

# **Bentham Asset Management Managed Trusts**

## **Annual Financial Report for the**

### **Year Ended 30 June 2025**

This annual financial report covers the following Bentham Asset Management Pty Limited managed Trusts as individual entities:

**Bentham Global Income Fund NZD**

ARSN 165 696 417

**Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD**

ARSN 165 696 300

**Bentham Global Opportunities Fund**

ARSN 623 308 841

**Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund**

ARSN 622 644 866

**Bentham Defensive Income Fund**

ARSN 649 969 540

The Responsible Entity of the above mentioned Trusts is Fidante Partners Limited (ABN 94 002 835 592) (AFSL 234 668).

The registered office of the Responsible Entity is Level 2, 5 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000.

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## Directors' report

The Directors of Fidante Partners Limited, the Responsible Entity of the below listed Trusts (the Trusts), present their report together with the annual general purpose financial reports for the Trusts for the year ended 30 June 2025.

- Bentham Global Income Fund NZD
- Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD
- Bentham Global Opportunities Fund
- Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund
- Bentham Defensive Income Fund

The Trusts are Australian Registered Managed Investment Schemes. Fidante Partners Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Trusts, is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The registered office of the Responsible Entity is Level 2, 5 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000.

### Directors

The following persons held office as Directors of Fidante Partners Limited during the year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

A Bofinger	Director	
A Judin	Director	
J O'Keeffe	Director	(Resigned 31 January 2025)
E Reedman	Director	(Appointed 31 January 2025)
V Rodriguez	Director	
T Roxburgh	Director	

### Principal activities and significant changes in the state of affairs

The Asset Manager of the Trusts is Bentham Asset Management Pty Limited (the Asset Manager).

The principal activity of the Trusts during the year was to invest in accordance with the provisions of the Trusts' governing documents. The individual investment strategies of the above mentioned Trusts are:

## Directors' report (continued)

Trust name	Investment Strategy
Bentham Global Income Fund NZD	The Trust invests in unlisted unit trusts and derivatives. The unlisted unit trust is the Bentham Global Income Fund (the underlying trust).
Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD	The Trust invests in unlisted unit trusts and derivatives. The unlisted unit trust is the Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund (the underlying trust).
Bentham Global Opportunities Fund	The Trust invests in global credit markets and adding value through actively managing allocations across different credit sectors, adapting the Trust's credit exposure to suit market conditions across the credit cycle.
Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	The Trust invests in global securitised credit securities, derivatives and cash equivalents.
Bentham Defensive Income Fund	The Trust invests in different credit sectors and trades in individual securities while managing its interest and currency risk.

During the year, the Trusts' investment administration function transferred from Artega Investment Administration Pty Ltd to State Street Global Advisors.

There were no other significant changes in the nature of the Trusts' activities or to the state of affairs of the Trusts during the year.

## Operating and financial review

The results of the operations of the Trusts for the year include the distributions paid and payable on a cents per unit (CPU) basis. The CPU represents the distribution paid by the Trusts to unitholders for each individual unit held in the Trusts.

The table below shows historical discrete annual return performance of the Trusts for the past two years. Performance is calculated after all fees, except any entry fees that have been deducted, and assumes that all distributions were reinvested during that year. The total return is the aggregate of capital growth and distribution of income.

The Indirect Cost Ratio (ICRs) represent the annualised percentage of indirect costs incurred by the Trusts over the Trusts' average net assets attributable to unitholders for the year.

## Directors' report (continued)

The results of the Trusts were as follows:

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
For the year ended 30 June	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Net profit/(loss) before finance costs for the year attributable to unitholders	4,044	9,957	2,801	4,530	29,911	47,305	19,684	18,353
Distributions paid and payable	2,336	7,282	3,495	4,630	23,650	44,730	13,916	18,343

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
	2025	2024
For the year ended 30 June	\$'000	\$'000
Net profit/(loss) before finance costs for the year attributable to unitholders	4,245	3,351
Distributions paid and payable	3,033	2,157

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD Class A		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD Class A		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class A		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class F	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
For the year ended 30 June								
Capital growth (%)	0.94	2.28	(1.54)	(0.03)	1.55	0.56	2.25	(1.98)
Distribution of income (%)	6.00	7.92	7.94	10.57	7.17	9.99	7.19	12.31
<b>Total return (%)</b>	<b>6.94</b>	<b>10.20</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>10.54</b>	<b>8.72</b>	<b>10.55</b>	<b>9.44</b>	<b>10.33</b>
ICR (%)	0.77	0.77	0.84	0.84	1.06	1.44	0.55	0.55
Distributions paid and payable (CPU)	4.88	6.65	5.42	7.59	7.07	9.84	6.42	11.26

## Directors' report (continued)

	Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class I		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund Class F		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund Class I		Bentham Defensive Income Fund Class A	
For the year ended 30 June	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Capital growth (%)	1.42	(1.32)	2.52	0.48	2.19	0.33	2.31	3.57
Distribution of income (%)	7.13	11.17	5.55	8.45	5.55	8.33	5.06	5.26
<b>Total return (%)</b>	<b>8.55</b>	<b>9.85</b>	<b>8.07</b>	<b>8.93</b>	<b>7.74</b>	<b>8.66</b>	<b>7.37</b>	<b>8.83</b>
ICR (%)	1.05	1.05	—	—	0.35	0.35	0.40	0.30
Distributions paid and payable (CPU)	6.24	9.91	5.15	7.83	5.21	7.83	4.91	4.87

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund Class I	
For the year ended 30 June	2025	2024
Capital growth (%)	2.30	3.34
Distribution of income (%)	5.04	5.29
<b>Total return (%)</b>	<b>7.34</b>	<b>8.63</b>
ICR (%)	0.30	0.40
Distributions paid and payable (CPU)	4.40	4.41

The indirect costs can include management costs and other costs as indicated in the Trusts' governing documents. Indirect costs may also include performance fees if permitted by the Trusts' governing documents. These costs are typically deducted from the Trusts' assets rather than paid directly by the unitholders of the Trusts.

The fluctuation in the ICR for each class is a result of performance fees incurred as follows:

		Performance Fees	
For the year ended 30 June		2025	2024
Trust name	Class	%	%
Bentham Global Opportunities Fund	Class A	0.36	0.74

Other classes of units not shown above are not subject to performance fees.

## **Directors' report (continued)**

### **Significant events after the balance date**

At the date of this financial report, no matter or circumstance has arisen that has affected, or may significantly affect the Trusts' operations, the results of those operations or the Trusts' state of affairs in future financial years, which has not already been reflected in this report.

### **Likely developments and expected results**

At the time the Directors approved this report, they were not aware of any developments likely to have a significant effect upon the operations or the result of the Trusts in subsequent financial years, which have not been adequately dealt with in this report or in the financial report.

The Trusts will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the governing documents of the Trusts and in accordance with the provisions of the Trusts' Constitutions.

Further information on likely developments in the operations of the Trusts and the expected results of those operations have not been included in this report because the Responsible Entity believes it would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Trusts.

### **Indemnification and insurance of directors and officers**

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Trusts in regards to insurance cover provided to the officers of Fidante Partners Limited. So long as the officers of Fidante Partners Limited act in accordance with the Trusts' Constitutions and the Corporations Act 2001, the officers remain indemnified out of the assets of the Trusts against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Trusts. The auditors of the Trusts are in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Trusts.

### **Fees paid to and interests held in the Trusts by the Responsible Entity or its related entities**

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its related entities out of the Trusts' assets during the year are disclosed in note 12 to the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of Trusts' assets to the Directors of the Responsible Entity during the year.

Interests in the Trusts held by the Responsible Entity or its related entities as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in note 12 to the financial statements.

### **Interests in the Trusts**

The movement in units on issue in the Trusts during the year is disclosed in note 2 to the financial statements.

## **Directors' report (continued)**

### **Value of Trusts' assets**

The value of the Trusts' assets and liabilities are disclosed in the statements of financial position and derived using the basis set out in note 1.2 to the financial statements.

### **Environmental regulation and performance**

The operations of the Trusts are not subject to any particular or significant environmental regulations under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

### **Single set of financial reports**

The Trusts are entities of the kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Related Scheme Reports) Instrument 2015/839 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and in accordance with that Instrument, Trusts with a common Responsible Entity (or related Responsible Entities) can include their financial reports in adjacent columns in a single financial report.

### **Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars**

Unless otherwise stated, monetary amounts contained in this report and the financial report have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 under the option available to the Trusts under ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191.

### **Auditor's independence declaration**

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 10.



## Directors' report (continued)

### Authorisation

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Responsible Entity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A Judin', written over a circular stamp or seal.

**A Judin**  
**Director**

**Sydney**  
**22 September 2025**



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## **Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of Fidante Partners Limited**

For the following Bentham Asset Management Managed Trusts (the "Trusts"):

- Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund
- Bentham Defensive Income Fund
- Bentham Global Syndicated Loan Fund NZD
- Bentham Global Income Fund NZD
- Bentham Global Opportunities Fund

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of the above Trusts for the financial year ended 30 June 2025, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit;
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- c. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Chuang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Chuang  
Partner

22 September 2025

## Statements of comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June

	Notes	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Income</b>									
Interest income from financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss		—	350	—	—	220,908	180,071	33,590	25,593
Interest income from financial assets measured at amortised cost		35	46	38	43	1,522	3,094	1,859	1,347
Dividend income		—	—	—	—	414	370	—	—
Distribution income		2,119	5,906	3,231	3,837	14,411	24,287	—	—
Other operating income		316	751	369	371	2,372	2,468	—	—
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		1,835	2,954	(459)	167	77,982	(404,066)	6,217	7,291
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		66	976	(2)	502	(68,933)	412,284	453	(356)
<b>Total net income</b>		<b>4,371</b>	<b>10,983</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>4,920</b>	<b>248,676</b>	<b>218,508</b>	<b>42,119</b>	<b>33,875</b>
<b>Expenses</b>									
Management costs	12	317	748	368	380	3,315	4,436	294	206
Performance fees	12	—	—	—	—	51	15	—	—
Interest expense from financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss		—	257	—	—	213,825	163,931	21,956	15,263
Interest expense from financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		—	—	—	—	1,212	2,310	105	24
Transaction costs		—	—	—	—	218	329	72	22
Other expenses		10	21	8	10	144	182	8	7
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>327</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>218,765</b>	<b>171,203</b>	<b>22,435</b>	<b>15,522</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) before finance costs for the year attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>4,044</b>	<b>9,957</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>4,530</b>	<b>29,911</b>	<b>47,305</b>	<b>19,684</b>	<b>18,353</b>

## Statements of comprehensive income (continued)

For the year ended 30 June

	Notes	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Finance costs attributable to unitholders</b>									
Distributions to unitholders	3	—	—	—	—	(23,650)	(44,730)	(13,916)	(18,343)
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders	2	—	—	—	—	(6,261)	(2,575)	(5,768)	(10)
<b>Net profit/(loss) after finance costs for the year attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>4,044</b>	<b>9,957</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>4,530</b>	—	—	—	—
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>4,044</b>	<b>9,957</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>4,530</b>	—	—	—	—

## Statements of comprehensive income (continued)

For the year ended 30 June

	Notes	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Income</b>			
Interest income from financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss		8,530	5,444
Interest income from financial assets measured at amortised cost		486	319
Other operating income		9	—
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		1,808	1,904
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		138	38
<b>Total net income</b>		<b>10,971</b>	<b>7,705</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management costs	12	184	125
Interest expense from financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss		6,390	4,118
Interest expense from financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		28	2
Transaction costs		117	105
Other expenses		7	4
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>6,726</b>	<b>4,354</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) before finance costs for the year attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>4,245</b>	<b>3,351</b>
<b>Finance costs attributable to unitholders</b>			
Distributions to unitholders	3	(3,033)	(2,157)
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders	2	(1,212)	(1,194)
<b>Net profit/(loss) after finance costs for the year attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		—	—
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

The statements of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Statements of financial position

As at 30 June

		Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
		2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Assets</b>									
Cash and cash equivalents	13	962	2,099	1,971	2,260	37,480	55,881	39,015	18,201
Collateral and margin accounts		—	—	—	—	125,212	94,398	12,942	14,116
Receivables	4	188	497	303	400	61,836	11,651	8,888	2,156
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	33,299	72,020	43,401	44,490	399,115	384,236	231,297	218,266
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>34,449</b>	<b>74,616</b>	<b>45,675</b>	<b>47,150</b>	<b>623,643</b>	<b>546,166</b>	<b>292,142</b>	<b>252,739</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>									
Collateral and margin accounts		—	—	—	—	106,168	82,621	5,275	3,587
Distributions payable	3	171	455	261	391	8,813	20,185	1,381	6,834
Payables	8	27	90	34	35	70,991	12,907	7,606	484
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	6	44	926	55	539	103,277	90,815	9,362	4,976
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)</b>		<b>242</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>289,249</b>	<b>206,528</b>	<b>23,624</b>	<b>15,881</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders - Equity</b>	2	<b>34,207</b>	<b>73,145</b>	<b>45,325</b>	<b>46,185</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability</b>	2	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>334,394</b>	<b>339,638</b>	<b>268,518</b>	<b>236,858</b>

## Statements of financial position (continued)

As at 30 June

	Notes	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	13	5,481	3,684
Collateral and margin accounts		6,343	5,975
Receivables	4	2,373	475
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	62,046	46,127
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>76,243</b>	<b>56,261</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Collateral and margin accounts		2,764	1,518
Distributions payable	3	283	215
Payables	8	1,763	164
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	6	3,232	2,571
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)</b>		<b>8,042</b>	<b>4,468</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability</b>	2	<b>68,201</b>	<b>51,793</b>

The statements of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Statements of changes in unitholder funds

### For the year ended 30 June

The following Trusts are single or multi-class and respectively classify net assets attributable to unitholders as equity or liability as set out in note 2.

