

Mutual Credit Fund (MCF)

Fund Report | 31 December 2024



Mutual Limited

Performance

	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	2 Yr *	3 Yr *	Incep. *
Fund Net Return	2.02	3.88	8.37	8.15	5.62	4.39
AusBond Bank Bill Index	1.12	2.24	4.47	4.18	3.19	2.01
Relative Performance	0.90	1.64	3.90	3.97	2.43	2.38

*Returns greater than 1 year are per annum

Gross Running Yield

7.06%

Risk Profile



Low-Medium

Key Facts

Fund Objective

To source and actively manage a portfolio of fixed interest credit assets across APRA regulated institutions, corporate and structured assets. Targeted portfolio construction is to hold assets with a shorter credit duration to ameliorate periods when risk assets sell-off.

Benchmark Index

AusBond Bank Bill Index

Inception Date

February 2020

APIR/ISIN

PRM8256AU/AU60PRM82564

Distribution

Quarterly

Buy/Sell Spread

Nil / Nil

Minimum Investment

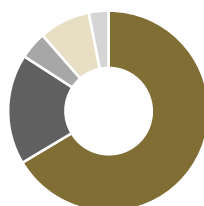
\$20,000 (\$1 via IDPS)

Ratings

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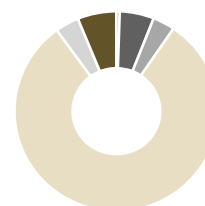
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Portfolio Allocation



- APRA Regulated
- RMBS
- ABS
- Corporate
- Cash and Short Term

Rating Exposure



- AAA
- AA
- A
- BBB
- BB
- Unrated

Monthly Commentary

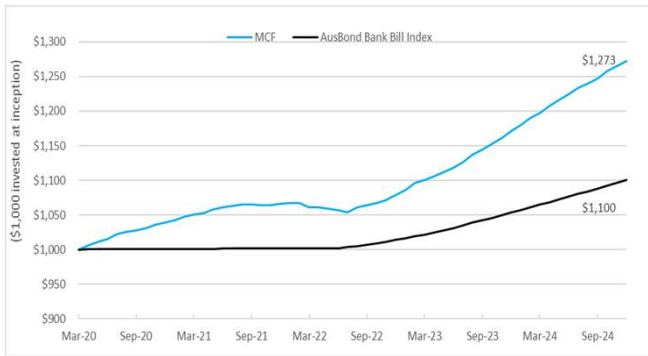
MCF returned 0.60% (net) in December. The 6 month net return was 3.88% and the 12 month net return was 8.37% at the end of December. Over the past 12 months the fund has returned 3.90% above the Ausbond Bank Bill Index, versus a target of 2.20%.

The December narrative contained a mix of caution (looming trade wars, Fed & RBA uncertainty) and optimism (US growth policies). In the end, caution generally prevailed given gains already in the tin for stocks with investors taking some risk off the table into year end. In local data, the Australian economy almost stalled in Q3, with GDP printing at +0.3%, a modest +0.1% improvement on Q2. The annual figure slipped to +0.8% YoY, the lowest annual run rate since the early 1990's. The unemployment rate slipped to 3.9% vs 4.1% previously and consensus expectations of 4.2%.

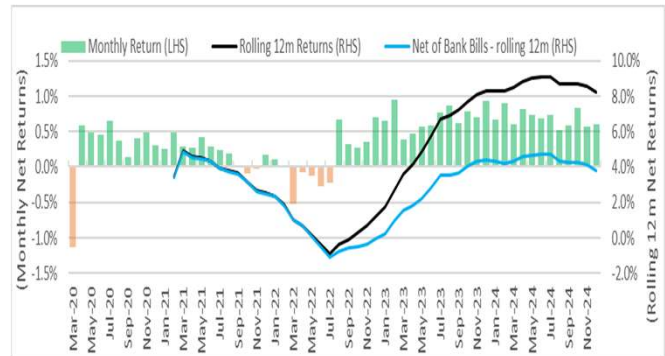
The next RBA meeting is February 17th, with consensus for the board to leave rates unchanged. The market has assigned some probability to a cut, however we will need to wait for Q4 CPI data due at the end of January. While the expectation is for the headline number to print within the RBAs target range of 2 – 3%, the data is flattered by government energy rebates. We maintain a view for no change in policy until the second half of the year.

As the month progressed primary issuance moderated, although a little surprisingly new RMBS transactions priced much later into December than we expected. There were no benchmark A\$ senior deals issued through December, although CBA announced a new 5Y senior mandate on January 2nd, and NAB priced both senior and subordinated in the US market on January 6th. Credit spreads finished 2024 generally inside historical averages but well above historical lows. In the absence of any meaningful change in the supply demand dynamics for domestic credit, we expect 2025 to pick up on where we finished 2024, being a constructive backdrop for credit which will support fund returns.

Performance Comparison



Monthly Net Return



Portfolio Statistics

Running Yield	7.06%
Yield to Maturity	6.41%
APRA	70%
Structured	22%
Corporate	8%
Interest Duration	0.12 years
Credit Duration	2.39 years
Investment Grade	90%
Fund size	\$712.85m

Why Mutual?



Trusted Expertise

Highly experienced Australian investment manager specialising in cash, credit, and fixed income investments.



Capital Stability with Regular Income

Our defensive investment approach prioritises capital preservation and steady returns.



Daily Liquidity and Low Fees

Benefit from the accessibility of daily liquidity across all our Funds, along with a cost-effective fee structure.

Platform Availability

Asgard, BT Panorama, Centric, CFS, Hub24, Netwealth, Powerwrap



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