

Perpetual Income Opportunities Fund

Fund facts

APIR code	PER0436AU
Inception date ¹	March 2008
Benchmark	Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index +2% p.a. [^]
Size of Fund	\$228 million
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
Liquidity	Monthly withdrawals subject to restrictions, refer to PDS
Management fee*	0.50% as June 2025
Buy/Sell spread	0.00% / 0.00% as at September 2025
Risk Level ²	5 – Medium to High

*Additional fees and costs generally apply. Please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement for further details.

Investment objective

To provide income and moderate capital growth through investment in a diversified portfolio of corporate strategies, asset backed strategies and other investments consistent with the fund's investment approach. To outperform the Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index over rolling three-year periods by 2% per annum.

Investment approach

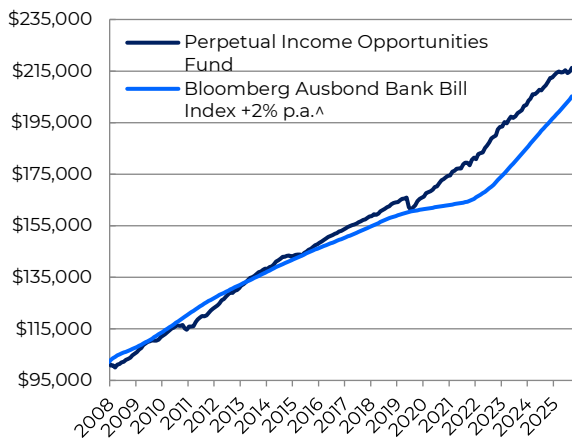
A multi-manager framework is utilised, where a diverse mix of Australian and international income investments are selected, combining different investment styles and philosophies to provide returns with low correlation to traditional fixed income markets. Derivatives and currency hedging strategies may also be used in managing the portfolio.

Investment strategy

The Income Opportunities Fund is a floating rate non-investment grade multi-strategy credit fund, investing in corporate, asset backed and diversifying strategies. The non-investment grade market is becoming more efficient, and spreads are getting tighter. Having said that, the yield is still attractive. We acknowledge that there are risks to non-investment grade credit. To help mitigate this, we invest with managers that have diversified portfolios and in the worst case, have the ability to lead a workout.

To supplement that yield, the Fund invests in asset backed strategies such as speciality finance. We may have to take a higher risk here to achieve the appropriate return, but we are comforted by the strategy's high velocity of capital.

Growth of \$100,000 since inception (net of fees)³



Source: State Street.

Net performance

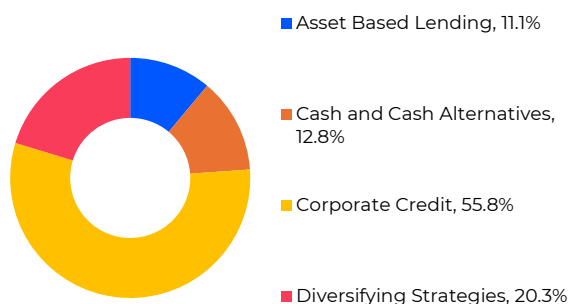
As at June 2026

Returns ³	1M	3M	1YR	3YR	5YR	S/I*
Total return	0.7%	0.5%	3.3%	4.5%	4.6%	4.4%
Growth return	0.7%	0.5%	0.1%	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.1%
Distribution return	-0.0%	-0.0%	3.2%	4.5%	5.1%	4.5%
Benchmark	0.6%	1.6%	5.9%	6.3%	4.8%	4.1%
Excess Return	0.1%	-1.1%	-2.7%	-1.8%	-0.2%	0.3%

Source: State Street. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. *Since Inception.

Portfolio exposure by asset allocation

As at June 2026



Source(s): State Street, PPIRT.

Holding information

As at June 2026

Top 10 Exposures ⁴	Asset Class	Weight
CVC Global Yield	Corporate Credit	20.2%
Clearmatch Insurance Premium Funding	Diversifying Strategies	9.5%
Perpetual Credit Income Fund	Corporate Credit	7.9%
LCP Insurance Linked Securities Fund - AUD Class	Diversifying Strategies	7.2%
Kapstream Private Investment Fund	Asset Based Lending	4.7%
Invesco Credit Partners Fund II	Corporate Credit	4.0%
Golub Business Development Company 4 (GBDC 4)	Corporate Credit	3.3%
Nuveen Asia Pacific Cities Fund	Asset Based Lending	3.2%
Pemberton European Strategic Credit Opportunities Fund II	Corporate Credit	3.1%
Pemberton European Strategic Credit Opportunities Fund	Corporate Credit	2.3%
Total Top 10 Holdings %		65.3%

Source(s): State Street, PPIRT.

