# Mutual Credit Fund (MCF)

Fund Report | 30 April 2025



#### Performance

	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr *	5 Yr *	Incep. *
Fund Net Return	0.70	2.49	6.60	6.23	4.65	4.32
AusBond Bank Bill Index	1.04	2.18	4.46	3.68	2.21	2.16
Relative Performance	-0.34	0.31	2.14	2.55	2.44	2.16

\*Returns greater than 1 year are per annum

portfolio of fixed interest credit

assets across APRA regulated institutions, corporate and

structured assets. Targeted

assets with a shorter credit duration to ameliorate periods

when risk assets sell-off.

AusBond Bank Bill Index

PRM8256AU/AU60PRM82564

**Benchmark Index** 

**Inception Date** 

February 2020

APIR/ISIN

Distribution

**Buy/Sell Spread** 

Minimum Investment

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

Zenith Recommended

Lonsec Recommended

Quarterly

Nil / Nil

Ratings

portfolio construction is to hold



# Monthly Commentary

MCF returned -0.17% (net) in April. The 6 month net return was 2.49% and the 12 month net return was 6.60% at the end of April. Over the past 12 months the fund has returned 2.14% above the Ausbond Bank Bill Index, versus a target of 2.20%.

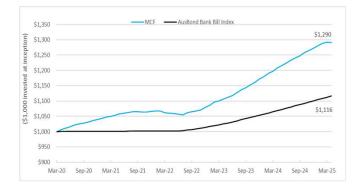
On April 2, the Trump administration introduced a range "reciprocal" tariffs aimed at countering what it sees as unfair trade practices inflicted on the US by other countries. The uncertainty triggered an aggressive spike in volatility, with almost all asset classes impacted. The S&P fell into correction territory, down -12% across a handful of trading sessions, taking losses from its February peak to -19%. The ASX 200 fared a little better, down -7.5% in the first half of the month, but still down -14% from its own February peak. Bond yields surged as much as 30 - 50 bps, while credit spreads jumped 30 - 60 bps.

With markets in turmoil, common sense prevailed and Trump paused reciprocal tariffs for 90-days for all counterparties except China. Following the pause stocks were able to pare back much of their losses, and in some instances finish in positive territory (ASX 200 +3.61% MOM).

There was just the sole senior issuance in A\$ during April due to the heightened volatility across markets. We expect this to change in early May with 3 of the 4 major banks reporting half year results. It is expected senior issuance will follow, establishing a price point to encourage other issuers to return to the market. While there were a few days of dislocated markets at the height of the uncertainty, a key factor to note is markets remained open. Once Trump triggered the release valve, the market quickly sprung back into action. Bid/offer spreads remain slightly elevated, which is an understandable outcome when equity indexes have moved +/-10% in a single day. We expect these to normalise and will be watching closely the new issue concession, if any, offered to investors.

In structured credit, April issuance was significantly below the 2025 monthly run rate with just A\$900m printed across 2 transactions. Metro paused their ABS issuance in early April, returning to the market in early May with a successful upsized transaction of A\$1bn. Coverage ratios were strong across all the tranches, highlighting investors are happy to engage with issuers and support deals. While it is just the one deal so far, it did give us some confidence around the outlook for the next few months.

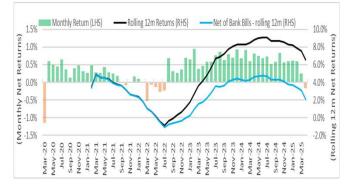
#### **Performance Comparison**



## **Portfolio Statistics**

Running Yield	6.73%
Yield to Maturity	6.38%
APRA	67%
Structured	24%
Corporate	9%
Interest Duration	0.10 years
Credit Duration	2.38 years
Investment Grade	89%
Fund size	\$755.03m

### **Monthly Net Return**



### Why Mutual?

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