

MLC MultiActive Diversified Fixed Income

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Data is provided by the manager at 31 Jul 2023, and currency in AUD, unless otherwise stated

Refer to glossary for definition of the rating

Product Viewpoint

About this Product

Investment manager	IOOF Investment Services Ltd
Benchmark	50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Year Index AUD / 50% Bloomberg Global Aggregate TR Index (AUD Hedged)
Product structure	Managed Fund
Product size	\$392.00m
Inception date	Apr 2008
Asset class	Fixed Interest
Sector	Diversified Bonds
Peer group	Multi-Manager
Rated peers	6

Product Characteristics

Business Life Cycle	Mature
Product Wind-Up Risk	Low
Key Person Risk	Low
Tenure of Decision Makers	Medium
Complex (RG240)	No
Strategy Remaining Capacity	High
ESG Approach	Risk or Value
Peer Relative Fees and Costs	In line with median

Annual Fees and Costs (% p.a.)

Management fees & costs	0.50
Performance fee costs	0.05
Net Transaction Costs	0.00
Buy/Sell Spread	0.05/0.08
Annual fees and costs	0.55

Source: FE fundinfo

Strengths

- The Fund is managed by an experienced investment team.
- Integration of the broader investment team has been progressing well to further enhance the Manager's investment capabilities.
- Increased breadth of resources and tools, in particular manager research, asset allocation, performance analytics, governance and implementation teams.
- Robust and consistently applied investment process underpinning underlying manager selection and portfolio construction functions.

Weaknesses

- The Fund has a modest alpha target relative to the broader peer group and the fees charged.
- The complexity of managing an extensive breadth of heritage products with varying objectives, but this is being managed by the continued alignment of asset class building blocks and objectives.

Product Opinion

The Fund has maintained its 'Recommended' rating. There is high regard and conviction for the experience and calibre of the broader investment team. The Fund's rating is also driven by the robust and repeatable investment process. The increased resourcing from the combined heritage IOOF, OnePath and MLC businesses, provides further depth of expertise within investment management, asset allocation and risk management.

The alpha target of the Fund is considerably less than peers, especially in the context of the fee charged, but the Fund has delivered strong excess returns in the short term.

Lonsec Rating Model

Rating key: ●●● Above ●●● In-line ●●● Below

Factor	Peer Rating	YoY Score Change
Business	●●●	—
Team	●●●	—
Process	●●●	—
ESG	●●●	—
Product	●●●	—
Fees	●●●	↑
Performance	●●●	—

Allocation Profile

Core		
Satellite		
	Low Complexity	High Complexity

Return Profile

Income		
Capital		
	Defensive	Growth

Key Facts

Key Objectives

Investment objective	To provide a low to medium risk income-producing product over the medium term by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed income investments, and to achieve a total return after fees in excess of the Fund's Benchmark over rolling three-year periods.
Internal return objective	Outperform the benchmark by 0.75% p.a. (before fees) over rolling three years.
Internal risk objective	Tracking error of less than 2% p.a. over rolling three years.
Non-financial objective	None

Asset Allocation (%)

Australian Fixed Interest	47.09
Global Fixed Interest	52.28
Cash	0.63
Total	100.00

Source: FE fundinfo

Rating History

19-Apr-2023	Recommended
11-Apr-2022	Recommended
14-Apr-2021	Recommended

Product Distribution Profile

Frequency	Quarterly
Last Missed Distribution	None
Number of Missed Distributions in the last 5 years	None
AMIT Election	Yes
TOFA Election	No

Top 10 Holdings (as at 31/07/2023)

	Weight (%)
Government Of Australia 2.5% 20-Sep-2030	1.99%
National Australia Bank Limited 0.0% 05-Apr-2024	1.92%
Government Of Australia 0.75% 21-Nov-2027	1.16%
Government Of The United States Of America FRN 31-Jan-2025	1.15%
New South Wales Treasury Corp. 2.0% 08-Mar-2033	1.01%
Government Of Australia 1.0% 21-Dec-2030	0.99%
Government Of Australia 1.0% 21-Nov-2031	0.94%
Government Of Australia 1.25% 21-May-2032	0.93%
Government Of Australia 1.5% 21-Jun-2031	0.93%
Government Of Australia 1.75% 21-Nov-2032	0.88%