	Notes	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Classification of net assets attributable to unitholders as at 30 June</b>		<b>Equity</b>	<b>Equity</b>	<b>Equity</b>	<b>Equity</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>
<b>As at 1 July - Opening Balance</b>		<b>73,145</b>	<b>105,071</b>	<b>46,185</b>	<b>43,848</b>	<b>339,638</b>	<b>514,984</b>	<b>236,858</b>	<b>185,557</b>
Applications for units		7,333	15,028	253	1,855	47,805	14,500	27,664	53,808
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions		759	2,445	3,441	4,473	28,510	23,530	13,331	9,165
Redemptions of units		(49,234)	(51,594)	(4,545)	(3,469)	(87,820)	(215,951)	(15,103)	(11,682)
Distributions paid and payable	3	(2,336)	(7,282)	(3,495)	(4,630)	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders - Equity		4,044	9,957	2,801	4,530	—	—	—	—
Movement in foreign currency translation reserve - Equity		496	(480)	685	(422)	—	—	—	—
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability		—	—	—	—	6,261	2,575	5,768	10
<b>As at 30 June - Closing Balance</b>	2	<b>34,207</b>	<b>73,145</b>	<b>45,325</b>	<b>46,185</b>	<b>334,394</b>	<b>339,638</b>	<b>268,518</b>	<b>236,858</b>



## Statements of changes in unitholder funds (continued)

For the year ended 30 June

	Notes	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Classification of net assets attributable to unitholders as at 30 June</b>		<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>51,793</b>	<b>36,280</b>
Applications for units		12,705	12,833
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions		2,870	2,060
Redemptions of units		(379)	(574)
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability		1,212	1,194
<b>As at 30 June - Closing Balance</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>68,201</b>	<b>51,793</b>

The statements of changes in unitholder funds should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Statements of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June

		Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
	Notes	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>									
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		43,696	43,217	3,967	3,897	491,140	545,355	112,809	64,642
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(1,549)	(910)	(1,289)	(2,654)	(465,668)	(359,018)	(112,707)	(101,433)
Dividends received		—	—	—	—	371	314	—	—
Interest received		38	445	38	45	177,261	208,174	28,765	28,502
Distributions received		—	—	—	—	—	25,090	—	—
Other income received		26	51	27	30	986	355	22	12
Interest paid		—	(291)	—	—	(170,686)	(188,493)	(14,960)	(16,664)
Net management costs paid		(36)	(70)	(39)	(45)	(2,004)	(2,484)	(319)	(218)
Performance fees paid		—	—	—	—	(56)	(17)	—	—
Other expenses paid		—	—	—	—	(227)	(329)	(74)	(23)
<b>Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities</b>	13	<b>42,175</b>	<b>42,442</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>31,117</b>	<b>228,947</b>	<b>13,536</b>	<b>(25,182)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>									
Proceeds from applications by unitholders		7,384	15,057	255	1,853	42,298	14,500	27,617	53,753
Payments for redemptions by unitholders		(49,264)	(51,593)	(4,545)	(3,469)	(74,079)	(212,614)	(15,086)	(11,676)
Distributions paid		(1,861)	(5,921)	(184)	(246)	(6,512)	(11,401)	(6,038)	(3,267)
<b>Net cash inflows/(outflows) from financing activities</b>		<b>(43,741)</b>	<b>(42,457)</b>	<b>(4,474)</b>	<b>(1,862)</b>	<b>(38,293)</b>	<b>(209,515)</b>	<b>6,493</b>	<b>38,810</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(1,566)</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>(1,770)</b>	<b>(589)</b>	<b>(7,176)</b>	<b>19,432</b>	<b>20,029</b>	<b>13,628</b>

## Statements of cash flows (continued)

For the year ended 30 June

		Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Notes									
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		2,099	2,192	2,260	2,915	55,881	35,874	18,201	5,335
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		429	(78)	1,481	(66)	(11,225)	575	785	(762)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	13	<b>962</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>1,971</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>37,480</b>	<b>55,881</b>	<b>39,015</b>	<b>18,201</b>

## Statements of cash flows (continued)

For the year ended 30 June

	Notes	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		57,798	40,377
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(70,421)	(52,075)
Interest received		7,138	6,072
Other income received		20	5
Interest paid		(4,823)	(4,467)
Net management costs paid		(198)	(132)
Other expenses paid		(118)	(103)
<b>Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities</b>	13	<b>(10,604)</b>	<b>(10,323)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from applications by unitholders		12,686	12,828
Payments for redemptions by unitholders		(379)	(574)
Distributions paid		(95)	(53)
<b>Net cash inflows/(outflows) from financing activities</b>		<b>12,212</b>	<b>12,201</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>1,608</b>	<b>1,878</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		3,684	1,989
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		189	(183)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	13	<b>5,481</b>	<b>3,684</b>

The statements of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Notes to the financial statements

### 1. Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies

These financial statements cover the below listed Trusts (the Trusts) as individual entities. The Trusts are Australian registered managed investment schemes and were constituted on the below dates. The Trusts will terminate on the below dates unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Trusts' Constitutions:

Trust name	Constitution date	Termination date
Bentham Global Income Fund NZD	20 September 2013	20 September 2093
Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD	20 September 2013	20 September 2093
Bentham Global Opportunities Fund	8 June 2016	7 June 2096
Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	8 June 2016	8 June 2096
Bentham Defensive Income Fund	4 May 2021	3 May 2101

The financial report of the Trusts for the year ended 30 June 2025 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 22 September 2025.

The nature of the operating and principal activities of the Trusts are described in the Directors' report.

#### 1.1. Basis of preparation

##### Basis of preparation

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

The financial report is a general purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

Furthermore, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trusts are expected to generate sufficient funds to enable them to pay their debts as and when they fall due.

The Trusts are for-profit entities for the purposes of preparing financial statements.

The statements of financial position are presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and are not distinguished between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for investments in financial instruments, and in instances where a Trust treats unitholder funds as a liability, net assets attributable to unitholders. The amounts expected to be recovered or settled beyond twelve months after the end of each reporting period cannot be reliably determined. Bentham Global Income Fund NZD's and Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD's functional currency is New Zealand dollars and all amounts in the financial statements have been converted to the presentation currency in accordance with AASB 121 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates.

## 1. Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies (continued)

Unless stated otherwise, the financial report is presented in Australian dollars and has been prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities except where otherwise stated.

### Statement of compliance

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

### New accounting standards and interpretations

All new accounting standards that are applicable to the Trusts for the 30 June 2025 reporting period have been adopted and do not have a material impact on the financial statements.

There are no new accounting standards and interpretations that have been issued, but not yet effective, that are material to the financial statements or have been early adopted for the 30 June 2025 reporting period.

### Foreign currency

For Bentham Global Income Fund NZD and Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD, items included in these Trusts' financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the 'functional currency'). This is the New Zealand dollar, which reflects the currency of the economy in which Bentham Global Income Fund NZD and Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD compete for funds and are regulated. The Australian dollar is the Trusts' presentation currency.

Both the presentation currency and the functional currency of the other Trusts are Australian dollars.

Transactions in foreign currency are translated into the Trusts' functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated into Australian dollars at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the statements of financial position date.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the historical exchange rate as at the date of the transaction.

Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated to the functional currency using the exchange rate ruling at the date when the fair value was determined.

### Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at their respective functional currency spot rates at the date the transaction first qualifies for recognition.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency spot rate of exchange at the reporting date.

Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income.

## 1. Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies (continued)

### Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to any changes in presentation made in this financial report.

### Rounding of amounts

Unless otherwise stated, monetary amounts contained in this report and the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 under the option available to the Trusts under Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Corporations Instrument 2016/191.

### Including different registered scheme financial reports in a single document

The registered schemes have applied ASIC's Corporations Instrument 2015/839, which allows registered schemes with a common, or related, Responsible Entity to include their financial statements in adjacent columns in a single financial report.

## 1.2. Summary of material accounting policies

### Investment income and interest expense

Investment income may include net gains or losses from financial instruments. Where applicable, these net gains include all realised and unrealised fair value changes. Any foreign exchange differences, interest, dividends and distributions are recorded as separate line items in the statements of comprehensive income. Where applicable, interest income and interest expense are recognised using the effective interest method, and dividend and distribution income are recognised when the Trusts' right to receive payment is established.

The Trusts have not applied hedge accounting.

### Expenses

Expenses are recognised on an accrual basis at the fair value of the consideration paid or payable for services rendered.

Expenses may include management costs, operation costs and transaction costs. Management costs include management fees and recoverable expenses as permitted by the Trusts' governing documents. Expenses may also include performance fees if permitted by the Trusts' governing documents. Expenses are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income.

### Taxes

Under the current legislation, the Trusts are not subject to income tax as all assessable income, exempt income and non-assessable income will be attributed to unitholders under the AMIT regime.

Financial instruments at fair value may include unrealised capital gains. Should such a gain be realised, the portion of the gain that is subject to capital gains tax will be attributed so that the Trusts are not subject to capital gains tax.

## 1. Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies (continued)

Realised capital losses are not attributed to unitholders but are retained in the Trusts to be offset against any realised capital gains. If realised capital gains exceed realised capital losses, the excess is attributed to unitholders.

The benefit of imputation credits and foreign tax paid are passed on to unitholders.

The Trusts currently incur withholding tax on investment income imposed by certain countries. Such income is recorded gross of withholding tax in the statements of comprehensive income.

### Goods and services (GST)

The Trusts qualify for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at various applicable rates.

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except when the GST incurred on a sale or purchase of assets or services is not payable to or recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the revenue or the expense item or as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset, as applicable.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the statements of financial position. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

Cash flows are included in the statements of cash flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as part of operating cash flows.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and comprise of cash at bank, cash held with custodian and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. Cash and cash equivalents are recognised at fair value. For the purposes of the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are stated net of any outstanding bank overdrafts.

Payments and receipts relating to the purchase and sale of investment securities at fair value are classified as cash flows from operating activities, as movements in the fair value of these securities form a part of the Trusts' income generating activity.

### Collateral and margin accounts

Collateral and margin accounts represent short term investments which are not held for the purpose of meeting short term cash commitments. They may also include restricted deposits for derivative financial instruments and/or for securities sold short. Margin accounts represent cash deposits held by or due to brokers as collateral against open derivative contracts.

Collateral and margin accounts are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any expected credit losses.



## 1. Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies (continued)

### Financial instruments

#### *Classification*

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

#### *Recognition/derecognition*

The Trusts recognise financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognise changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date.

Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Trusts have transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

#### *Measurement*

At initial recognition, the Trusts measure financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in the statements of comprehensive income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value are presented in the statements of comprehensive income. For further details on how the fair values of financial instruments are determined please refer to note 11.

#### *Offsetting financial instruments*

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statements of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are categorised as financial assets - fair value through profit or loss. The classification depends on the definition and the purpose for which the investments were acquired. The classification of investments is determined at initial recognition and evaluated at each reporting date.

Purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the date on which the Trusts commit to purchase or sell the asset. A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or a part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised where the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, or the Trusts have transferred their rights to receive cash flows from the asset, or have assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a pass-through arrangement and the Trusts have:

- Transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset; or
- Neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but have transferred control of the asset.

## 1. Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies (continued)

### Financial assets measured at amortised cost

A debt instrument is measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. The Trusts include in this category short-term non-financing receivables including cash collateral posted on derivative contracts, accrued income and other receivables.

### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

The Trusts may make short sales in which a borrowed security is sold in anticipation of a decline in the market value of that security, or they may use short sales for various arbitrage transactions. Short sales are classified as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

Derivative contracts that have a negative fair value are presented as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Securities subject to repurchase agreements continue to be recognised in the statements of financial position as the risks and rewards of ownership remain within the investment portfolio. Collateral received is classified as 'Repurchase agreement bonds' and are accounted for as financial assets at fair value through profit and loss. Collateral provided is classified as 'Repurchase agreements' and are accounted for as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. The difference between the sale price and the repurchase price is charged to interest expense in the statements of comprehensive income using the effective interest rate method over the expected life of the agreements.

### Net assets attributable to unitholders

Units issued by the Trusts are redeemable for cash at the unitholders' option at any time based on the redemption price. The fair value of redeemable units are measured using the redemption unit price at the reporting date if unitholders were to exercise their right to redeem units in the Trusts.

Units are classified as equity when they satisfy the following criteria under AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation (AASB 132):

- the puttable financial instrument entitles the holder to a pro rata share of net assets in the event of the Trusts' liquidation;
- the puttable financial instrument is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments and class features are identical;
- the puttable financial instrument does not include any contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset, or to exchange financial instruments with another entity under potentially unfavourable conditions to the Trusts, and it is not a contract settled in the Trusts' own equity instruments; and
- the total expected cash flows attributable to the puttable financial instrument over the life are based substantially on the profit or loss and cannot be guaranteed.

As at 30 June 2025, unitholder funds are classified as equity when they satisfy all the criteria under AASB 132 and as a liability when they do not satisfy all the criteria under AASB 132.

### Use of estimates

The Trusts may hold financial instruments for which quoted market prices are readily available. The Trusts may also hold certain financial instruments, for example over-the-counter derivatives or unquoted securities, that are fair valued using valuation techniques. Where valuation techniques (for example, pricing models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel of the Responsible Entity, independent of the area that created them.

## 1. Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies (continued)

Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments. Models are calibrated by back testing to actual transactions to ensure that outputs are reliable.

## 2. Net assets attributable to unitholders

As stipulated in the Trusts' Constitutions, each unit represents a right to an individual share in the respective Trusts and does not extend to a right to the underlying assets of the Trusts.

The number of separate classes of units in the below listed Trusts are as follows.

Trust	Separate classes of units
Bentham Global Income Fund NZD	One
Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD	One
Bentham Global Opportunities Fund	Three
Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	Two
Bentham Defensive Income Fund	Two

Each unit in the Trust has the same rights, preferences and restrictions attaching to it as all other units of each respective Trust.

Applications received for units in the Trusts are recorded net of any entry fees payable prior to the issue of units in the Trusts. Redemptions from the Trusts are recorded gross of any exit fees payable after the cancellation of units redeemed.

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders. Where unitholder funds are classified as a liability, movements in net assets attributable to unitholders are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income as finance costs. Where unitholder funds are classified as equity, movements in net assets attributable to unitholders are recognised in the statements of changes in unitholder funds.

### Terms and conditions on units

Each unit issued confers upon the unitholder an equal interest in the Trusts, and is of equal value per class. A unit does not confer any interest in any particular asset or investment of the Trusts. Unitholders have various rights under the Constitution and the Corporations Act 2001, including the right to:

- have their units redeemed;
- receive income distributions;
- attend and vote at meetings of unitholders; and
- participate in the termination and winding up of the Trusts.

## 2. Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

Movements in the number of units and net assets attributable to unitholders during the year were as follows:

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD Class A		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD Class A		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class A		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class F	
Net assets attributable to unitholders	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000
<b>Classification of net assets attributable to unitholders as at 30 June</b>	<b>Equity</b>	<b>Equity</b>	<b>Equity</b>	<b>Equity</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>88,822</b>	<b>73,145</b>	<b>66,446</b>	<b>46,185</b>	<b>6,926</b>	<b>6,922</b>	<b>63,339</b>	<b>57,000</b>
Applications for units	8,710	7,333	362	253	22,159	23,101	14,902	14,132
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	906	759	4,963	3,441	66	67	329	302
Redemptions of units	(57,905)	(49,234)	(6,540)	(4,545)	(482)	(496)	(54,239)	(50,595)
Distributions paid and payable	—	(2,336)	—	(3,495)	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders - Equity	—	4,044	—	2,801	—	—	—	—
Movements in foreign currency translation - Equity	—	496	—	685	—	—	—	—
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability	—	—	—	—	—	(440)	—	1,654
<b>As at 30 June 2025 - Closing Balance</b>	<b>40,533</b>	<b>34,207</b>	<b>65,231</b>	<b>45,325</b>	<b>28,669</b>	<b>29,154</b>	<b>24,331</b>	<b>22,493</b>

## 2. Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

Net assets attributable to unitholders	Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class I		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund Class F		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund Class I		Bentham Defensive Income Fund Class A	
	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000
<b>Classification of net assets attributable to unitholders as at 30 June</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>313,292</b>	<b>275,716</b>	<b>171,361</b>	<b>163,574</b>	<b>75,883</b>	<b>73,284</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>1,321</b>
Applications for units	11,526	10,572	—	—	28,073	27,664	2,417	2,470
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	31,337	28,141	13,631	13,160	176	171	5	5
Redemptions of units	(40,008)	(36,729)	—	—	(15,371)	(15,103)	(373)	(379)
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability	—	5,047	—	4,230	—	1,538	—	26
<b>As at 30 June 2025 - Closing Balance</b>	<b>316,147</b>	<b>282,747</b>	<b>184,992</b>	<b>180,964</b>	<b>88,761</b>	<b>87,554</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>3,443</b>

Net assets attributable to unitholders	Bentham Defensive Income Fund Class I	
	No. '000	\$'000
<b>Classification of net assets attributable to unitholders as at 30 June</b>	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Liability</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>56,496</b>	<b>50,472</b>
Applications for units	11,143	10,235
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	3,146	2,865
Redemptions of units	—	—
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability	—	1,186
<b>As at 30 June 2025 - Closing Balance</b>	<b>70,785</b>	<b>64,758</b>

## 2. Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD Class A		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD Class A		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class A		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class F	
Net assets attributable to unitholders	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000
Classification of net assets attributable to unitholders as at 30 June	Equity	Equity	Equity	Equity	Liability	Liability	Liability	Liability
<b>As at 1 July 2023 - Opening Balance</b>	<b>129,379</b>	<b>105,071</b>	<b>62,496</b>	<b>43,848</b>	—	—	<b>93,282</b>	<b>85,785</b>
Applications for units	17,973	15,028	2,564	1,855	7,168	7,527	—	—
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	2,945	2,445	6,283	4,473	9	10	128	122
Redemptions of units	(61,475)	(51,594)	(4,897)	(3,469)	(251)	(268)	(30,071)	(28,628)
Distributions paid and payable	—	(7,282)	—	(4,630)	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders - Equity	—	9,957	—	4,530	—	—	—	—
Movements in foreign currency translation - Equity	—	(480)	—	(422)	—	—	—	—
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability	—	—	—	—	—	(347)	—	(279)
<b>As at 30 June 2024 - Closing Balance</b>	<b>88,822</b>	<b>73,145</b>	<b>66,446</b>	<b>46,185</b>	<b>6,926</b>	<b>6,922</b>	<b>63,339</b>	<b>57,000</b>

## 2. Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

	Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class I		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund Class F		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund Class I		Bentham Defensive Income Fund Class A	
Net assets attributable to unitholders	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000
Classification of net assets attributable to unitholders as at 30 June	Liability	Liability	Liability	Liability	Liability	Liability	Equity	Equity
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>480,423</b>	<b>429,199</b>	<b>146,346</b>	<b>138,945</b>	<b>48,455</b>	<b>46,612</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>562</b>
Applications for units	7,600	6,973	15,682	15,044	39,219	38,764	1,310	1,284
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	25,536	23,398	9,333	9,049	118	116	5	6
Redemptions of units	(200,267)	(187,055)	—	—	(11,909)	(11,682)	(574)	(574)
Distributions paid and payable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders - Equity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability	—	3,201	—	536	—	(526)	—	43
<b>As at 30 June 2024 - Closing Balance</b>	<b>313,292</b>	<b>275,716</b>	<b>171,361</b>	<b>163,574</b>	<b>75,883</b>	<b>73,284</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>1,321</b>

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund Class I	
Net assets attributable to unitholders	No. '000	\$'000
Classification of net assets attributable to unitholders as at 30 June	Liability	Liability
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>41,359</b>	<b>35,718</b>
Applications for units	12,816	11,549
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	2,321	2,054
Redemptions of units	—	—
Distributions paid and payable	—	—
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders - Equity	—	—
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability	—	1,151
<b>As at 30 June 2024 - Closing Balance</b>	<b>56,496</b>	<b>50,472</b>

## 2. Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Total net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>34,207</b>	<b>73,145</b>	<b>45,325</b>	<b>46,185</b>	<b>334,394</b>	<b>339,638</b>	<b>268,518</b>	<b>236,858</b>

  

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Total net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>68,201</b>	<b>51,793</b>

### Capital risk management

The Trusts consider their unitholder funds as capital. The amount of unitholder funds can change significantly as the Trusts are subject to applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders. Applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Trusts' underlying assets by the Responsible Entity. Under the terms of the Trusts' Constitutions, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust a redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders.

### Net realised capital losses

At the end of the reporting period, the Trusts had net realised capital losses available to offset against future net realised capital gains. Net realised capital losses are not finalised for taxation purposes, and may change due to calculation adjustment, denial, offset or recoupment and are as follows:

<b>As at 30 June</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Net realised capital losses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Bentham Global Income Fund NZD	3,258,294	2,047,914
Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD	2,550,340	2,608
Bentham Global Opportunities Fund	19,339,154	—
Bentham Defensive Income Fund	—	16,084,119

Trusts not mentioned above do not have net realised capital losses.



### 3. Distributions to unitholders

In accordance with the Trusts' Constitutions, the Trusts distribute income adjusted for amounts determined by the Responsible Entity to unitholders by cash or reinvestment. Where unitholder funds are classified as a liability, these distributions are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income as finance costs. Where unitholder funds are classified as equity, these distributions are recognised in the statements of changes in unitholder funds.

The distributions for the year are presented below in dollars (\$'000) and cents per unit (CPU) for each class.

