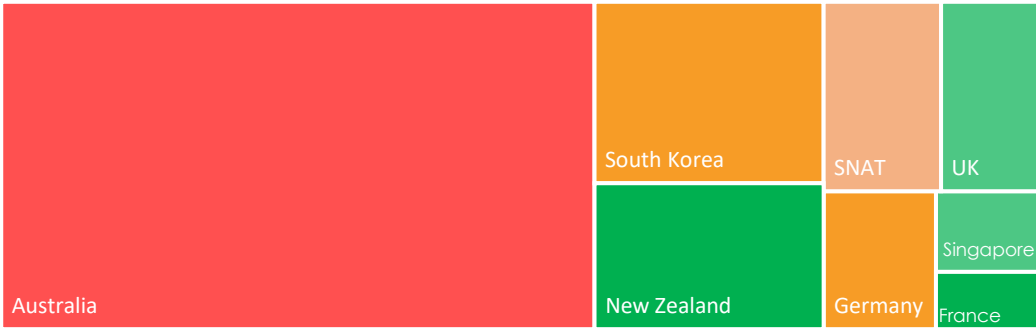
One of the primary goals for the Underlying Fund is to report regularly on the impact that the bonds we have invested in are having on the environment. As issuers report their use of proceeds achievements, we update our records and this should also lead to a continual increase in the 24% of the Underlying Fund used to calculate the carbon abatement.



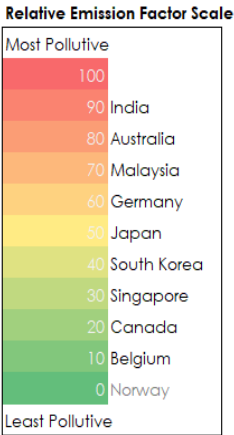
Equivalent to **31,436 cars**** off the road for a year, since Underlying Fund inception

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN UNDERLYING FUND #

Where the Underlying Fund's capital is deployed compared to how dirty each country's electricity grid is

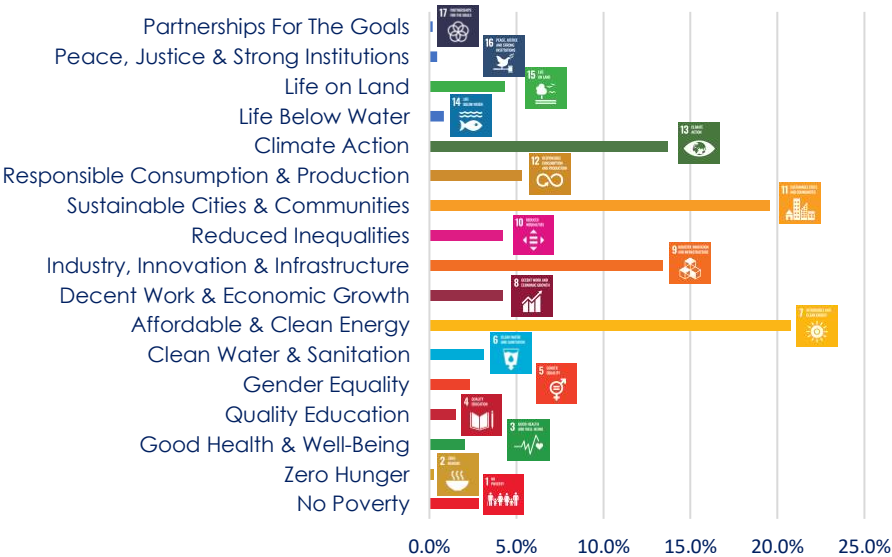


Source: Artesian, EIB; Relative Emission Factor is measured across 43 countries/regions; Oct 2022



The heatmap above shows which countries the Underlying 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 Underlying 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 Underlying Fund is most aligned with Clean Energy, Climate Action and Sustainable Cities, making up 54% of the Underlying Fund's targeted SDGs. The Underlying Fund currently supports 17 of the 17 SDGs.

IMPACT SINCE INCEPTION

171,444



Trips made on clean & sustainable transportation.

33



Affordable housing dwellings financed.

49%



Fund bond issuers supporting TCFD.

319,584,040



Litres of water saved.

3,370



People provided with access to education.

7%



Fund bond issuers supporting PCAF.

31,146



Square metres of green energy efficient buildings financed.

90%



Female representation on board of Fund holdings.

76%



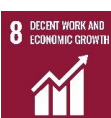
More than one female on board of Fund holdings.

812



People provided with access to water & sanitation.

301



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.

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 Underlying 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 $[(169\text{g/km} \times 12,600\text{km}) / 1,000,000]$.

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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