Source: FE fundinfo

Target Market Determination

Produced by issuer	Yes
Provided to Lonsec	Yes

Performance Analysis - annualised after fees at 31/10/2023

	1 Year	Median	2 Year	Median	3 Year	Median	5 Year	Median
Performance (% p.a)	0.31	0.15	-5.02	-5.16	-3.42	-4.26	0.56	-0.33
Standard deviation	5.09	5.13	4.96	4.98	4.42	4.58	4.45	4.43
Excess return (% p.a)	0.86	0.70	0.43	0.28	1.28	0.43	0.79	-0.10
Outperformance ratio (% p.a)	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	58.33	54.17	56.67	54.17
Worst drawdown (%)	-3.58	-3.61	-10.93	-11.05	-12.15	-13.25	-12.15	-13.25
Time to recovery (mths)	NR	-	NR	-	NR	-	NR	-
Sharpe ratio	-0.66	-0.66	-1.45	-1.46	-1.11	-1.20	-0.17	-0.35
Information ratio	0.82	0.67	0.24	0.15	0.69	0.31	0.34	-0.06
Tracking error (% p.a)	1.04	1.04	1.80	1.80	1.86	1.54	2.34	1.73

Lonsec Peer Group: Fixed Interest - Diversified Bonds - Multi-Manager

Product Benchmark: 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Year Index AUD / 50% Bloomberg Global Aggregate TR Index (AUD Hedged)

Cash Benchmark: Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index AUD

Time to recovery: NR - Not recovered, dash - No drawdown during period

Latest Product Information

(as provided by the manager & sourced from third party data vendors. This data may differ from the data provided to Lonsec at the time of rating)

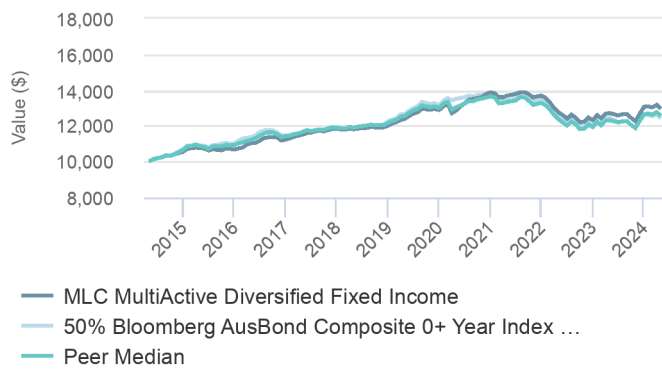
Returns after fees (as at 30/04/24)

	1yr	3yr	5yr	7yr
Total return (% p.a)	1.89	-1.82	0.89	1.70
Income return (% p.a)	3.69	3.90	4.24	4.14
Growth return (% p.a)	-1.80	-5.72	-3.35	-2.44
Lonsec benchmark (% p.a)	-0.17	-2.56	-0.36	0.91
Excess return (% p.a)	2.06	0.74	1.26	0.79

Benchmark Used: 50% Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Year Index AUD / 50% Bloomberg Global Aggregate TR Index (AUD Hedged)

Source: FE fundinfo

Growth of \$10,000 Over 10 Years



Source: FE fundinfo

Top 10 Holdings

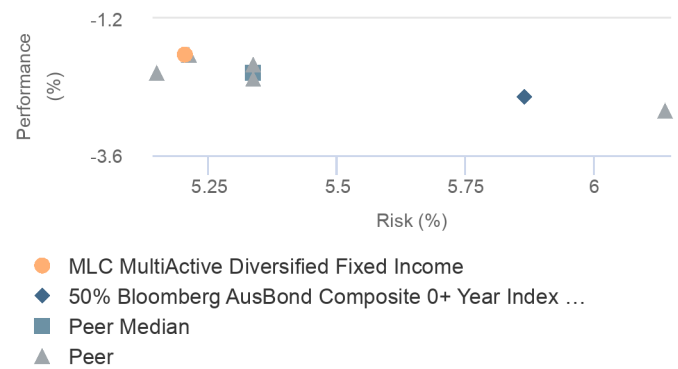
Information hasn't been provided, contact the product provider.

Annual Fees and Costs (% p.a.) (as at 30/04/2024)

Management fees & costs	0.52
Performance fee costs	0.04
Net Transaction Costs	0.03
Buy/Sell Spread	0.05/0.08
Annual fees and costs	0.59

Source: FE fundinfo

3 Year Risk and Return



Source: FE fundinfo

Asset Allocation (%) (as at 30/04/2024)

Australian Fixed Interest	49.09
Global Fixed Interest	50.27
Cash	0.64
Total	100.00

Source: FE fundinfo

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General

Excess return: Return in excess of the benchmark return.

Information ratio: Relative reward for relative risk taken (Excess Returns / Tracking Error).

Sharpe ratio: Excess return earned for additional volatility experienced when holding riskier assets versus risk-free asset.

Standard deviation: Volatility of monthly Absolute Returns.

Stewardship Policies: the strength of a manager's proxy voting and engagement policies with respect to ESG.

Time to recovery: The number of months taken to recover the Worst Drawdown.

Total return: 'Top line' actual return, after fees.

Tracking error: Volatility of monthly Excess Returns against the benchmark (the Standard Deviation of monthly Excess Returns).

Worst drawdown: The worst cumulative loss ('peak to trough') experienced over the period assessed.

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