# BLENHEIM

## DIVERSIFIED FIXED INCOME FUND

#### MANAGER COMMENTARY

March proved to be a tumultuous month for the markets. The banking sector dominated the news in the second half of March, caused by the downfall of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank in the US and Credit Suisse in Switzerland. Thankfully, the immediate actions of the Fed, the Swiss Authorities and the Bank of England in the UK resolved the problem and stopped any contagion, at least for the time being.

Interestingly, the S&P 500 index ended the month up 3.68%; in contrast, the UK's top 100 companies index lost 3.10%. In fixed income markets, the US 10yr Treasury yields dropped by almost 44bps ending the month at 3.49%, and the UK 10yr gilt yields finished the month at 3.489% with a loss of nearly 38bps. Sterling also did well against the Dollar, starting the month at \$1.2019 and ending at \$1.2333

March proved to be a difficult month for the Fund, with a return of minus 1.12%\* versus its benchmark of plus 0.14%\*. The biggest performance detractor was the Premier Miton Financial Capital Securities Fund holding, which fell by just over 8%. This Fund is invested primarily in Bank debt which has historically proven to be an excellent source of investment income and relative security. Regretfully, the banking turmoil had a negative impact to the extent that investors decided to sell these assets indiscriminately. However, your managers took advantage of this opportunity and topped up their position at more attractive valuations. It may be early days, but the calm that has returned to this sector has proved positive for the Fund.

\*Source: FE Fundinfo, 01/03/2023 to 31/03/2023

### HOLDINGS AS AT 31/03/2023

Artemis Corporate Bond	10.6%
Premier Miton Financials Capital Securities	9.8%
Nomura Global Dynamic Bond Fund	10.0%
IShares \$Treasuries 1-3 yr	9.1%
Wellington Global Impact Bond	7.2%
Lyxor US Treasury 7-10Y ETF	6.2%
Aegon European ABS	5.6%
Lazard Global Convertible Recovery	4.9%
AXAWF Asian High Yield Bonds	5.0%
Muzinich Dynamic Credit Income Fund	5.0%
Jupiter Corporate Bond	5.0%
IFSL Church House Investment Grade Fixed Income	5.0%
Eaton Vance EMD Opps	4.5%
Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Inc Ord	2.9%
PGIM Emerging Market Total Return Bond Fund	2.4%
Real Estate Credit Investments Ord	2.1%
Fair Oaks Income	1.4%
GCP Asset Backed Income Fund	0.9%
CASH	2.4%

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the fund is to provide income. The fund will be actively managed to provide a diversified portfolio of Sterling denominated (or hedged back to Sterling) bonds. The type of bonds held may include government, investment grade, sub-investment grade and asset backed bonds.

#### PERFORMANCE

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Fund (B Acc)	-1.12%	0.42%	1.82%	-3.60%		-6.21%
Comparator benchmark						
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
Fund (B Acc)	-7.21%					

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Source: FE Analytics, all data to 31/03/2023. All figures are in GBP terms.

#### **KEY FACTS**

Authorised Corporate Director (ACD): Margetts Fund Management Ltd Investment Adviser: Beckett Asset Management Ltd Managers: Samantha Owen, Tony Yousefian, Elliot Basford Comparator benchmark: IA Sterling Strategic Bond Valuation point: 8.30am Launch date: 11 January 2021 Yield B Acc: 2.24% Distribution payment dates: 30 April, 31 July, 31 October, 31 January Ongoing Charges Figure B Acc: 0.58% Fund size as at 31/03/2023: £112.6m

#### **RISK WARNINGS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Past performance is no guarantee of future performance. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise and investors may get back less than they invested. Risk factors should be taken into account and understood, including (but not limited to) currency movements, market risk, liquidity risk, concentration risk, lack of certainty risk, inflation risk, performance risk, local market risk and credit risk. The information on this factsheet is intended to provide information only and should not be interpreted as advice. Current fund prices and the latest copy of the prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents can be found at Margetts.com. Margetts Fund Management Ltd is the operator of the fund. This document is issued and approved by Beckett Asset Management Ltd. The opinions stated are those of Beckett Asset Management Ltd, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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