

# PIMCO Diversified Fixed Interest Fund

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The PIMCO Diversified Fixed Interest Fund (the "Fund") returned 1.25% (Wholesale Class, net of fees) in March outperforming the 50% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index hedged into AUD / 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index by 0.28%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 0.79% (Wholesale Class, net of fees), while the benchmark returned 0.35%.

Equity markets continued their upward trajectory, while bond indices modestly rose as several global central banks sent dovish signals to the market. U.S. credit spreads tightened, and developed sovereign bond yields fell, while the dollar strengthened. In Australia, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) once again left the policy rate unchanged at 4.35%. A key shift in the statement from 'a further increase in interest rates cannot be ruled out' to 'the Board is not ruling anything in or out' led markets to view this as the Board abandoning its slight policy-tightening bias.

The Fund outperformed its benchmark over the month, largely due to duration and spread positioning.

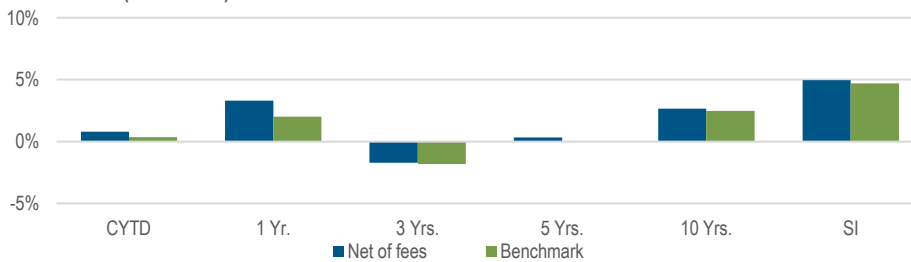
### Contributors

- Overweight exposure to duration in the dollar bloc, as yields fell.
- Selection across the coupon stack within U.S. agency Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS)
- Overweight exposure to duration in the U.K., as yields fell

### Detractors

- Underweight exposure to duration in China, as yields fell
- There were no other material detractors for the Fund

Performance (Net of Fees)



Performance	CYTD	1 mos.	3 mos.	FYTD	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	SI
Net of fees (%)	0.79	1.25	0.79	4.77	3.31	-1.72	0.33	2.66	4.97
Benchmark (%)	0.35	0.97	0.35	3.70	2.01	-1.82	0.04	2.47	4.71
Outperformance (%)	0.43	0.28	0.43	1.07	1.30	0.10	0.30	0.19	0.26

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results

Returns for periods longer than 1 year are annualised

Net of Fees - Fund performance is quoted net of fees and expenses and assumes the reinvestment of all distributions but does not take into account personal income tax

SI is the performance since inception. Inception date is 28/04/2004

The benchmark is the 50% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index hedged into AUD / 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index

### Key Facts

Bloomberg Ticker	EQTPWDF
ISIN	AU60ETL00162
APIR	ETL0016AU
Inception date	28 April 2004
Distribution	Quarterly
Management Fee <sup>1</sup>	0.50% p.a.
Portfolio Managers	Robert Mead, Sachin Gupta, Adam Bowe
Total Net Assets	3.1 (AUD in Billions)

<sup>1</sup>In addition to the Management Fee there may be other fees and costs associated with an investment in this fund. For a detailed explanation on fees and costs please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement.

### Investment Statistics

Fund Duration (yrs)	4.93
Benchmark Duration (yrs)	5.80
Estimated Yield to Maturity (%) <sup>Ⓢ</sup>	4.51
Average Coupon (%)	3.31
Effective Maturity (yrs)	5.63

<sup>Ⓢ</sup>Yield to Maturity (YTM) is the estimated annual rate of return that would be received if the Fund's current securities were all held to their maturity and all coupons and principal were made as contracted. YTM does not account for fees or taxes. YTM is not a forecast, and is not a guarantee of, the future return of the Fund. The Fund's actual return will depend on a range of factors, including fluctuations in the value of the Fund's securities held from time to time.

### Risk Profile

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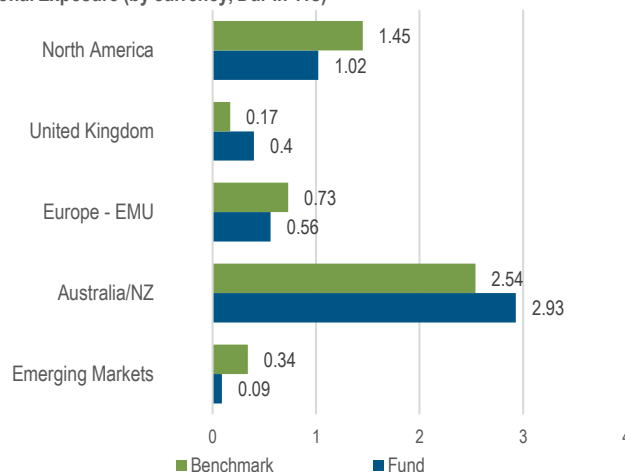
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## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

