Arculus Fixed Income Fund



Asset Class: Australian Fixed Income

Rating





STAR RATING: Investment products are awarded a star rating out of a possible five stars and placed on the following websites: www.sqmresearch.com.au www.FundMonitors.com

This Investment grade rating indicates that the fund has the potential to be an outperforming fund over the medium term as well as the fund manager, Arculus Funds Management.

Fund objective & strategy.

The investment strategy of the Arculus Fixed Income Fund is to identify appropriate investments from the pool of Australian sovereign and Australian senior bank bonds that are expected to generate a sufficiently high yield, commensurate with the assumed risk, with minimum volatility of returns. The Fund is not benchmark aware so is without a duration target. It is focused on achieving an absolute return of the 90-day BBSW rate plus 150bps. The Fund is best suited to investors who seek a low to medium risk investment over a 1 to 3-year period.

Arculus Fixed Income Fund.

- Aim: capital preservation with yield above bank bills. Target BBSW + 1.5%.
- Holds only Australian senior bank securities and sovereign debt issued by commonwealth and state governments.
- All holdings must be REPO eligible this provides enormous liquidity.
- No leverage. No shorting no currency risk.
- · Management Fee 0.368% +GST, NO performance fees.

Arculus risk management.

Arculus is focused on capital preservation. Risk management is central to our investment approach and our operating structures. There are no performance fees that conflict with risk minimisation and Arculus outsources the other fund roles of Administration, Custody, and the Responsible Entity to external, independent groups. This is done to ensure integrity in the unit pricing, reporting and mandate compliance.

Current portfolio characteristics

 Running yield 	2.72 %
• YTM	4.75 %
 Credit duration 	1.12
 Fixed duration 	0.11
Fixed rate	2.35 %
 Floating rate 	89.95 %
Ave years to maturity	2.17

Fund details

- Fund size: \$60.6m.
- Redemptions typically met T+3.
- APIR DDH8305ÁU.
- Minimum Investment \$2,000. Distributions reinvestment.
- No performance fees.

Platforms

 This Fund can be accessed by investing directly, or indirectly, using the BT Panorama, Allan Gray, HUB24, and Netwealth platforms.

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Consistent returns aiming for BBSW 90-day +1.50%

Current yields and risk*

Yields constantly rising with the 2023 cash rate increases, low interest-rate exposure.

2.72% Running yield

4.75% Yield to Maturity

0.11
Duration

Liquid, nimble and actively managed to increase returns and minimise risks

Rolling 12m returns rising, reflecting the increasing cash rate: 3m annual returns 6%+.

Performance to 30 September 2025 (annualised)

	3M	6M	1Y	2Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception
Total Return	1.19%	2.44%	5.03%	5.70%	5.39%	2.16%	2.19%
Cash Dist.	1.16%	2.98%	5.70%	5.27%	4.76%	3.24%	2.81%
Growth	0.03%	-0.54%	-0.67%	0.43%	0.63%	-1.08%	-0.62%

^{*} Fund returns are net of all fees. Returns are calculated using exit prices and are calculated after all fees and costs have been deducted, assumes any distributions are reinvested, and no allowance made for tax. The "distribution" component represents the amount paid by way of distribution, including net realised capital gains. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

The Fund is benchmark unaware – Target return is the 90-Day BBSW +1.5%.

Above-average performance over most time frames

The Annual SQM Research shows consistent outperformance of peers over past 5 years.

Total return % pa (Dec 2025)



■Fund ■Benchmark ■Peer Average

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A vastly lower level of volatility than peers indicating better risk management

Better quality assets than peers and superior ability to navigate market risks.

Volatility % pa (Dec 2025)



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^{*}As of 30 September. See also the portfolio characterises table in panel at left.