### 3. Distributions to unitholders (continued)

Distributions	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD Class A		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD Class A		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class A		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class F	
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions paid - July 2024	363	0.41	352	0.53	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - August 2024	295	0.42	342	0.53	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - September 2024	175	0.43	335	0.51	141	1.51	739	1.37
Distributions paid - October 2024	175	0.42	322	0.49	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - November 2024	171	0.41	299	0.48	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - December 2024	176	0.42	288	0.46	162	1.47	548	1.34
Distributions paid - January 2025	174	0.41	286	0.45	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - February 2025	158	0.38	263	0.41	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - March 2025	158	0.38	253	0.39	191	1.50	477	1.36
Distributions paid - April 2025	160	0.39	249	0.39	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - May 2025	160	0.39	245	0.38	—	—	—	—
Distributions payable - June 2025	171	0.42	261	0.40	744	2.59	1,003	2.35
<b>Total distributions - 30 June 2025</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>4.88</b>	<b>3,495</b>	<b>5.42</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>7.07</b>	<b>2,767</b>	<b>6.42</b>
Distributions paid - July 2023	662	0.55	374	0.64	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - August 2023	620	0.51	388	0.60	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - September 2023	625	0.52	398	0.60	1	1.78	1,441	1.64
Distributions paid - October 2023	613	0.55	395	0.65	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - November 2023	614	0.54	374	0.64	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - December 2023	633	0.56	376	0.64	20	1.80	1,458	1.66
Distributions paid - January 2024	643	0.58	382	0.64	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - February 2024	637	0.57	389	0.65	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - March 2024	593	0.57	384	0.65	71	1.84	1,372	1.70
Distributions paid - April 2024	597	0.58	384	0.60	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid - May 2024	590	0.56	395	0.64	—	—	—	—
Distributions payable - June 2024	455	0.56	391	0.64	306	4.42	3,964	6.26
<b>Total distributions - 30 June 2024</b>	<b>7,282</b>	<b>6.65</b>	<b>4,630</b>	<b>7.59</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>9.84</b>	<b>8,235</b>	<b>11.26</b>

### 3. Distributions to unitholders (continued)

	Bentham Global Opportunities Fund Class I		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund Class F		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund Class I		Bentham Defensive Income Fund Class A	
Distributions	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions paid - July 2024	—	—	736	0.42	327	0.42	6	0.42
Distributions paid - August 2024	—	—	739	0.42	349	0.42	6	0.42
Distributions paid - September 2024	4,187	1.34	761	0.43	381	0.43	7	0.43
Distributions paid - October 2024	—	—	765	0.43	394	0.43	9	0.43
Distributions paid - November 2024	—	—	752	0.42	393	0.42	8	0.42
Distributions paid - December 2024	4,167	1.30	765	0.42	404	0.43	9	0.42
Distributions paid - January 2025	—	—	766	0.42	409	0.43	8	0.42
Distributions paid - February 2025	—	—	768	0.42	365	0.43	8	0.38
Distributions paid - March 2025	4,225	1.32	775	0.42	370	0.43	8	0.38
Distributions paid - April 2025	—	—	776	0.42	372	0.43	12	0.38
Distributions paid - May 2025	—	—	787	0.43	381	0.43	13	0.39
Distributions payable - June 2025	7,066	2.28	931	0.50	450	0.51	15	0.42
<b>Total distributions - 30 June 2025</b>	<b>19,645</b>	<b>6.24</b>	<b>9,321</b>	<b>5.15</b>	<b>4,595</b>	<b>5.21</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>4.91</b>
Distributions paid - July 2023	—	—	657	0.45	225	0.45	2	0.40
Distributions paid - August 2023	—	—	722	0.44	232	0.45	3	0.40
Distributions paid - September 2023	7,692	1.59	725	0.44	240	0.45	3	0.37
Distributions paid - October 2023	—	—	725	0.44	239	0.44	3	0.40
Distributions paid - November 2023	—	—	735	0.44	251	0.45	6	0.39
Distributions paid - December 2023	7,345	1.60	773	0.46	275	0.47	6	0.41
Distributions paid - January 2024	—	—	800	0.48	286	0.48	7	0.42
Distributions paid - February 2024	—	—	804	0.48	324	0.48	7	0.42
Distributions paid - March 2024	5,145	1.64	802	0.47	356	0.48	7	0.42
Distributions paid - April 2024	—	—	812	0.48	365	0.48	7	0.42
Distributions paid - May 2024	—	—	802	0.47	359	0.48	5	0.41
Distributions payable - June 2024	15,915	5.08	4,770	2.78	2,064	2.72	6	0.41
<b>Total distributions - 30 June 2024</b>	<b>36,097</b>	<b>9.91</b>	<b>13,127</b>	<b>7.83</b>	<b>5,216</b>	<b>7.83</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4.87</b>

### 3. Distributions to unitholders (continued)

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund Class I	
Distributions	\$'000	CPU
Distributions paid - July 2024	220	0.37
Distributions paid - August 2024	230	0.37
Distributions paid - September 2024	249	0.38
Distributions paid - October 2024	258	0.39
Distributions paid - November 2024	252	0.38
Distributions paid - December 2024	257	0.38
Distributions paid - January 2025	256	0.38
Distributions paid - February 2025	230	0.34
Distributions paid - March 2025	233	0.34
Distributions paid - April 2025	233	0.34
Distributions paid - May 2025	238	0.35
Distributions payable - June 2025	268	0.38
<b>Total distributions - 30 June 2025</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>4.40</b>
Distributions paid - July 2023	150	0.36
Distributions paid - August 2023	151	0.36
Distributions paid - September 2023	160	0.37
Distributions paid - October 2023	158	0.36
Distributions paid - November 2023	155	0.35
Distributions paid - December 2023	161	0.36
Distributions paid - January 2024	168	0.38
Distributions paid - February 2024	168	0.38
Distributions paid - March 2024	202	0.37
Distributions paid - April 2024	205	0.38
Distributions paid - May 2024	208	0.37
Distributions payable - June 2024	209	0.37
<b>Total distributions - 30 June 2024</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>4.41</b>

### 3. Distributions to unitholders (continued)

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Total distributions paid and payable - 30 June</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>7,282</b>	<b>3,495</b>	<b>4,630</b>	<b>23,650</b>	<b>44,730</b>	<b>13,916</b>	<b>18,343</b>

  

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Total distributions paid and payable - 30 June</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>2,157</b>

The component of the final distribution for the year which was unpaid at the reporting date is shown in the statements of financial position.

### 4. Receivables

Receivables may include GST RITC, application monies, interest, dividends, trust distributions and other income accrued and unsettled trade purchases. They are recognised when the right to receive payment is established and are generally recovered within 30 days. The Trusts measure expected credit losses on a 12-month basis. Given the nature of the Trusts' receivables and the limited exposure of the Trusts to credit risk, no material expected credit losses have been recognised.

Amounts recoverable from related entities have no fixed repayment term and are non-interest-bearing.

All receivables are considered current.

#### 4. Receivables (continued)

		Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
As at 30 June	Note	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Application for units receivable		8	59	—	2	5,507	—	116	69
Amounts due from the Responsible Entity	12	23	52	30	31	131	148	—	—
Distributions receivable		152	371	263	357	1,144	1,615	—	—
GST receivable		4	11	7	7	60	63	6	5
Interest receivable		1	4	3	3	54,994	9,825	8,766	2,082
<b>Total receivables</b>		<b>188</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>61,836</b>	<b>11,651</b>	<b>8,888</b>	<b>2,156</b>

		Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
As at 30 June		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Application for units receivable		24	5
GST receivable		3	2
Interest receivable		2,346	468
<b>Total receivables</b>		<b>2,373</b>	<b>475</b>

## 5. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
As at 30 June	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Derivatives</b>								
Credit default swaps	—	—	—	—	528	1,251	—	—
Cross currency swaps	—	—	—	—	—	697	—	174
Exchange traded options	—	—	—	—	192	271	—	—
Forward currency contracts	60	565	82	116	287	59	82	1,051
Index credit default swaps	—	—	—	—	2,786	3,488	—	—
Interest rate swaps	—	—	—	—	51,218	33,178	4,427	1,217
Overnight indexed swaps	—	—	—	—	43,428	58,865	529	31
Swaptions	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
Total return swaps	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—
<b>Total derivatives</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>98,443</b>	<b>97,834</b>	<b>5,038</b>	<b>2,473</b>
<b>Unlisted unit trusts</b>								
Unlisted unit trusts	33,239	71,455	43,319	44,374	188,841	200,609	—	—
<b>Total unlisted unit trusts</b>	<b>33,239</b>	<b>71,455</b>	<b>43,319</b>	<b>44,374</b>	<b>188,841</b>	<b>200,609</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Debt securities</b>								
Agency bonds	—	—	—	—	14,242	—	—	—
Asset-backed securities	—	—	—	—	1,916	6,224	2,952	6,549
Collateralised loan obligations	—	—	—	—	1,532	5,471	77,923	109,155
Corporate bonds	—	—	—	—	13,994	27,364	2,366	—
Exchange traded funds	—	—	—	—	7,265	6,773	—	—
Floating rate notes	—	—	—	—	38,466	26,981	—	—
Mortgage-backed securities	—	—	—	—	—	982	143,018	100,089
Semi-government bonds	—	—	—	—	20,242	3,489	—	—
Straight repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	12,125	8,509	—	—
Supranational bonds	—	—	—	—	2,049	—	—	—
<b>Total debt securities</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>111,831</b>	<b>85,793</b>	<b>226,259</b>	<b>215,793</b>

## 5. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
As at 30 June	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>33,299</b>	<b>72,020</b>	<b>43,401</b>	<b>44,490</b>	<b>399,115</b>	<b>384,236</b>	<b>231,297</b>	<b>218,266</b>

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
As at 30 June	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Derivatives</b>		
Cross currency swaps	44	28
Exchange traded options	28	36
Forward currency contracts	15	244
Index credit default swaps	33	48
Interest rate swaps	1,621	503
Overnight indexed swaps	156	20
<b>Total derivatives</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>879</b>
<b>Debt securities</b>		
Agency bonds	9,328	496
Asset-backed securities	526	1,345
Collateralised loan obligations	6,128	10,146
Corporate bonds	1,090	5,607
Floating rate notes	3,046	5,563
Government bonds	1,702	896
Mortgage-backed securities	22,443	20,696
Semi-government bonds	11,951	499
Supranational bonds	3,935	—
<b>Total debt securities</b>	<b>60,149</b>	<b>45,248</b>
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>62,046</b>	<b>46,127</b>



## 5. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

Bentham Global Income Fund NZD's investment in unlisted unit trusts at year end consisted of an investment in Bentham Global Income Fund as disclosed in note 12.

Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD's and Bentham Global Opportunities Fund's investment in unlisted unit trusts at year end consisted of an investment in Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund as disclosed in note 12.

An overview of the risk exposures and fair value measurements relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is included in notes 10 and 11 respectively.

## 6. Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

As at 30 June	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Derivatives</b>								
Credit default swaps	—	—	—	—	2,782	3,991	—	—
Cross currency swaps	—	—	—	—	6,113	3,035	4,623	3,151
Exchange traded options	—	—	—	—	51	56	—	—
Forward currency contracts	44	926	55	539	1,182	1,019	967	12
Index credit default swaps	—	—	—	—	11,099	6,846	—	—
Interest rate swaps	—	—	—	—	28,953	19,345	3,493	1,668
Overnight indexed swaps	—	—	—	—	40,947	47,744	279	145
<b>Total derivatives</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>91,127</b>	<b>82,036</b>	<b>9,362</b>	<b>4,976</b>
<b>Debt securities</b>								
Collateralised loan obligations	—	—	—	—	—	195	—	—
Straight repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	12,150	8,584	—	—
<b>Total debt securities</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12,150</b>	<b>8,779</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>103,277</b>	<b>90,815</b>	<b>9,362</b>	<b>4,976</b>

## 6. Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

As at 30 June	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Derivatives</b>		
Credit default swaps	136	149
Cross currency swaps	1,666	1,377
Exchange traded options	7	9
Forward currency contracts	159	88
Index credit default swaps	209	108
Interest rate swaps	924	795
Overnight indexed swaps	131	45
<b>Total derivatives</b>	<b>3,232</b>	<b>2,571</b>
<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>3,232</b>	<b>2,571</b>

An overview of the risk exposures and fair value measurements relating to financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss is included in notes 10 and 11 respectively.

## 7. Derivative financial instruments

In the normal course of business, the Trusts enter into transactions in various derivative financial instruments which have certain risks. A derivative is a financial instrument or other contract which is settled at a future date and whose value changes in response to the change in a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index or other variable.

Derivative financial instruments require no initial net investment or an initial net investment that is smaller than would be required for other types of contracts that would be expected to have a similar response to changes in market factors.

