

ABOUT THE FUND

The Daintree Core Income PIE (the Fund) offers New Zealand-based investors a Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE) vehicle through which to invest in the Daintree Core Income Trust (NZD Unit Class). Through this structure, the Fund will invest in a diversified portfolio of credit, fixed income securities and cash and applies a range of strategies that include duration and yield curve management, (actively managing the maturity profile of the portfolio), sector rotation and individual security selection. Derivatives may also be used for investment and risk management purposes. Where the Daintree Core Income Trust (NZD Unit Class) invests in overseas securities, these are hedged back to the NZD.

In this document, we refer to the Daintree Core Income Trust (NZD Unit Class) as the Underlying Fund. In most sections of this document, the metrics and commentary shown are taken from the Underlying Fund. We have signalled these sections with a hashtag in the section heading. From time to time there may be small differences between the metrics of the Fund and the Underlying Fund, as a result of liquidity cash held in the Fund.

PERFORMANCE AND ANALYTICS

Daintree Core Income Trust#	MONTH (%)	QUARTER (%)	1 YEAR (%)	3 YEARS (% pa)	5 YEARS (% pa)	INCEPTION (% pa)
Fund (gross)	0.17	0.91	4.56	7.52	4.73	4.39
Fund (net)	0.13	0.77	4.01	6.97	4.20	3.86
Distribution (net)	0.14	0.60	4.84	4.26	3.16	2.75
Growth (net)	-0.01	0.17	-0.83	2.71	1.04	1.11
RBNZ Cash Rate	0.17	0.56	2.97	4.55	3.37	2.54
Excess Return	-0.04	0.22	1.04	2.42	0.83	1.32

Note: Performance inception is 1 June 2018. Excess return is measured with reference to net performance. Returns for periods longer than one year are annualised. Distribution return is the difference between total return and ex-distribution unit price return. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Daintree Core Income PIE	MONTH (%)	QUARTER (%)	1 YEAR (%)	3 YEARS (% pa)	5 YEARS (% pa)	INCEPTION (% pa)
Fund (gross)	0.17	0.90	4.57	-	-	5.76
Fund (net)	0.11	0.71	3.81	-	-	4.98
Distribution (net)	0.14	0.61	4.98	-	-	4.47
Growth (net)	-0.03	0.10	-1.17	-	-	0.50
RBNZ Cash Rate	0.17	0.55	3.00	-	-	3.75
Excess Return	-0.06	0.16	0.81	-	-	1.23
NZ Benchmark	0.31	0.06	2.15	-	-	2.74
Excess Return	-0.20	0.65	1.66	-	-	2.24

The benchmark for the Daintree Core Income PIE is the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0-5 Yr, 100% hedged to NZD. This benchmark has been chosen to align with the requirements of the Financial Markets Conduct Act and supporting regulations.

Gross returns are before deductions for fees and before tax. Net returns are after deductions for fees and before tax. Inception date 14 August 2024

FUND REVIEW#

The Daintree Core Income PIE returned 0.11% for the month, net of fees. Over the last three years, the Underlying Fund has delivered a return of 6.97%pa net of fees, equivalent to an excess return of 2.42%pa. Coupon was a positive contributor for the month, while credit spreads, overlay and hedges weighed.

The Underlying Fund continues to selectively engage in new issuance to optimise future income potential. Portfolio positioning and cash levels will enable portfolio managers to nimbly respond to the evolving market environment.



FUND OBJECTIVE

The aim of the Fund is to provide an absolute return (greater than cash) over time and a steady stream of income and capital stability over the medium term.



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS[#]

- Coupon receipts were the primary contributor to performance in February
- Risk premia are compressed across markets. While we expect high-grade corporate bonds to continue to perform well, we feel that the accumulation of hedges makes sense in case market conditions are disrupted by issues such as risk-off sentiment, earnings weakness or spillovers from issues in the private credit space



PLATFORMS

The Daintree Core Income PIE is available on the following platforms:

- Adminis
- FNZ
- Snowball Effect
- Apex
- NZX Wealth



KEY STATISTICS[#]

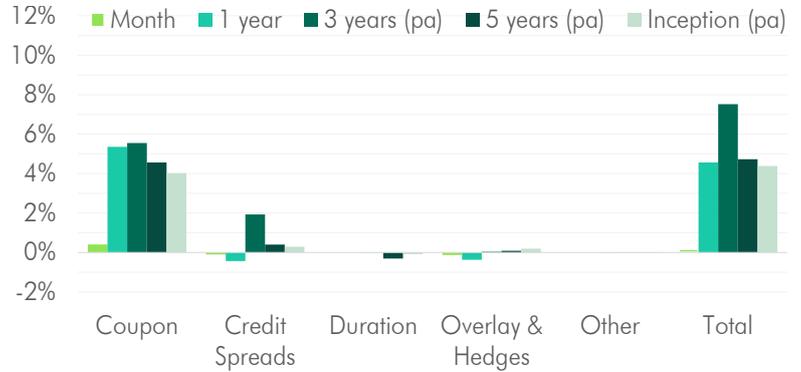
Modified Duration (Yrs)	1.04
Spread Duration (Yrs)	2.52
Yield to Maturity (%)	4.11
Running Yield (%)	4.19
Average Credit Quality	A-
Portfolio ESG score (MSCI)	AA

Note: Portfolio yield is the expected return over the next year, assuming no changes to either portfolio composition or market yields. Average credit quality excludes overlay positions. Portfolio yield and spread duration reflect the net credit default swap exposures in the portfolio. The Portfolio ESG score is the weighted average portfolio ESG rating based on Daintree Capital's application of MSCI data.

