

# PIMCO Dynamic Bond Fund

### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The PIMCO Dynamic Bond Fund (the "Fund") returned 0.87% (Wholesale Class, net of fees) in March outperforming the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bills Index by 0.50%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 1.24% (Wholesale Class, net of fees), while the benchmark returned 1.09%.

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 expectations of three rate cuts in 2024. In Germany, the 10-year bond yield fell 11 bps to 2.30%. In the U.K., 10-year Gilt yields fell 19 bps to 3.93%, while 10-year Japanese government bond yields rose 2 bps to 0.73%.

### **Contributors**

- Exposure to the cash interest rate in the US, from carry
- Holdings of US Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS), as spreads tightened, and through carry and selection
- Long exposure to a select basket of Emerging Market (EM) currencies, primarily through carry
- Long exposure to Australian duration, as yields fell

#### **Detractors**

Long exposure to select high yield corporate credit, as spreads on these securities widened and through security selection



Performance	CYTD	1 mos.	3 mos.	FYTD	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	SI
Net of fees (%)	1.24	0.87	1.24	5.04	5.69	-1.13	0.78	2.13	2.10
Benchmark (%)	1.09	0.37	1.09	3.26	4.19	2.08	1.51	1.82	1.82
Outperformance (%)	0.15	0.50	0.15	1.78	1.50	-3.21	-0.73	0.31	0.28

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 18/03/2014

The benchmark is the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bills Index

### **Key Facts**

Bloomberg Ticker

ISIN AU60ETL04040
APIR ETL0404AU
Inception date 18 March 2014
Distribution Quarterly
Management Fee<sup>1</sup> 0.95% p.a.

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Total Net Assets 14.8 (AUD in Millions)

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)	1.67
Benchmark Duration (yrs)	0.12
Estimated Yield to Maturity (%)⊕	5.83
Average Coupon (%)	4.26
Effective Maturity (yrs)	1.67

<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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### **PORTFOLIO POSITIONING**

The portfolio is positioned across a diverse set of global opportunities in developed and emerging market economies.

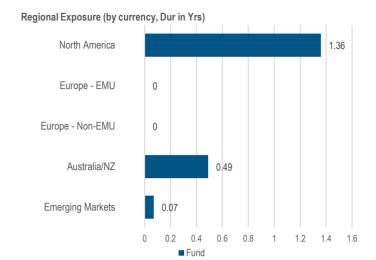
Interest Rates - The Fund reduced duration over the month from 1.75 years to 1.66 years, mainly stemming from a modest decrease in US duration exposure mainly in the intermediate part of the yield curve. Elsewhere, the portfolio added exposure to Australian duration over the month, given the potential for rates to decline more rapidly due to their higher front-end rate sensitivity. Spreads - Within US Agency MBS, the Fund continues to be dynamic in adjusting exposures across the coupon stack. targeting up-in-coupon MBS, which may offer more compelling spreads and less duration risk versus lower coupons. We also continue to see value in higher quality securitized credit including non-Agency MBS as underlying fundamentals remain compelling and the sector is relatively insulated from key risks facing global markets. Within investment grade corporate credit, the Fund maintains an emphasis on financial sector securities, which benefit from improved fundamentals following years of increased regulation and offer attractive valuation versus the non-financial sector. Currencies - The Fund remains tactical with currency positioning, holding modest long positions across a diversified selection of both DM and EM currencies. We continue to hold a broad basket of commodity-linked currencies such as the BRL, MXN, ZAR, IDR, CLP and AUD where we believe valuations remain attractive.

### **MONTH IN REVIEW**

The Fund's performance in March was positive, driven by contributions from spread, currency and duration strategies. Duration strategies were positive last month. US Base rate exposure contributed to performance, driven by US cash interest rates and carry. Outside of the US, the fund's long exposure to Australian duration in the intermediate part of the curve also contributed to performance as yields fell.

Spread strategies were positive in March. Long exposure to US Agency MBS and investment grade corporate credit contributed to performance as spreads tightened, and through carry and selection. The fund continues to emphasize its Agency MBS position as a way to maintain a high quality, very liquid position which offers a "safe spread" over US Treasuries. The allocation is focused primarily on higher coupons, which offer compelling spreads and less duration risk versus lower coupons. Meanwhile, long exposure to select high yield corporate credit slightly detracted, as spreads on these securities widened and through security selection.

Currency strategies were positive last month, with the fund's tactical exposure to a basket of emerging market currencies contributing to performance, primarily through FX carry. Elsewhere, long exposure to the Japanese yen modestly detracted from performance, as it depreciated against the US dollar. Overall, the Fund has kept its overall exposure to currency risk at a modest level, as our near term conviction remains low versus the potential for volatility.



### **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.

The GIS Dynamic Bond fund continues to emphasize flexibility, as the strategy seeks to provide investors a well-equipped fixed income process that can be nimble in a challenging market environment. DBF utilizes a time tested approach that has allowed the fund to remain resilient across a variety of market cycles, including periods of rising rates. The strategy reacts tactically as yield curves continue to shift around the globe.



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

Benchmark: Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bills Index.

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Break-even inflation is the difference between the nominal yield on a fixed-rate investment and the real yield on an inflation-linked investment of similar maturity and credit quality.

U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed); Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS)

U.S. interest rate strategies encompass the Fund's duration, yield curve, convexity strategies and instrument selection.

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