Derivatives are considered to be part of the investment process and the use of derivatives is an essential part of the Trusts' portfolio management. Derivatives are not managed in isolation. Consequently, the use of derivatives is multifaceted and includes:

- hedging to protect an asset or liability of the Trusts against a fluctuation in market values or to reduce volatility;
- a substitution for trading of physical securities; and
- adjusting asset exposures within the parameters set in the investment strategies, and adjusting the duration of fixed interest portfolios or the weighted average maturity of cash portfolios.

## 7. Derivative financial instruments (continued)

While derivatives are used for trading purposes, they are not used to gear a portfolio. Gearing a portfolio would occur if the level of exposure to the markets exceeds the underlying value of the Trusts.

The Trusts hold the following derivative instruments:

### **Credit default swaps**

A credit default swap is a credit derivative used to hedge credit risk or take a position on a basket or credit entity. It is an agreement between two parties whereby one party pays the other a fixed coupon for the specified term of the agreement. The other party makes no payment unless a specified credit event occurs.

Unlike a credit default swap, which is an over-the-counter derivative, an index credit default swap is a standardised credit security.

### **Forward currency contracts**

A forward currency contract is primarily used by the Trusts to hedge against foreign currency exchange rate risks on its non-Australian dollar denominated trading securities. The Trusts agree to receive or deliver a fixed quantity of foreign currency for an agreed upon price on an agreed future date. Forward currency contracts are valued at the prevailing market price at the end of each reporting period. The Trusts recognise a gain or loss equal to the change in fair value at the end of each reporting period.

### **Options**

An option is a contractual arrangement under which the seller (writer) grants the purchaser (holder) the right, but not the obligation, either to buy (a call option) or sell (a put option) at or by a set date or during a set period, a specific amount of securities or a financial instrument at a predetermined price. The seller receives a premium from the purchaser in consideration for the assumption of future securities price risk. The Trusts are exposed to credit risk on purchased options to the extent of their carrying amount, which is their fair value. Options are settled on a gross basis.

### **Swaps**

Swaps are derivative instruments in which two counter parties agree to exchange one stream of cash flow against another stream. Swaps may include cross currency swaps, equity swaps, FX rate swaps, inflation linked swaps, interest rate swaps, overnight indexed swaps, total return swaps and zero-coupon swaps.

### **Swaptions**

A swaption is an option to enter into an interest rate swap. In exchange for an option premium, the buyer gains the right but not the obligation to enter into a specified swap agreement with the issuer on a specified future date.

Refer to notes 5 and 6 for further information on derivative assets and liabilities.

An overview of the risk exposures and fair value measurements relating to derivative financial instruments are included in notes 10 and 11 respectively.

## 8. Payables

Payables represent unsecured non-derivative, non-interest-bearing financial liabilities in respect of goods and services provided to the Trusts prior to the end of the financial year. Payables may include redemptions payable, accrued expenses and unsettled purchases of financial instruments which are unpaid by the Trusts at the reporting date. Amounts are generally paid within 30 days.

Amounts payable to related entities have no fixed repayment term and are non-interest-bearing.

All payables are considered current.

As at 30 June	Note	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Amounts owing to the Responsible Entity	12	25	58	34	35	299	307	27	23
Redemptions of units payable		2	32	—	—	17,078	3,337	23	6
Interest payable		—	—	—	—	53,614	9,263	7,556	455
<b>Total payables</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>70,991</b>	<b>12,907</b>	<b>7,606</b>	<b>484</b>

As at 30 June	Note	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
		2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Amounts owing to the Responsible Entity	12	18	14
Interest payable		1,745	150
<b>Total payables</b>		<b>1,763</b>	<b>164</b>

## 9. Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statements of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. As at 30 June 2025 there are no financial assets and financial liabilities that have been offset in the statements of financial position (2024: \$Nil).

## 9. Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

### Master netting arrangement – not currently enforceable

The Trusts present the fair value of their derivative financial assets and liabilities on a gross basis in the statements of financial position. Certain derivative financial assets and liabilities are subject to legally enforceable master netting arrangements, such as an International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) master netting agreement. In certain circumstances, for example, when a credit event such as a default occurs, all outstanding transactions under an ISDA agreement are terminated, the termination value is assessed and only a single net amount is payable in settlement of all transactions.

An ISDA agreement does not meet the criteria for offsetting in the statements of financial position as the Trusts do not have any current legally enforceable right to offset recognised amounts. The right to offset is enforceable only on the occurrence of a future event such as a default.

As at 30 June 2025, if these netting arrangements were applied to derivative financial instruments, derivative financial assets and derivative financial liabilities would be as follows:

As at 30 June	Derivative financial assets - netting arrangements		Derivative financial liabilities - netting arrangements	
	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Trust Name</b>				
Bentham Global Income Fund NZD	57	264	42	625
Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD	82	116	55	539
Bentham Global Opportunities Fund	25,605	25,660	18,288	9,859
Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	1,263	1,213	5,586	3,716
Bentham Defensive Income Fund	1,897	288	3,232	1,980

Refer to notes 5 and 6 for further details on derivative financial instruments presented on a gross basis.

## 10. Financial risk management

### Overview

The Trusts activities can expose the Trusts to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk, cash flow interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Trusts' overall risk management program focuses on ensuring compliance with the Trusts' governing documents and seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Trusts are exposed. The Trusts may use derivative financial instruments to alter certain risk exposures. The Responsible Entity is responsible for identifying the financial risks that arise from these financial instruments and for ensuring there are mechanisms in place to manage these risks.

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

The allocation of assets between the various types of financial instruments are determined by the Trusts' Asset Manager who manages the Trusts' assets to achieve the Trusts' investment objectives.

Divergence from target allocations and the composition of the assets are monitored on a regular basis.

The Responsible Entity has a Risk Management Strategy in place for managing risk and the key elements of the Risk Management Framework (RMF). The risks covered by the RMF include, but are not limited to, financial risks, for example: market, investment, pricing risks, funding, liquidity and counterparty risk; as well as regulatory, strategic and operational risks. The key elements for managing these risks include:

- Documented policies and procedures;
- Post trade investment compliance monitoring by teams not involved in the dealing and investment management activity;
- Segregation of the dealing and investment management function from the investment administration and settlement function;
- Independently sourced valuations for securities;
- A risk and compliance team and Responsible Entity management team with separate reporting lines;
- Clearly defined reporting lines and accountability for managing risks;
- Clearly defined responsibility for maintaining the RMF and monitoring compliance with it; and
- Oversight of risk management activity and the risk profile of the business by the Board of the Responsible Entity and various risk and compliance and committees that the Responsibility Entity, and its ultimate parent, have established.

As part of its Risk Management Strategy, the Trusts may use derivatives including exchange traded derivatives, to manage exposures resulting from changes in index prices, equity risks and exposures arising from forecast transactions.

### Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market factors. Market risk includes (amongst others) three types of risk: interest rate risk (due to fluctuations in interest rates), currency risk (due to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates), and equity price risk (due to fluctuations in market prices).

The Trusts are exposed to market risks influencing investment valuations. The Trusts may utilise derivatives to manage this risk.

### Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of an instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

The summarised sensitivity analysis section below sets out how this component of price risk is managed and measured. Investments are classified in the statements of financial position at fair value through profit or loss.

All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. Except for equities sold short, the maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments. Possible losses from equities sold short can be unlimited.

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

As the majority of the Trusts' investments are carried at fair value with fair value changes through profit or loss, changes in market conditions will directly affect net investment income.

The Asset Manager mitigates this price risk through diversification and a rigorous selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits as disclosed in the Trusts' governing documents. Price risk mainly arises from the possible change in the fair value of the Trusts' equity holdings. Price risk sensitivity on the Trusts' equity holdings are disclosed in the summarised sensitivity analysis section of this note. The analysis assumes the price of these investments increased/decreased by 10% (2024: 10%).

Daily monitoring of trade restrictions and derivative exposure against limits is undertaken with any breach of these limit restrictions reported in accordance with the RMF.

### Foreign exchange risk

Trusts that invest in international assets are exposed to foreign exchange risk. Foreign exchange risk is the risk that fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Asset Manager may enter into derivatives contracts (such as forwards, swaps, options and futures) through approved foreign exchange dealers to minimise risk. However, the use of these contracts must be consistent with the investment strategies and restrictions of the Trusts, and agreed acceptable level of foreign exchange risk.

The Trusts hold both monetary and non monetary assets denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar. The foreign exchange risk relating to non monetary assets and liabilities is a component of price risk. Foreign exchange risk arises as the value of monetary securities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates.

The Trusts also enter into forward currency contracts principally to hedge the foreign exchange risk implicit in the value of the portfolio securities denominated in foreign currencies and to secure a particular exchange rate for a planned purchase or sale of securities. The term of these contracts rarely exceeds 12 months and may not necessarily indicate the total effect on the Trusts' net assets attributable to unitholders of future movements in foreign exchange rates.

The Trusts' underlying investments include foreign currency fixed interest securities. To manage foreign exchange risk, the Trusts may be fully or partially hedged back to Australian dollars as outlined in the Trusts' governing documents.

The table below summarises the Trusts' exposure to foreign exchange risk. Bentham Global Opportunities Fund holds investments in foreign currencies other than those noted in the table, which have been grouped under the 'other' heading. These investments relate to amounts held in JPY, which are individually immaterial to the financial statements.

Trusts not included in the tables below do not have significant exposure to foreign exchange risk.

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Global Income Fund NZD

As at 30 June 2025

	AUD A\$'000	NZD A\$'000	USD A\$'000	Total A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	541	421	—	962
Receivables	188	—	—	188
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	33,241	58	—	33,299
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>33,970</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>34,449</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Distributions payable	171	—	—	171
Payables	27	—	—	27
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	17	27	—	44
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>33,755</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>34,207</b>



## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Global Income Fund NZD

As at 30 June 2024

	AUD A\$'000	NZD A\$'000	USD A\$'000	Total A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	844	1,246	9	2,099
Receivables	497	—	—	497
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	72,020	—	—	72,020
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>73,361</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>74,616</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Distributions payable	455	—	—	455
Payables	90	—	—	90
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	926	—	—	926
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,471</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>71,890</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>73,145</b>

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD

As at 30 June 2025

	AUD A\$'000	USD A\$'000	NZD A\$'000	Total A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	1,296	—	675	1,971
Receivables	303	—	—	303
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	43,319	—	82	43,401
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>44,918</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>45,675</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Distributions payable	261	—	—	261
Payables	34	—	—	34
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	22	—	33	55
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>44,601</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>45,325</b>

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD

As at 30 June 2024

	AUD A\$'000	USD A\$'000	NZD A\$'000	Total A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	1,116	13	1,131	2,260
Receivables	400	—	—	400
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	44,490	—	—	44,490
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>46,006</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>47,150</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Distributions payable	391	—	—	391
Payables	35	—	—	35
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	539	—	—	539
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>965</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>45,041</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>46,185</b>

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Global Opportunities Fund

As at 30 June 2025

	AUD A\$'000	USD A\$'000	EUR A\$'000	GBP A\$'000	NZD A\$'000	CAD A\$'000	OTHER A\$'000	Total A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	23,724	1,433	3,155	859	8,287	21	1	37,480
Collateral and margin accounts	75,384	34,510	7,428	4,021	3,648	221	—	125,212
Receivables	32,189	13,038	2,375	9,142	5,073	19	—	61,836
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	284,978	61,547	17,800	17,232	16,788	770	—	399,115
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>416,275</b>	<b>110,528</b>	<b>30,758</b>	<b>31,254</b>	<b>33,796</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>623,643</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Collateral and margin accounts	9,603	57,420	8,725	22,691	7,724	5	—	106,168
Distributions payable	8,813	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,813
Payables	42,058	16,224	874	7,670	4,165	—	—	70,991
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	35,293	52,994	3,619	1,499	9,872	—	—	103,277
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>95,767</b>	<b>126,638</b>	<b>13,218</b>	<b>31,860</b>	<b>21,761</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>289,249</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>320,508</b>	<b>(16,110)</b>	<b>17,540</b>	<b>(606)</b>	<b>12,035</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>334,394</b>