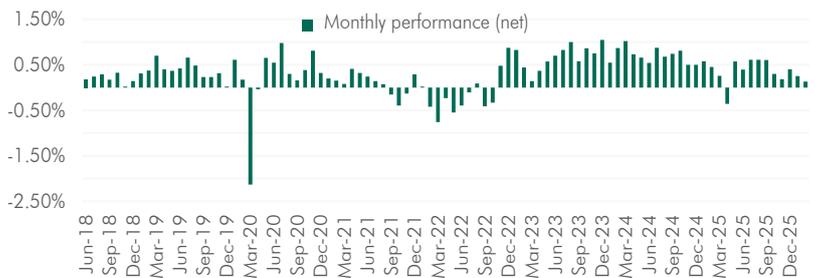
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Performance Contribution (pre Fees)[#]



Monthly Performance[#]

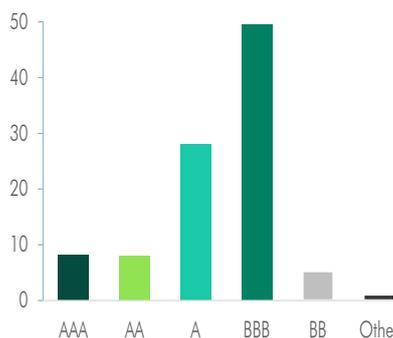


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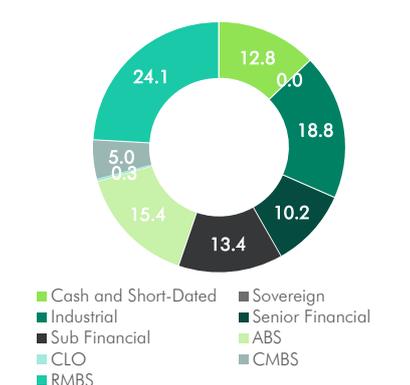
The Underlying Fund paid a 0.15 cent per unit distribution in February



Rating Exposure (%)[#]



Sector Exposure (%)[#]



OUTLOOK#

Growing global instability will weigh more heavily on the investment landscape in the short-to-medium term as a potent mix of geopolitical volatility and structural shifts in capital markets collide. The recent escalation in the Middle East has reintroduced a significant "risk-off" premium. Brent crude has surged toward the US\$80 level, sparking renewed fears of inflation despite most central banks displaying an easing bias. For bond markets, yields on U.S. Treasuries and German Bunds fell initially on the news from Iran but rebounded just as quickly. Credit spreads are vulnerable to an extended period of uncertainty, increased energy costs and supply chain uncertainty, but will be supported by still solid issuer fundamentals.

In the United States, the economy remains surprisingly resilient, bolstered by the delayed stimulative effects of the "One Big Beautiful Bill" and significant tax incentives that took effect in January. While the Federal Reserve continues a cautious easing path, the term premium has returned and showing signs of persistence. Long-end Treasury yields are under upward pressure as the market grapples with a flood of new issuance to fund the deficit and a range of Administration priorities including the AI rollout. We think investors are justified in demanding a higher risk premium for duration in an environment of fiscal dominance.

Australia presents a unique contrast, as the RBA recently bucked the global easing trend with a 25-basis-point hike to 3.85% in February. This move follows a material pickup in inflation during the second half of 2025 and a surprise drop in the unemployment rate to 4.1%. The hawkish stance of the RBA suggests that the short end of the curve will remain anchored at higher levels compared to G7 peers. Australia faces the added challenge of anaemic productivity growth, which is severely constraining the supply response and will make the RBA's inflation fight even more difficult.

Across the Atlantic, the European economy is emerging from its malaise, supported by a significant German fiscal stimulus and a stabilisation of energy costs. Recent events in the Middle East leave it exposed to energy disruptions, such as the suspension of LNG production by major producer Qatar, which had immediate effects on gas prices. While the credit impulse in the region is improving, a lack of exposure to topical and fast-growing sectors places the onus on more traditional industries to navigate ever-changing trade and geopolitical dynamics to drive regional growth in the year ahead.

In the private credit sphere, investor caution is rising as challenges emerge on several fronts. Widespread exposure to software companies at risk of disruption from AI is a growing concern. Furthermore, the ripple effect of other recent credit challenges is dulling new investor inflows. If global uncertainty or further credit quality deterioration leads to redemption requests, investors will be closely assessing the ability of the private credit ecosystem to manage fund flows where illiquidity is a feature rather than a symptom. As the private credit market faces its first true full-cycle test, the ability to navigate defaults and restructure liabilities will influence investor sentiment across the credit sphere. To date, there has been little contagion effect from the private credit space into public markets, but the possibility cannot be discounted.

Credit spreads remain tighter than long-term averages, especially in investment-grade bonds. Most markets are also supported by consistent inflows. Higher risk-free rates make the all-in yield attractive compared to other alternatives on a risk-adjusted basis. Rising geopolitical risks and a fragile private credit market pose tangible risks to short-term performance. We continue to monitor these dynamics closely.

High quality corporate bonds, supported by strong fundamentals, should be able to weather existing cross currents. If credit spreads widen because of renewed risk-off sentiment or actual weakening of earnings, the key is to flexibly calibrate positioning. With spreads already so tight, the risk-reward equation leaves little room for error and any shift in sentiment could have an impact on portfolios.

These views are those of Daintree Capital Management, who are the underlying investment manager for the Daintree Core Income PIE.

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