The Fund is underweight overall duration, focusing on country selection. We maintain an overweight to duration in Australia, and increased our underweight in the U.S. We maintain our overweight to duration in the U.K and are modestly underweight duration in Europe, preferring exposure to Denmark. The Fund expresses a key underweight in Japan, focusing on the longer-end of the curve given the end to the yield curve control regime established by the Bank of Japan. Furthermore, we maintain our underweight to Chinese rates. Within corporate credit, we continue to have a bias toward shorter-maturity and high-quality names while de-emphasising generic corporate credit exposure. The Fund favours senior securitised assets, such as U.S. non-agency mortgages, Australian and U.K. residential mortgages, and Danish covered bonds. We hold a reduced underweight to non-financial investment grade corporate credit. The Fund maintains an overweight to financials, particularly senior issues. Within sovereign spread strategies, we continue to hold high quality emerging market external debt and remain broadly neutral in Eurozone peripheral countries. Currency strategies continue to act as a diversifying strategy in the portfolio and positioning remains tactical. We focus on relative value with longs to a basket of currencies with attractive valuation, high real carry, and/or supportive fundamentals. We use a diversified basket of funding currencies from developed markets and Asia.

Regional Exposure (by currency, Dur in Yrs)



## MONTH IN REVIEW

Equity markets continued their upward trajectory, while bond indices modestly rose as several global central banks sent dovish signals to the market. U.S. credit spreads tightened, and developed sovereign bond yields fell, while the dollar strengthened. In the U.S., the 10-year Treasury fell 5 basis points (bps) to 4.20% as the Federal Reserve (Fed) reaffirmed its expectation of three rate cuts in 2024. In Australia, the 10-year Australian Commonwealth Government Bond (ACGB) bond finished the month 17 lower at 3.96%.

In the monetary space, central banks worldwide took diverging policy decisions. The Bank of Japan delivered its first hike since 2007, putting an end to yield curve control. The Swiss National Bank surprised markets by cutting its policy rate by 0.25% to 1.50%. The Federal Reserve kept its policy rate unchanged in the range of 5.25-5.50%. The RBA also left the policy rate unchanged at 4.35%, after reflecting new data that showed a continued economic slowdown, a softer-than-expected labor market, and further moderation in inflation. A key shift in the statement from 'a further increase in interest rates cannot be ruled out' to 'the Board is not ruling anything in or out' led markets to view this as the Board abandoning its slight policy-tightening bias.

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Higher savings balances and a slower pass-through of monetary policy in the U.S. relative to other developed markets could, in our view, keep inflation above the Fed's 2% target over the cyclical horizon. We still expect the Fed to start normalizing policy at midyear, similar to other DM central banks; however, the Fed's subsequent rate-cutting path could be more gradual. Additionally, we believe that an economic soft landing is achievable, but both recessionary and inflationary risks remain elevated in the aftermath of unprecedented global shocks to supply and demand.

In this uncertain environment, we favour portfolio flexibility and liquidity to respond to events and potentially take advantage of opportunities. We are underweight duration in the Fund as central banks assess the speed and timing of rate cuts, contributing to elevated volatility. From a country standpoint, we favour taking duration in select Euro bloc (Denmark), U.K. and dollar bloc countries (Australian, New Zealand, Canada) vs. Japan and China. We continue to hold a moderate allocation to Treasury-Inflation-Protected-Securities (TIPS) in the portfolio as a hedge if inflation remains relatively elevated. We hold exposure to select developed market currencies (USD, JPY), as well as select EM currencies based on valuations.

In spread sectors, we continue to be selective within corporate credit, focusing on security selection. We remain focused on securitised assets, including U.S. non-agency mortgages, Australian and U.K. residential mortgages, and Danish mortgages, which we believe may offer defensive qualities in addition to potential reasonable risk premia for liquidity, complexity, and uncertainty over the timing of cash flows.

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Interest rate strategies encompass the Fund's duration, yield curve, and convexity strategies.

Benchmark: 50% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index hedged into AUD / 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index.

The Fund's benchmark index is a blend of 50% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index hedged into AUD and 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index, and is designed to provide a broadly diversified exposure to both global and Australian bond markets. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index hedged into AUD is an unmanaged market index representative of the total return performance of major world bond markets on a AUD hedged basis. The Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index is an unmanaged market index representative of the total return performance of AUD-denominated bonds. It is not possible to invest in an unmanaged index.

Interest rate strategies encompass the Fund's duration, yield curve, and convexity strategies.

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The Standard and Poor's 500 (S&P)