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Global Opportunities Fund

As at 30 June 2024

	AUD A\$'000	USD A\$'000	EUR A\$'000	GBP A\$'000	NZD A\$'000	CAD A\$'000	OTHER A\$'000	Total A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	45,384	3,758	4,466	1,410	343	519	1	55,881
Collateral and margin accounts	58,570	27,387	7,375	803	263	—	—	94,398
Receivables	3,420	4,532	1,447	1,532	697	23	—	11,651
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	234,181	95,864	25,428	18,375	9,375	1,013	—	384,236
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>341,555</b>	<b>131,541</b>	<b>38,716</b>	<b>22,120</b>	<b>10,678</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>546,166</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Collateral and margin accounts	8,671	43,869	8,590	17,055	3,842	594	—	82,621
Distributions payable	20,185	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,185
Payables	5,249	6,146	193	1,048	208	63	—	12,907
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	18,938	57,263	2,800	1,607	10,207	—	—	90,815
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>53,043</b>	<b>107,278</b>	<b>11,583</b>	<b>19,710</b>	<b>14,257</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>206,528</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>288,512</b>	<b>24,263</b>	<b>27,133</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>(3,579)</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>339,638</b>

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund

As at 30 June 2025

	AUD A\$'000	USD A\$'000	EUR A\$'000	GBP A\$'000	NZD A\$'000	Total A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	35,833	842	825	1,453	62	39,015
Collateral and margin accounts	10,875	1,523	256	30	258	12,942
Receivables	4,317	424	290	2,572	1,285	8,888
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	131,911	41,147	39,861	16,585	1,793	231,297
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>182,936</b>	<b>43,936</b>	<b>41,232</b>	<b>20,640</b>	<b>3,398</b>	<b>292,142</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Collateral and margin accounts	1,048	1,931	—	1,061	1,235	5,275
Distributions payable	1,381	—	—	—	—	1,381
Payables	4,044	34	14	2,332	1,182	7,606
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	4,959	2,188	1,277	279	659	9,362
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>11,432</b>	<b>4,153</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>3,076</b>	<b>23,624</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>171,504</b>	<b>39,783</b>	<b>39,941</b>	<b>16,968</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>268,518</b>

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund

As at 30 June 2024

	AUD A\$'000	USD A\$'000	EUR A\$'000	GBP A\$'000	NZD A\$'000	Total A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	3,862	6,545	1,622	4,062	2,110	18,201
Collateral and margin accounts	6,331	6,734	223	564	264	14,116
Receivables	381	836	478	65	396	2,156
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	86,093	65,609	48,655	17,909	—	218,266
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>96,667</b>	<b>79,724</b>	<b>50,978</b>	<b>22,600</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>252,739</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Collateral and margin accounts	330	683	—	1,016	1,558	3,587
Distributions payable	6,834	—	—	—	—	6,834
Payables	156	48	—	252	28	484
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	1,378	2,796	16	145	641	4,976
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>8,698</b>	<b>3,527</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,413</b>	<b>2,227</b>	<b>15,881</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>87,969</b>	<b>76,197</b>	<b>50,962</b>	<b>21,187</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>236,858</b>

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Defensive Income Fund

As at 30 June 2025

	AUD A\$'000	USD A\$'000	EUR A\$'000	GBP A\$'000	NZD A\$'000	CAD A\$'000	Total A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	3,604	459	669	743	4	2	5,481
Collateral and margin accounts	2,879	2,107	531	720	106	—	6,343
Receivables	1,229	80	16	784	264	—	2,373
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	48,073	5,336	1,977	4,548	2,112	—	62,046
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>55,785</b>	<b>7,982</b>	<b>3,193</b>	<b>6,795</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>76,243</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Collateral and margin accounts	193	729	537	824	481	—	2,764
Distributions payable	283	—	—	—	—	—	283
Payables	882	45	3	694	139	—	1,763
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	1,827	1,062	198	101	44	—	3,232
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,042</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>52,600</b>	<b>6,146</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>5,176</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>68,201</b>



## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Defensive Income Fund

As at 30 June 2024

	AUD A\$'000	USD A\$'000	GBP A\$'000	EUR A\$'000	NZD A\$'000	CAD A\$'000	Total A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	1,332	455	407	1,330	159	1	3,684
Collateral and margin accounts	1,604	3,488	378	444	61	—	5,975
Receivables	140	137	37	64	97	—	475
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	23,801	9,779	6,001	5,650	896	—	46,127
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>26,877</b>	<b>13,859</b>	<b>6,823</b>	<b>7,488</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>56,261</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Collateral and margin accounts	428	22	313	396	359	—	1,518
Distributions payable	215	—	—	—	—	—	215
Payables	86	31	39	2	6	—	164
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	1,113	1,164	53	92	149	—	2,571
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,468</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>25,035</b>	<b>12,642</b>	<b>6,418</b>	<b>6,998</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51,793</b>

The table in the summarised sensitivity analysis section of this note summarises the sensitivities of the Trusts' financial instruments to foreign exchange risk. The analysis is based on the assumption that the Australian dollar weakened or strengthened by 10% (2024: 10%) against the material foreign currencies to which the Trusts are exposed.

### Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Trusts have established limits on the total interest rate exposure, which are monitored on a daily basis. The Trusts may use derivatives to hedge unexpected increases in interest rates.

The summarised sensitivity analysis section of this note demonstrates the sensitivity of the Trusts' net profit to possible changes in interest rates, with all other variables held constant. The analysis is based on the assumptions that interest rates increased by 100 bps (2024: 100 bps) or decreased by 100 bps (2024: 100 bps).

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

The sensitivity of the statements of comprehensive income is the effect of the assumed changes in interest rates on:

- the interest income for one year, based on the floating rate financial assets held at 30 June 2025; and
- changes in the fair value of investments for the year based on revaluing fixed rate financial assets at 30 June 2025.

### Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Trusts' net profit and net assets attributable to unitholders to applicable market risks. The possible movements in the risk variables have been determined based on management's best estimate, having regard to a number of factors, including historical levels of changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and market prices. However, actual movements in the risk variables may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market shocks resulting from changes in the performance of the economies, markets and securities in which the Trusts invest. As a result, historic variations in risk variables are not a definitive indicator of future variations in the risk variables.

#### Bentham Global Income Fund NZD

	Impact on net profit/Net assets attributable to unitholders											
	Price risk		Interest rate risk				Foreign exchange risk					
	-10%	+10%	-100bps	+100bps	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%
	AUD	AUD			AUD	AUD	USD	USD	EUR	EUR	GBP	GBP
	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000
30 June 2025	(719)	719	2,715	(2,715)	129	(129)	88	(88)	(5)	5	(11)	11
30 June 2024	(2,073)	2,073	5,269	(5,269)	(376)	376	303	(303)	(10)	10	18	(18)

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Global Income Fund NZD

	Impact on net profit/ Net assets attributable to unitholders	
	Foreign exchange risk	
	-10%	+10%
	CAD A\$'000	CAD A\$'000
30 June 2025	2	(2)
30 June 2024	—	—

### Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD

	Impact on net profit/Net assets attributable to unitholders											
	Price risk		Interest rate risk		Foreign exchange risk							
	-10%	+10%	-100bps	+100bps	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%
					AUD	AUD	USD	USD	GBP	GBP	EUR	EUR
	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000
30 June 2025	(595)	595	148	(148)	(109)	109	62	(62)	1	(1)	(2)	2
30 June 2024	(1,322)	1,322	172	(172)	(131)	131	136	(136)	—	—	(6)	6

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD

	Impact on net profit/ Net assets attributable to unitholders	
	Foreign exchange risk	
	-10%	+10%
	CAD A\$'000	CAD A\$'000
30 June 2025	1	(1)
30 June 2024	2	(2)

### Bentham Global Opportunities Fund

	Impact on net profit/Net assets attributable to unitholders											
	Price risk		Interest rate risk		Foreign exchange risk							
	-10%	+10%	-100bps	+100bps	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%
	USD		USD		EUR		EUR		GBP		CAD	
	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000
30 June 2025	(7,181)	7,181	31,814	(31,814)	2,813	(2,813)	(97)	97	(41)	41	8	(8)
30 June 2024	(10,492)	10,492	34,867	(34,867)	3,926	(3,926)	(79)	79	35	(35)	60	(60)

### Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund

	Impact on net profit/Net assets attributable to unitholders											
	Price risk		Interest rate risk		Foreign exchange risk							
	-10%	+10%	-100bps	+100bps	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%
	USD		USD		EUR		EUR		GBP		GBP	
	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000
30 June 2025	(2,946)	2,946	12,217	(12,217)	544	(544)	(9)	9	(6)	6	(6)	6
30 June 2024	—	—	11,354	(11,354)	717	(717)	(12)	12	39	(39)	39	(39)

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Defensive Income Fund

	Impact on net profit/Net assets attributable to unitholders									
	Price risk		Interest rate risk		Foreign exchange risk					
	-10%	+10%	-100bps	+100bps	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%
	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	USD A\$'000	USD A\$'000	EUR A\$'000	EUR A\$'000	GBP A\$'000	GBP A\$'000
30 June 2025	(1,768)	1,768	5,113	(5,113)	140	(140)	3	(3)	(6)	6
30 June 2024	(1,132)	1,132	3,393	(3,393)	154	(154)	(2)	2	2	(2)

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause financial loss to the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Trusts aim to ensure that at all times they have appropriate credit risk management policies and practices in place and that the Board and senior management are appropriately informed of the Trusts' credit risks.

Credit risk is not considered to be significant to Bentham Global Income Fund NZD and Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD as these Trusts do not hold any direct investments in debt securities or have significant receivables, however these Trusts are exposed to credit risk due to their investment in the underlying unlisted unit trusts.

The main concentration of credit risk, to which the Trusts are exposed, arises from the Trusts' investment in debt securities. The Trusts are also exposed to counterparty credit risk on derivative financial instruments, cash and cash equivalents, amounts due from brokers and other receivables. The Trusts' exposure to credit risk is equal to the fair value of these instruments as disclosed in the statements of financial position. This does not represent the maximum risk exposure that could arise in the future as a result of changes in values, but best represents the current maximum exposure at the reporting date.

The Trusts manage counterparty risk in relation to over-the-counter derivatives by using only counterparties with an acceptable credit rating in accordance with the provisions of the Trusts' policies. Exposures to counterparties are monitored by the Asset Manager on a regular basis.

The credit quality of financial assets and derivatives are managed by the Trusts in accordance with the Trusts' governing documents, by taking into account any applicable external credit rating or internal credit assessment, prior to trading. The Trusts' exposure in each grade is monitored on a regular basis. This review process allows the Responsible Entity to assess the potential loss as a result of credit risk and take corrective action where required. Internal ratings are expressed on the basis of S&P rating definitions. Where an external rating (which will predominantly be Standard & Poor's, Moody's, Fitch, or another reputable credit rating agency) is available, the internal rating will ordinarily be no greater than the lowest external rating assigned. Assets that have not received any rating reference from external credit rating agency have been internally rated using market accepted method.

If no external rating is available, then they are internally rated by the credit risk team and labelled not rated (NR).

