# **EDUCATION BOND FUND FACTS**

#### **31 DECEMBER 2024**

# FUTURITY DIVERSIFIED ACTIVE - RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT - 2 (Pendal Sustainable Balanced Fund)

Fund Code	DA	10	Inception date	31 August 2022
Futurity APIR Code		8419AU	Total Management Fee <sup>1</sup>	1.39%
Category	Oth	er Diversified Active Range	Buy/Sell Spread	0.14% / 0.14%
Investment Style	Act	ve	Underlying strategy APIR co	ode BTA0122AU
UMF PDS available at	per	ndalgroup.com	Suggested Minimum	Five years
Asset Allocation Aust. Shares International Shares Aust. Fixed Interest International Fixed Interest Aust. Property Securities Int. Property Securities Alternative Investments Cash	26.0% 34.0% 8.0% 7.0% 3.0% 2.0% 15.0% 5.0%		<b>Investment Risk Rating*</b> Medium to High – 5	tow to Medium to high network

#### Investment Objective, Strategy and Benchmark

To outperform (before fees and tax) the Investment Option's Performance Benchmark – a weighted average mix of market indices relevant to the Option's long-term strategic asset allocation. It may invest in one or multiple UMFs and/or directly invest in Authorised Investments to have an actively managed growth portfolio whilst adopting a lens based on social, environmental, ethical, responsible investing and financial credentials.

<sup>1.</sup> Total Management Fees is provided on an after-taxation basis and comprised of the Futurity Management Fees and UMF Investment Fees (includes the estimated UMF indirect costs) – see 'Fees and Other Costs' – Part A of PDS.

<sup>2</sup> Longer investment timeframes maximise the benefits of investment compounding, especially for medium and higher taxed investors doing this under an Education Bond's Tax-Paid investment structure. Education Bonds also have an 'Investment Bond 10-Year Advantage' meaning the benefits of Tax-Free access to your Bond after 10 years from its Commencement Date, subject to certain conditions as explained in Part A of our PDS.

\* Performance is measured by Investment Option price movements (after Tax and Management fees). It is quoted using the sell (exit) price and is net of all portfolio taxes, management fees, and fund expenses, however does not take into account any stamp duty, transaction costs and management fee rebates. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

# **ABOUT THE INVESTMENT MANAGER**

#### Pendal Institutional Limited

Pendal Institutional Limited (Pendal) is an independent, global investment manager focused on delivering superior investment returns for its clients through active management.



Pendal offers investors a range of Australian and international investment choices including shares, property securities, fixed income and cash strategies, as well as multi-asset and responsible investments. To complement its in-house expertise, Pendal also partners with leading global investment managers.

Pendal operates a multi-boutique style business across a global marketplace through a meritocratic investment-led culture. Its experienced, long-tenured fund managers have the autonomy to offer a broad range of investment strategies with high conviction based on an investment philosophy that fosters success from a diversity of insights and investment approaches.

Pendal's investment teams are supported by a strong operational platform across risk and compliance, sales, and marketing and operations, allowing fund managers to focus on generating returns for Pendal's clients.

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### **PERFORMANCE HISTORY**

#### Futurity Diversified Active – Responsible Investment – 2 at 31 December 2024<sup>3</sup>

1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs
-0.85%	0.62%	4.13%	6.75%	6.23%	n/a	n/a

<sup>3</sup> Other costs relating to the operation of the Investment Option can be charged directly to the Investment Option or reimbursed to Futurity if paid by the Management Fund e.g. acquisition, disposal, valuation and transaction costs, such as brokerage, state duty, insurance, custody, as well as auditor, actuary and legal fees. They are reflected in the Unit Price and capped to a maximum of 0.1% pa, with any excess absorbed by the Management Fund.

 $^{n/\alpha}$  As these Investment Options have only recently been established, no return data is available.

## **GENERAL MARKET UPDATE**

Over the December 2024 quarter, investment markets have been driven by central bank interest rate adjustments, persistent inflation trends, rising bond yields, mixed equity market performance, economic indicators showing contraction, and political tensions impacting investor sentiment.

The December 2024 quarter saw mixed performances in global markets. Global equities rose, with the MSCI World index up 1.9% hedged to AUD and 12.1% unhedged to AUD, while emerging market equities rose by 3.0%.

Developed market bond yields increased, reflecting a shift in investor sentiment. The Federal Reserve's slower-than-expected rate-cutting cycle and political tensions in the U.S. contributed to market volatility.

In the U.S., 10-year Treasury yields rose to near 4.6%, nearing their annual peak. Rising yields negatively impacted bond

performance, particularly long-duration U.S. Treasuries, which saw a sharp decline.

Central banks made several policy adjustments: the Federal Reserve reduced its policy rate by 25 basis points to 4.5%, the European Central Bank cut its rate to 3%, and the Bank of Canada reduced its rate by 50 basis points to 3.25%. The Reserve Bank of Australia maintained its cash rate at 4.35%.

Australian equities fell by 0.8%, with the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index lagging the S&P 500.

The Australian dollar depreciated against the U.S. dollar, with the AUD/USD ending the quarter 0.62. The Judo Bank Australia Manufacturing PMI indicated continued contraction, and consumer confidence declined.

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A copy of the PDS is available on the website. We also have a range of information on our website for you to access including:

- Cost of education calculator
- Financial Adviser calculator
- Market Insights

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