

# MONTHLY UPDATE

## March 2022



### CATHOLIC VALUES TRUST

#### Investment Objective

To provide a return (after fees and expenses) that exceeds CPI by 3% p.a. measured over rolling 3-year and 5-year periods, and invest in accordance with the Catholic Values Policy.

#### Performance

	Month	Quarter	FYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Catholic Values Trust (Gross of Fees) <sup>^</sup>	1.93	-1.67	3.24	9.25	9.51	9.33
Catholic Values Trust (Net of Fees) <sup>^</sup>	1.87	-1.85	2.72	8.55	8.81	8.63
Objective* <sup>^</sup>	0.69	2.08	5.71	7.26	5.51	5.15

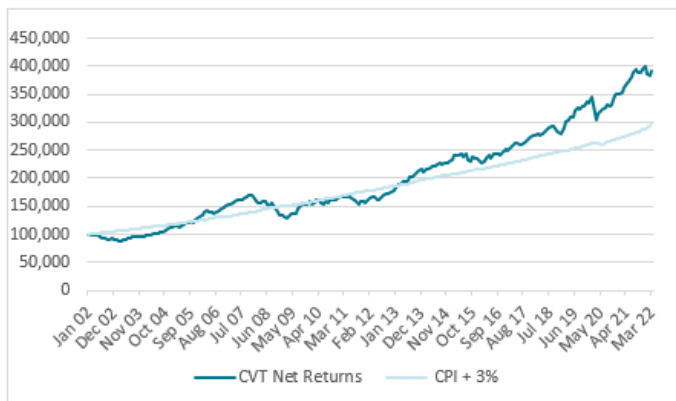
<sup>^</sup> Month, quarter and FYTD are holding period returns

1 year, 3 year, 5-year & since inception returns are annualised

\*Objective is CPI + 3% p.a. rolling 3 & 5 years

#### Fund Performance Since Inception

\$100K invested since inception



Catholic Values Trust returned 1.87% net of fees for the month of March. The Fund has outperformed its objective over the rolling 3-year and 5-year periods.

#### Key Contributors

- ◆ Australian Equities returned 7.39% over March, lifted by Financial and Material sectors. The rally in banks was underpinned by the potential for earning upgrades due to rising interest rates. Higher commodity prices arising from the sanctions on Russia also drove the Materials sector higher for the month.
- ◆ In March, Property returned a marginal 0.4% driven by distributions over the period.

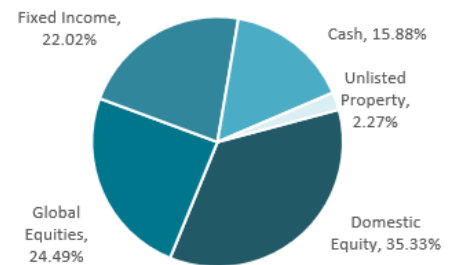
#### Key Detractors

- ◆ Fixed Income was the key detractor, returning -2.1% in March. This is largely attributable to bond yields rising on higher inflation concerns and increased expectations for rate hikes.
- ◆ Global Equities returned -1.04% over the month as the war in Ukraine and associated sanctions led to a broad risk-off sentiment.

#### Portfolio Statistics

Funds Under Management	\$190 million
Performance Return Since Inception net of fees (Jan 31, 2002) <sup>^</sup>	6.93% p.a.
Distribution Frequency	Half Yearly

#### Asset Allocation



#### Market Highlights

- ◆ **Australian equities** (S&P/ASX100) outperformed other asset classes in the portfolio, returning 7.1% over March. This was due to the broad lift in commodity prices which favours the local market given its heavy exposure to the resources sector.
- ◆ **Global equities** (MSCI World ex-Australia \$A Unhedged) fell 0.9% over the month of March. Further escalation in sanctions on Russia and the resulting commodity supply shock weighed on Global Equities. In addition, a 3.0% gain in AUD vs USD contributed to the fall in Global Equities. The asset class staged a late rally, but the recovery was muted due to a 25bps rate hike by the US Federal Reserve.
- ◆ **Fixed Income**, as measured by the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index fell by 3.7% over March. Australian bond yields rose sharply between 70 to 79bps across the curve, reflecting investor's expectation for more aggressive rate hikes. This was largely due to accelerating inflation in the US that may trigger global price pressures potentially spilling into Australia.
- ◆ Cash produced almost nil return over March in line with the current cash rate of 0.10%. Short term money market rates ended the month 15bps higher at 23bps.