The following table details the breakdown by credit rating of the underlying investment assets and derivatives held by the Trusts:

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

Bond and derivative credit ratings	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Rating								
AAA	5,022	10,162	185	—	17,097	4,732	167,368	129,208
AA+	1,272	1,257	—	—	—	—	9,247	15,515
AA	1,689	5,383	—	—	5,570	6,470	43,663	66,933
AA-	3,029	1,544	1,291	304	10,562	5,165	82	635
A+	4,071	7,203	137	114	106,973	94,542	4,957	1,838
A	358	338	47	—	2,764	3,343	639	1,814
A-	1,701	6,503	34	—	11,538	16,654	—	—
BBB+	1,970	2,400	130	79	17,448	1,363	—	—
BBB	782	4,241	189	318	3,844	8,795	—	—
BBB-	977	4,243	1,262	2,345	18,318	17,166	—	—
BB+	475	2,705	1,818	1,346	17,653	19,622	—	—
BB	—	2,539	2,677	3,309	11,669	16,507	—	959
BB-	—	4,445	4,943	4,988	21,548	29,128	—	—
B+	—	3,483	5,915	5,520	25,787	25,849	—	—
B	4	6,920	10,514	12,015	45,832	54,139	—	—
B-	—	5,198	9,486	9,006	41,351	40,583	—	—
CCC+	—	1,896	1,951	131	8,507	14,030	—	—
CCC	—	593	690	3,114	3,008	4,532	—	—
CCC-	—	409	741	1,006	3,230	3,184	—	—
CC	—	70	37	69	162	590	—	—
C	—	37	14	—	61	309	—	—
D	—	64	338	707	1,472	541	—	—
NR	11,949	387	1,002	119	5,139	1,439	5,341	1,364
<b>Total bond and derivative credit ratings</b>	<b>33,299</b>	<b>72,020</b>	<b>43,401</b>	<b>44,490</b>	<b>379,533</b>	<b>368,683</b>	<b>231,297</b>	<b>218,266</b>

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bond and derivative credit ratings

Rating	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
AAA	36,745	23,485
AA+	7,769	2,651
AA	8,244	7,540
AA-	1,719	2,247
A+	5,650	1,068
A-	—	3,170
BBB+	514	1,963
BBB	—	2,979
BBB-	33	554
BB+	1	6
NR	1,343	428
<b>Total bond and derivative credit ratings</b>	<b>62,018</b>	<b>46,091</b>

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Trusts will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet cash commitments associated with financial instruments. This may result from either the inability to sell financial assets at their fair values, a counterparty failing on repayment of a contractual obligation, or the inability to generate cash inflows as anticipated.

The Trusts aim to ensure that they have sufficient liquidity to meet their obligations on a short term, medium term and long term basis. In the current and preceding year, all payables have no fixed repayment term. The current balance of amounts payable to related entities will be repaid in full within 1 year of the reporting date.

The Trusts' governing documents allow for redemptions of units. The Trusts are therefore exposed to a liquidity risk of meeting unitholders' redemptions at any time.

This risk is controlled through the Trusts' investment in financial instruments, which under normal market conditions are readily convertible to cash. In addition, the Trusts maintain sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet normal operating requirements.

The Trusts' investments are considered to be readily realisable.

The investment management process includes the consideration of liquidity, both in terms of market quality and cash flow. In asset construction, securities/investments (including derivatives) are only purchased that meet investment criteria and this includes the assessment of saleability in different market conditions. Before entering into a transaction, consideration is given to (not limited to):

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

- whether the purpose of the investment is consistent with the investment strategies of the Trusts;
- the ease of selling the security should market conditions change unfavourably;
- whether there are sufficient assets to cover the underlying liabilities of that transaction; and
- the overall liquidity levels for the Trusts.

Under the terms of the Constitutions, the Trusts have the ability to manage liquidity risk by delaying redemptions to unitholders, if necessary, until the funds are available to pay them.

### Maturity analysis for financial liabilities

Financial liabilities of the Trusts comprise trade and other payables, distributions payable, collateral and margin accounts and net assets attributable to unitholders. Trade and other payables, distributions payable and collateral and margin accounts have no contractual maturities but are typically settled within 30 days.

The table below analyses the Trusts' derivative financial liabilities based on their contractual maturity. The Trusts may, at their discretion, settle derivative financial liabilities prior to their original contractual settlement date, in accordance with its investment strategy, where permitted by the terms and conditions of the derivative instruments.

#### Bentham Global Income Fund NZD

30 June 2025

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	Beyond 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
Forward currency contracts	44	—	—	—	44
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>44</b>

30 June 2024

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	Beyond 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
Forward currency contracts	646	280	—	—	926
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>926</b>



## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD

30 June 2025

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	Beyond 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
Forward currency contracts	55	—	—	—	55
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>55</b>

30 June 2024

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	Beyond 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
Forward currency contracts	539	—	—	—	539
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>539</b>

### Bentham Global Opportunities Fund

30 June 2025

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	Beyond 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
Credit default swaps	—	244	—	2,538	2,782
Cross currency swaps	—	3,115	2,998	—	6,113
Exchange traded options	2	49	—	—	51
Forward currency contracts	1,182	—	—	—	1,182
Index credit default swaps	—	15	—	11,084	11,099
Interest rate swaps	—	—	—	28,953	28,953
Overnight indexed swaps	—	—	—	40,947	40,947
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>3,423</b>	<b>2,998</b>	<b>83,522</b>	<b>91,127</b>

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Global Opportunities Fund

30 June 2024

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	Beyond 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
Credit default swaps	—	—	—	3,991	3,991
Cross currency swaps	—	—	618	2,417	3,035
Exchange traded options	—	56	—	—	56
Forward currency contracts	1,019	—	—	—	1,019
Index credit default swaps	—	800	—	6,046	6,846
Interest rate swaps	—	—	1,100	18,245	19,345
Overnight indexed swaps	—	—	—	47,744	47,744
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>78,443</b>	<b>82,036</b>

### Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund

30 June 2025

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	Beyond 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
Cross currency swaps	—	526	933	3,164	4,623
Forward currency contracts	967	—	—	—	967
Interest rate swaps	—	—	—	3,493	3,493
Overnight indexed swaps	—	—	—	279	279
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>6,936</b>	<b>9,362</b>

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund

30 June 2024

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	Beyond 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
Cross currency swaps	—	—	—	3,151	3,151
Forward currency contracts	12	—	—	—	12
Interest rate swaps	—	—	—	1,668	1,668
Overnight indexed swaps	—	—	—	145	145
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,964</b>	<b>4,976</b>

### Bentham Defensive Income Fund

30 June 2025

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	Beyond 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
Credit default swaps	—	7	—	129	136
Cross currency swaps	—	—	—	1,666	1,666
Exchange traded options	—	7	—	—	7
Forward currency contracts	159	—	—	—	159
Index credit default swaps	—	—	—	209	209
Interest rate swaps	—	—	—	924	924
Overnight indexed swaps	—	—	—	131	131
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>3,232</b>

## 10. Financial risk management (continued)

### Bentham Defensive Income Fund

30 June 2024

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	Beyond 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
Credit default swaps	—	—	—	149	149
Cross currency swaps	—	—	—	1,377	1,377
Exchange traded options	—	9	—	—	9
Forward currency contracts	88	—	—	—	88
Index credit default swaps	—	—	—	108	108
Interest rate swaps	—	—	211	584	795
Overnight indexed swaps	—	—	—	45	45
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>2,571</b>

## 11. Fair value measurement

All financial assets and financial liabilities included in the statements of financial position are carried at fair value.

In accordance with AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement the Trusts are required to disclose fair value measurements by level using the fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2); and
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

### Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on their quoted market prices at the reporting date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Financial assets are priced at current bid prices at the reporting date, while financial liabilities are priced at current offer prices.

The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Trusts is the current bid price; the appropriate quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current asking price. When the Trusts hold derivatives with offsetting market risks, they use mid-market prices as a basis for establishing fair value for the offsetting risk positions and apply this bid or asking price to the net open position, as appropriate.

## 11. Fair value measurement (continued)

### Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 2 and level 3)

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of other substantially similar instruments, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the reporting date applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions. For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting period.

The fair values of derivatives that are not exchange traded are estimated at the amount that the Trusts would receive or pay to terminate the contract at reporting date taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties. The fair value of a forward contract is determined as a net present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at appropriate market rates as at the valuation date. The fair value of an option contract is determined by applying the Black Scholes option valuation model.

Investments in other unlisted unit trusts are recorded at the redemption value per unit as reported by the managers of such trusts.

The tables below set out the Trusts' financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss according to the fair value hierarchy.

## 11. Fair value measurement (continued)

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
As at 30 June	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Financial assets	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Level 1 financial assets</b>								
Exchange traded funds	—	—	—	—	7,265	6,773	—	—
Exchange traded options	—	—	—	—	192	271	—	—
<b>Total level 1 financial assets</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7,457</b>	<b>7,044</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Level 2 financial assets</b>								
Agency bonds	—	—	—	—	14,242	—	—	—
Asset-backed securities	—	—	—	—	1,916	6,224	2,952	6,549
Collateralised loan obligations	—	—	—	—	1,532	5,471	77,923	109,155
Corporate bonds	—	—	—	—	13,994	27,364	2,366	—
Credit default swaps	—	—	—	—	528	1,251	—	—
Cross currency swaps	—	—	—	—	—	697	—	174
Floating rate notes	—	—	—	—	38,466	26,981	—	—
Forward currency contracts	60	565	82	116	287	59	82	1,051
Index credit default swaps	—	—	—	—	2,786	3,488	—	—
Interest rate swaps	—	—	—	—	51,218	33,178	4,427	1,217
Mortgage-backed securities	—	—	—	—	—	982	143,018	100,089
Overnight indexed swaps	—	—	—	—	43,428	58,865	529	31
Semi-government bonds	—	—	—	—	20,242	3,489	—	—
Straight repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	12,125	8,509	—	—
Supranational bonds	—	—	—	—	2,049	—	—	—
Swaptions	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
Total return swaps	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—
Unlisted unit trusts	33,239	71,455	43,319	44,374	188,841	200,609	—	—
<b>Total level 2 financial assets</b>	<b>33,299</b>	<b>72,020</b>	<b>43,401</b>	<b>44,490</b>	<b>391,658</b>	<b>377,192</b>	<b>231,297</b>	<b>218,266</b>

## 11. Fair value measurement (continued)

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
As at 30 June	2025	2024
Financial assets	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Level 1 financial assets</b>		
Exchange traded options	28	36
<b>Total level 1 financial assets</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Level 2 financial assets</b>		
Agency bonds	9,328	496
Asset-backed securities	526	1,345
Collateralised loan obligations	6,128	10,146
Corporate bonds	1,090	5,607
Cross currency swaps	44	28
Floating rate notes	3,046	5,563
Forward currency contracts	15	244
Government bonds	1,702	896
Index credit default swaps	33	48
Interest rate swaps	1,621	503
Mortgage-backed securities	22,443	20,696
Overnight indexed swaps	156	20
Semi-government bonds	11,951	499
Supranational bonds	3,935	—
<b>Total level 2 financial assets</b>	<b>62,046</b>	<b>46,091</b>

## 11. Fair value measurement (continued)

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
As at 30 June	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Financial liabilities	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Level 1 financial liabilities</b>								
Exchange traded options	—	—	—	—	51	56	—	—
<b>Total level 1 financial liabilities</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Level 2 financial liabilities</b>								
Collateralised loan obligations	—	—	—	—	—	195	—	—
Credit default swaps	—	—	—	—	2,782	3,991	—	—
Cross currency swaps	—	—	—	—	6,113	3,035	4,623	3,151
Forward currency contracts	44	926	55	539	1,182	1,019	967	12
Index credit default swaps	—	—	—	—	11,099	6,846	—	—
Interest rate swaps	—	—	—	—	28,953	19,345	3,493	1,668
Overnight indexed swaps	—	—	—	—	40,947	47,744	279	145
Straight repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	12,150	8,584	—	—
<b>Total level 2 financial liabilities</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>103,226</b>	<b>90,759</b>	<b>9,362</b>	<b>4,976</b>



## 11. Fair value measurement

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
As at 30 June	2025	2024
Financial liabilities	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Level 1 financial liabilities</b>		
Exchange traded options	7	9
<b>Total level 1 financial liabilities</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Level 2 financial liabilities</b>		
Credit default swaps	136	149
Cross currency swaps	1,666	1,377
Forward currency contracts	159	88
Index credit default swaps	209	108
Interest rate swaps	924	795
Overnight indexed swaps	131	45
<b>Total level 2 financial liabilities</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>2,562</b>

Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD's and Bentham Global Opportunities Fund's investment in unlisted trusts at year end consisted of an investment in Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund and Bentham Global Income Fund NZD's investment in unlisted trusts at year end consisted of an investment in Bentham Global Income Fund. Refer to note 12 for further details.

## 12. Related party transactions

### Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of the Trusts is Fidante Partners Limited whose immediate parent company is Challenger Funds Management Holdings Pty Limited and ultimate parent company is Challenger Limited.

### Key management personnel

#### Directors

Key management personnel includes persons who were Directors of Fidante Partners Limited at any time during the financial year and up to the date of the report as follows:

## 12. Related party transactions (continued)

A Bofinger	Director	
A Judin	Director	
J O'Keeffe	Director	(Resigned 31 January 2025)
E Reedman	Director	(Appointed 31 January 2025)
V Rodriguez	Director	
T Roxburgh	Director	

### Other key management personnel

The Responsible Entity is considered to be the key management personnel with authority for the strategic direction and management of the Trusts.

