

# PIMCO Income Fund

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The PIMCO Income Fund (the "Fund") returned -0.45% (Wholesale Class, net of fees) in February outperforming the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index hedged into AUD by 0.35%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 0.00% (Wholesale Class, net of fees), while the benchmark returned -1.11%.

The Fund continued to provide investors with consistent and competitive monthly distributions through February.

The portfolio's duration strategies detracted from performance in February, specifically, the fund's exposure to US duration as rates broadly rose in this market. Meanwhile, holdings of corporate credit and exposure to Treasury inflation-protected securities (TIPS) contributed to performance. The overall performance of residential mortgages was positive, as non-Agency Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) contributed to fund performance during the month.

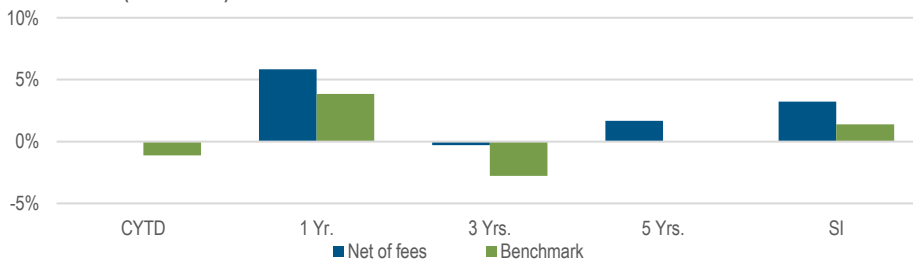
### Contributors

- Exposure to the cash interest rate in the US, from carry
- Holdings of investment grade and high yield corporate credit, as spreads tightened, and through carry and selection
- Holdings of securitized credit, primarily non-Agency MBS
- Long exposure to US TIPS, as breakeven inflation levels rose

### Detractors

- Long exposure to US duration, as yields rose
- Long exposures to the Japanese yen and South African rand, as they depreciated against the US dollar
- Holdings of US Agency MBS, as spreads widened

Performance (Net of Fees)



Performance	CYTD	1 mos.	3 mos.	FYTD	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	SI
Net of fees (%)	0.00	-0.45	2.64	4.10	5.83	-0.30	1.68	3.23
Benchmark (%)	-1.11	-0.80	1.87	2.02	3.86	-2.78	0.06	1.39
Outerperformance (%)	1.11	0.35	0.77	2.09	1.97	2.48	1.62	1.84

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 28/10/2015

The benchmark is the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index hedged into AUD

## Key Facts

Bloomberg Ticker	-
ISIN	AU60ETL04586
APIR	ETL0458AU
Inception date	28 October 2015
Distribution	Monthly
Management Fee <sup>1</sup>	0.78% p.a.
Portfolio Managers	Daniel J. Ivascyn, Alfred Murata, Joshua Anderson
Total Net Assets	1.3 (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)	3.57
Benchmark Duration (yrs)	6.63
Estimated Yield to Maturity (%) <sup>Ⓢ</sup>	5.92
Average Coupon (%)	4.46
Effective Maturity (yrs)	5.14

<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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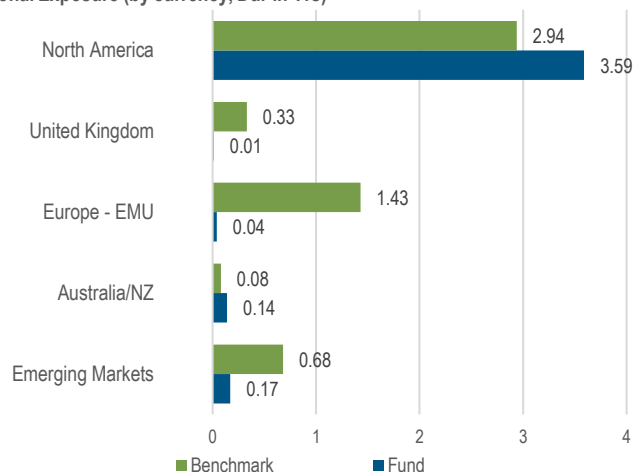
The fund can be divided into two broad segments: higher yielding assets, which are expected to benefit when economic growth is robust and higher quality assets, which are expected to perform well in risk-off scenarios.

Within the higher quality segment, net portfolio duration was increased over the month as yields rose across the U.S. yield curve. We continue to favour US duration, as nominal rates remain higher relative to other developed countries. Within investment grade corporate credit, we continue to favour systemically important banks given fundamentals and defensive sectors, such as utilities and healthcare.

To balance these positions, we maintained our short position to Japanese duration as an advantageous duration hedge.

In the higher yielding segment, we seek to stay diversified across corporate, securitised, and emerging market credit. Within high yield credit, we remain selective and mindful of liquidity conditions favoring senior secured bonds. In securitised credit, we continue to look for opportunities to add senior exposure to asset-backed securities.

Regional Exposure (by currency, Dur in Yrs)



## MONTH IN REVIEW

**Tech stocks led a broad market rally fueled by advancements in artificial intelligence, while bond indexes faced challenges as yields rose.** U.S. credit spreads tightened, and developed sovereign bond yields rose, while the dollar strengthened. In the U.S., the 10-year Treasury rose 34 basis points (bps) to 4.25% as unexpectedly resilient inflation and strong economic data challenged market expectations of rapid rate cuts. In Germany, the 10-year bond yield rose 25 bps to 2.41%. In the U.K., 10-year Gilt yields rose 33 bps to 4.12%, while 10-year Japanese government bond yields fell 2 bps to 0.71%.

Against this backdrop, performance was negative over the month. Within the higher quality portion of the portfolio, the fund's exposure to US duration detracted from performance as rates rose in this market. The fund's exposure to investment grade corporate credit contributed to performance, while Agency MBS slightly detracted over the month.

Within the higher yielding portion of the portfolio, the fund's exposure to high yield corporate credit and non-Agency MBS contributed to performance. Exposure to emerging markets through debt and currencies also moderately contributed to performance.

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Further disinflation and the potential for interest rate cuts later this year, in our view, raise the prospects for a soft landing. However, this is not to say that we believe that the path toward a soft landing is the only possible path. It is our view that the tighter-for-longer strategy that central banks have been communicating along with the strong possibility of stagnation in developed market supply and demand growth leave recession risks elevated.

Within the Income Strategy, we are focused on quality, diversification, and seniority in the capital structure. The strategy has an income-oriented approach that aims to be flexible and resilient in times of market volatility over the longer term.

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

Benchmark: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index hedged into AUD.

The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond 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. It is not possible to invest in an unmanaged index.

"Bend-but-not-break" refers to credits that PIMCO would not expect to default in a credit-stressed environment.

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