# INCOME TRUST

## Investment Objective

To provide investors with a quarterly income distribution and potential for capital growth by outperforming the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index by 1.0% p.a. (net of fees) over rolling 3-year periods.

## Performance

	Month	Quarter	FYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Income Trust (Gross of Fees) <sup>^</sup>	-0.24	-0.29	0.83	1.66	2.72	4.03
Income Trust (Net of Fees) <sup>^</sup>	-0.30	-0.46	0.34	1.01	2.07	3.38
Objective* <sup>^</sup>	0.09	0.26	0.78	1.04	<b>1.46</b>	<b>2.02</b>

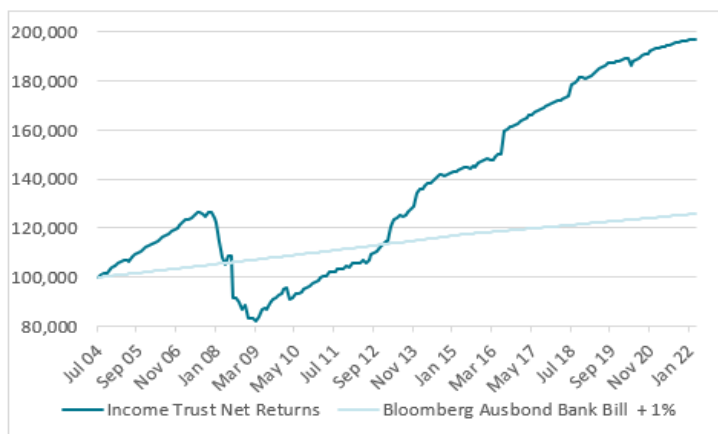
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\*Objective is AusBond Bank Bill + 1.0% (net of fees) p.a. rolling 3 years

## Fund Performance Since Inception

\$100K invested since inception



The Income Trust returned -0.30% net of fees for the month of March. The Fund has outperformed its objective over a rolling 3-year period.

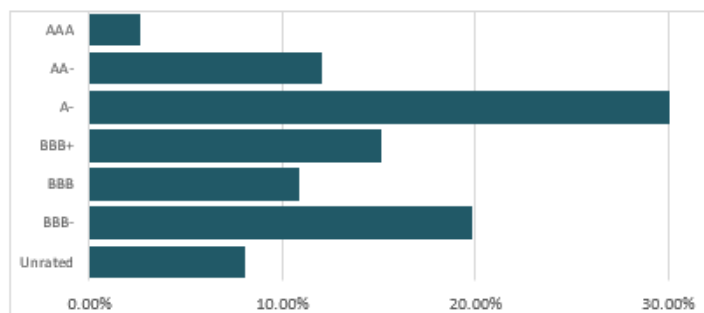
### Key Contributors

◆ Over the month of March, Hybrids produced a return of 0.05%. Income was the main contributor to hybrid returns offsetting negative contributions from credit spreads.

### Key Detractors

◆ Fixed Income was the key detractor over the month, with floating rate credit returning -0.48% driven by credit spreads widening.

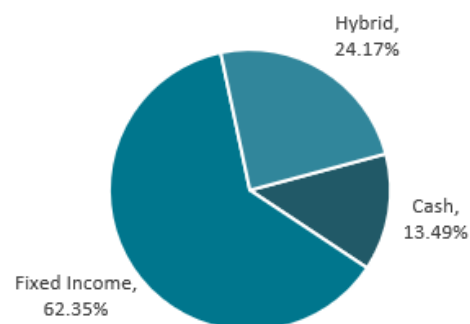
## Credit Rating Allocation



## Portfolio Statistics

Funds Under Management	\$45 million
Performance Return Since Inception net of fees (Dec 31, 2000) <sup>^</sup>	3.90% p.a.
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly
Yield to Maturity	3.52%
Average Credit Rating	A-

## Asset Allocation



## Market Highlights

- ◆ Credit spreads were 17bps wider over March. Rising inflationary pressures from the Ukraine war on global supply chains, commodities and energy prices saw markets factor in aggressive RBA monetary tightening. This drove bond yields higher which flowed through to the credit market.
- ◆ Cash produced almost nil return over March in line with the current cash rate of 0.10%. Short term money market rates ended the month 15bps higher at 23bps, reflecting market expectation for more aggressive rate hikes.
- ◆ Hybrid returns ended the month marginally positive. Despite widening of spreads of around 20bps, the asset class was supported by both income benefits from its floating rate nature and the recent CBA Capital notes primary issuance that saw strong interest, particularly from the retail market.

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