The Asset Manager, Bentham Asset Management Pty Limited, is a related party to the Trusts as it is a member of the same group as the Responsible Entity.

### Key management personnel unitholdings

At 30 June 2025 no key management personnel held units in the Trusts (2024: Nil).

### Key management personnel compensation

No amount was paid by the Trusts directly to the Directors of the Responsible Entity.

Compensation is paid to the Responsible Entity in the form of fees and is disclosed below.

### Responsible Entity's fees and other transactions

Under the terms of the Trusts' Constitutions the Responsible Entity is entitled to receive management costs, calculated by reference to the average daily net assets (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders). For the year ended 30 June 2025 these rates are as follows:

## 12. Related party transactions (continued)

For the year ended 30 June		Fee Rate	
		2025	2024
Trust name	Class	%	%
Bentham Global Income Fund NZD	Class A	0.77	0.77
Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD	Class A	0.84	0.84
Bentham Global Opportunities Fund	Class F	0.55	0.55
	Class I	1.05	1.05
	Class A	0.70	0.70
Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	Class I	0.35	0.35
Bentham Defensive Income Fund	Class A	0.40	0.40
	Class I	0.30	0.35

These fees are inclusive of GST, net of RITC available to the Trusts per annum. As the underlying unit trusts, being Bentham Global Income Fund NZD, Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD, and Bentham Global Opportunities Fund, incurred the above listed management fees, the Trusts received a management fee rebate in respect of these amounts to achieve a net management fee to the unitholders of the Trusts in accordance with the current product disclosure statement.

Class F of Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund is not subject to management fees.

In addition to the management fee, the Responsible Entity is also entitled to receive performance fees for various classes in the Trusts. The performance fees are calculated at the below listed benchmark. For the year ended 30 June 2025, in accordance with the Trusts' Constitutions, the Responsible Entity received performance fees as listed below (inclusive of GST, net of RITC, available to the Trusts) per annum.

For the year ended 30 June			Performance Fees	
			2025	2024
Trust name	Benchmark	Class	%	%
Bentham Global Opportunities Fund	20% above the fund's benchmark, Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index, plus 2% hurdle.	Class A	0.36	0.74

Other classes of units not shown above are not subject to performance fees.

All related party transactions are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions. The transactions during the year and amounts receivable and payable at year end between the Trusts and the Responsible Entity were as follows:

## 12. Related party transactions (continued)

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
For the year ended 30 June	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Management fees for the year	317,458	747,513	367,563	379,950	3,147,373	4,209,585	293,557	206,053
Reimbursable expenses for the year	—	—	—	—	167,732	226,165	—	—
Performance fees for the year	—	—	—	—	50,569	15,208	—	—
Management fee rebate for the year	316,896	751,392	365,755	371,163	1,634,562	2,444,302	—	—
Management fees payable	25,010	57,530	33,614	34,575	284,638	292,795	26,792	23,173
Reimbursable expenses payable	—	—	—	—	14,761	14,373	—	—
Management fee rebate receivable	22,829	51,525	30,127	30,765	131,429	147,695	—	—

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
For the year ended 30 June	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Management fees for the year	183,555	104,866
Reimbursable expenses for the year	—	20,493
Management fees payable	17,956	13,790
Reimbursable expenses payable	—	—

### Related party unitholdings

Parties related to the Trusts (including Fidante Partners Limited, its related parties and other schemes managed by Fidante Partners Limited), held units in the Trusts as follows:

## 12. Related party transactions (continued)

### Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Unitholder	No. of units held opening (Units)	No. of units acquired (Units)	No. of units disposed (Units)	No. of units held closing (Units)	Interest held (%)	Distributions paid/payable by the Trust (\$)
Bentham Global Income Fund	171,361,088	13,631,370	—	184,992,458	67.58	13,160,102
<b>Total related party unitholdings</b>	<b>171,361,088</b>	<b>13,631,370</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>184,992,458</b>	<b>67.58</b>	<b>13,160,102</b>

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Unitholder	No. of units held opening (Units)	No. of units acquired (Units)	No. of units disposed (Units)	No. of units held closing (Units)	Interest held (%)	Distributions paid/payable by the Trust (\$)
Bentham Global Income Fund	146,345,926	25,015,162	—	171,361,088	69.31	13,127,566
<b>Total related party unitholdings</b>	<b>146,345,926</b>	<b>25,015,162</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>171,361,088</b>	<b>69.31</b>	<b>13,127,566</b>

### Bentham Defensive Income Fund

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Unitholder	No. of units held opening (Units)	No. of units acquired (Units)	No. of units disposed (Units)	No. of units held closing (Units)	Interest held (%)	Distributions paid/payable by the Trust (\$)
Bentham Asset Management	12	—	—	12	—	—
<b>Total related party unitholdings</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Unitholder	No. of units held opening (Units)	No. of units acquired (Units)	No. of units disposed (Units)	No. of units held closing (Units)	Interest held (%)	Distributions paid/payable by the Trust (\$)
Bentham Asset Management	11	1	—	12	—	—
<b>Total related party unitholdings</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

No other related parties to the Trusts held units at year end.

## 12. Related party transactions (continued)

### Investments

The Trusts held investments in the following entities which are also managed by Fidante Partners Limited or its related parties:

#### Bentham Global Income Fund NZD

For the year ended 30 June	Fair value of investment		Interest held		Distributions received/ receivable	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$	\$	%	%	\$	\$
Bentham Global Income Fund	33,239,251	71,455,373	0.86	2.31	2,119,118	5,905,796
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>33,239,251</b>	<b>71,455,373</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>2.31</b>	<b>2,119,118</b>	<b>5,905,796</b>

#### Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD

For the year ended 30 June	Fair value of investment		Interest held		Distributions received/ receivable	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$	\$	%	%	\$	\$
Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund	43,319,460	44,374,178	1.77	2.20	3,543,187	3,837,050
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>43,319,460</b>	<b>44,374,178</b>	<b>1.77</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>3,543,187</b>	<b>3,837,050</b>

#### Bentham Global Opportunities Fund

For the year ended 30 June	Fair value of investment		Interest held		Distributions received/ receivable	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$	\$	%	%	\$	\$
Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund	188,841,005	200,609,480	7.72	9.94	14,410,913	24,287,412
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>188,841,005</b>	<b>200,609,480</b>	<b>7.72</b>	<b>9.94</b>	<b>14,410,913</b>	<b>24,287,412</b>

No other related parties to the Trusts held investments at year end.

### 13. Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities

#### Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
For the year ended 30 June	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to operating cash flow</b>								
Net profit/(loss) before finance costs for the year attributable to unitholders	4,044	9,957	2,801	4,530	29,911	47,305	19,684	18,353
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(1,835)	(2,954)	459	(167)	(77,982)	404,066	(6,217)	(7,291)
Net foreign exchange (gains)/losses	(66)	(976)	2	(502)	68,933	(412,284)	(453)	356
Participation in dividend and distribution reinvestment plans	(2,340)	(6,112)	(3,330)	(3,777)	(14,882)	—	—	—
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	43,696	43,217	3,967	3,897	491,140	545,355	112,809	64,642
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(1,549)	(910)	(1,289)	(2,654)	(465,668)	(359,018)	(112,707)	(101,433)
Net change in receivables and other assets	258	269	95	(56)	(44,678)	25,939	(6,685)	1,559
Net change in payables and other liabilities	(33)	(49)	(1)	2	44,343	(22,416)	7,105	(1,368)
<b>Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities</b>	<b>42,175</b>	<b>42,442</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>31,117</b>	<b>228,947</b>	<b>13,536</b>	<b>(25,182)</b>

### 13. Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities (continued)

For the year ended 30 June	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to operating cash flow</b>		
Net profit/(loss) before finance costs for the year attributable to unitholders	4,245	3,351
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(1,808)	(1,904)
Net foreign exchange (gains)/losses	(138)	(38)
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	57,798	40,377
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(70,421)	(52,075)
Net change in receivables and other assets	(1,879)	309
Net change in payables and other liabilities	1,599	(343)
<b>Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities</b>	<b>(10,604)</b>	<b>(10,323)</b>

#### Components of cash and cash equivalents

As at 30 June	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Cash at bank, on hand and at custodian	962	2,099	1,971	2,260	37,480	55,881	39,015	18,201
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>1,971</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>37,480</b>	<b>55,881</b>	<b>39,015</b>	<b>18,201</b>

As at 30 June	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Cash at bank, on hand and at custodian	5,481	3,684
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>5,481</b>	<b>3,684</b>



### 13. Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities (continued)

#### Non-cash investing and financing activities

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
For the year ended 30 June	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Reinvestment of unitholder distributions	759	2,445	3,441	4,473	28,510	23,530	13,331	9,165
Participation in dividend and distribution reinvestment plans	2,340	6,112	3,330	3,777	14,882	—	—	—

  

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
For the year ended 30 June	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Reinvestment of unitholder distributions	2,870	2,060

### 14. Remuneration of auditor

	Bentham Global Income Fund NZD		Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD		Bentham Global Opportunities Fund		Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund	
For the year ended 30 June	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Amounts received or due and receivable by Ernst & Young for:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Audit and review of the financial report of the Trusts	11,137	10,685	11,137	10,865	11,137	10,865	11,452	11,173
<b>Total remuneration of auditor</b>	<b>11,137</b>	<b>10,685</b>	<b>11,137</b>	<b>10,865</b>	<b>11,137</b>	<b>10,865</b>	<b>11,452</b>	<b>11,173</b>

  

	Bentham Defensive Income Fund	
For the year ended 30 June	2025	2024
Amounts received or due and receivable by Ernst & Young for:	\$	\$
Audit and review of the financial report of the Trusts	11,452	11,173
<b>Total remuneration of auditor</b>	<b>11,452</b>	<b>11,173</b>

The cost incurred for auditing the financial report of the Trusts is paid directly by the Responsible Entity.

## **15. Events occurring after the reporting period**

No significant events have occurred since the reporting date which would impact on the financial position of the Trusts as at 30 June 2025 or on the results and cash flows of the Trusts for the year ended on that date.

## **16. Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments**

At balance date the Trusts have no contingent assets, liabilities or commitments (30 June 2024: Nil).

## Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of the Responsible Entity for the below listed Trusts:

- Bentham Global Income Fund NZD
  - Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD
  - Bentham Global Opportunities Fund
  - Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund
  - Bentham Defensive Income Fund
- a. the financial statements and notes set out on pages 11 to 82 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
- i. complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
  - ii. giving a true and fair view of the Trusts' financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of their performance for the financial year ended on that date;
- b. the financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 1.1; and
- c. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trusts will be able to pay their debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

On behalf of the Board of Fidante Partners Limited.



**A Judin**  
**Director**

**Sydney**  
**22 September 2025**



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## **Independent auditor's report**

To the unitholders of the following Bentham Asset Management Managed Trusts (the "Trusts")

- Bentham Asset Backed Securities Fund
- Bentham Defensive Income Fund
- Bentham Syndicated Loan Fund NZD
- Bentham Global Income Fund NZD
- Bentham Global Opportunities Fund

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Bentham Asset Management (the Trusts), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in unitholder funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Trusts is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a. Giving a true and fair view of the Trusts' financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of their financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report. We are independent of the Trusts in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



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### **Information other than the financial report and auditor's report thereon**

The directors of Fidante Partners Limited as the Responsible Entity of the Trusts (the "Responsible Entity") are responsible for the other information. The other information is the directors' report accompanying the financial report.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Responsibilities of the directors of the Responsible Entity for the financial report**

The directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors of the Responsible Entity determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for assessing the Trusts' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors of the Responsible Entity either intend to liquidate the Trusts or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.



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As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ▶ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trusts' internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors of the Responsible Entity.
- ▶ Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors of the Responsible Entity's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trusts' ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trusts to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ▶ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



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We communicate with the directors of the Responsible Entity regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

*Ernst & Young*

Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Chuang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Chuang  
Partner  
Sydney

22 September 2025

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