Cash Level & Leverage	Weight
Cash(AUD) ⁵	8.76%
Leverage ratio ⁶	1.01
Maturity profile: As at 30 June 2026 the Fund has no direct gearing liabilities. Liabilities are generally paid within 30 days of the invoice date.	

Investment characteristics

As at June 2026

Sector	Geographic Location		Market Type ⁷		
	ONSHORE	OFFSHORE	LISTED	TRADED	PRIVATE
Asset-Backed Strategies	42%	58%	0%	0%	100%
Corporate Strategies	15%	85%	0%	16%	84%
Other Defensive Alternatives	83%	17%	0%	36%	64%
Total	34%	66%	0%	18%	82%
FX Hedge Level	91%				

Source(s): State Street, PPIRT.

Market Commentary

Artificial intelligence has dominated market attention for some time, and its impact on debt markets has been just as pronounced. AI-related debt issuance has grown so rapidly it now rivals the size of Australia's total government debt, with Pitchbook estimating more than US\$250 billion of issuance in the past six months alone. Much of that has been raised to fund the US\$600–700 billion in capital expenditure expected from the hyperscalers in 2026, with a significant portion flowing into the investment-grade market and the remainder into private markets.

Our portfolio holds no dedicated AI exposure. We have some indirect exposure through the asset-backed allocations within our insurance side-car investments (arrangements that share in the returns and risks of an insurer's underlying policies), as well as through AI-related companies held within our collateralised loan obligations (CLOs) and broadly syndicated loans. Overall, that exposure is small. The Investment Team is seeing opportunities emerge in the space and may look to build a larger position where the return adequately compensates for the risk.

US and European direct lending drew less attention this quarter than last, though deal flow remains a concern as private equity exits and sponsor-to-sponsor sales stay subdued. One notable development has been the limited take-up of private debt continuation funds alongside a rise in private debt secondary activity. Both improve liquidity in these markets, though they are also a symptom of slower principal repayments. That slowdown in private equity activity has fed through to higher defaults across both direct lending and broadly syndicated loans, and to longer holding periods for direct lending funds.

Broadly syndicated loans (pools of large corporate loans traded among institutional investors) posted a positive result for the quarter, reversing the losses of the March quarter to finish the first half in positive territory. Performance over the past twelve months has nonetheless been disappointing, with most of the losses stemming from concerns around software borrowers in late 2025 and early 2026. The outlook is improving, however, as US loan defaults have stabilised and liability management exercises, so-called "LMEs", have fallen. A more benign default environment combined with a reasonable spread over the swap rate makes the asset a good parking spot for medium term liquidity.

Our other liquid holdings, spanning Australian floating-rate investment-grade credit, catastrophe bonds and insurance premium funding, continued to perform well, outperforming the broadly syndicated loan market by a comfortable margin. These have been valuable diversifiers alongside our direct lending and broadly syndicated loan exposures.

More information

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1) Fund commenced in March 2008 with performance reporting from 30 June 2008 once the fund had made an investment. The fund was opened to external investors in June 2009. 2) Negative annual returns expected in 3 to less than 4 years over any 20 year period. 3) Total returns have been calculated using exit prices after taking into account Perpetual's ongoing fees and assuming reinvestment of distributions (where applicable). No allowance has been made for contribution fees, withdrawal fees or taxation. 4) Top 10 externally managed exposures. 5) The difference between 'Cash (AUD)' and 'Cash and Cash Alternatives' (as per the Portfolio exposure by asset allocation) represents offshore currencies held for transactional purposes. 6) The leverage ratio is provided as required by ASIC Regulatory Guide 240. Please note that this is look-through leverage of the Fund based on the leverage of the underlying absolute return managers. The Fund itself will not borrow or apply gearing in the ordinary course of business. 7) Market type data is estimation only, provided by the Perpetual Private research team.

^ The fund's benchmark from inception to 31/05/2023 was the Bloomberg Australian Bank Bill Index + 1% pa. Effective from 01/06/2023, the benchmark has been changed to the Bloomberg Australian Bank Bill Index + 2% pa. Historical performance captures the prior benchmark until the effective date of the new benchmark being implemented.

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