

Yarra Higher Income Fund

Gross returns as at 28 February 2026

	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	Since inception [^] % p.a.
Yarra Higher Income Fund*	0.46	1.63	7.06	8.79	6.76	5.77
RBA Cash Rate [#]	0.29	0.89	3.79	4.06	2.80	2.14
Excess return [‡]	0.18	0.74	3.28	4.73	3.96	3.63

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Net returns as at 28 February 2026

	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	Since inception [^] % p.a.
Yarra Higher Income Fund*	0.41	1.47	6.37	8.09	6.07	5.09
Growth return [†]	0.01	0.25	0.63	2.22	0.21	-0.10
Distribution return [†]	0.40	1.22	5.74	5.87	5.85	5.19
RBA Cash Rate [#]	0.29	0.89	3.79	4.06	2.80	2.14
Excess return [‡]	0.13	0.58	2.59	4.03	3.27	2.95

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* Effective 15 March 2022, the Fund's name was changed to the Yarra Higher Income Fund. There was no change to the Fund's investment strategy.

[^] Inception date: October 2018.

[†] Growth returns are measured by the movement in the Yarra Higher Income Fund's unit price, ex-distribution. Distribution return is the proportion of the total return which is paid to unitholders by way of distribution. It does not include distribution amounts deemed as capital distributions.

[#] The RBA Cash Rate is being used for comparative purposes only. The underlying assets of the Fund are of a higher risk profile than cash assets. When comparing performance of the Fund against the RBA Cash Rate, investors should take this into account.

[‡] The excess return figures shown represent the difference between the Fund's return and the RBA Cash Rate.

Portfolio review

The Yarra Higher Income Fund returned 0.41% (net basis) over the month, outperforming the RBA Cash Rate by 13 bps. On a 12-month view the Fund returned 6.37% (net basis), outperforming the RBA Cash Rate by 259 bps.

Monthly performance was robust, driven by income returns. Credit spreads widened over the month, reflecting the elevated levels of new issuance alongside increased investor concern around private credit markets. Our duration position contributed marginally, providing some offset as investors moved toward safe-haven assets amid heightened volatility. Two loans settled during the month, adding meaningfully to the Fund's strong running yield.

Senior debt was the standout performer during the month and our allocations to Warehousing and Syndicated Loans continued to provide the most meaningful contribution to cash income received. We participated in a number of the Tier 2

issuances including Commonwealth Bank and Credit Agricole, and also participated in the UBS AT1 deal.

Market review

Heightened geopolitical tensions in the Middle East escalated at the end of the month following military strikes involving the US, Israel and Iran, with retaliatory actions contributing to ongoing instability in the Gulf region.

Oil prices rose sharply in response, prompting increased concern among policymakers and markets regarding the potential inflationary impacts of a sustained conflict.

Separately, the US Supreme Court ruled against President Trump's emergency tariffs. In response to the ruling, the President threatened to impose global tariffs of 15%, however this is yet to take place. In the US, January labour market data was slightly stronger than anticipated. The unemployment rate fell by 10 bps to 4.3% supported by nonfarm payroll employment increasing by 130,000 jobs. At this stage, the data supports the Federal Reserve's decision to hold interest

rates steady at its January meeting. US 10-year Treasury yields fell by 30 bps over the month to 3.94%, with markets still leaning toward a rate cut in June.

In other parts of the world, British lender Market Financial Solutions entered insolvency amid allegations of fraud, leaving several European banks exposed. The Bank of England left its cash rate unchanged at 3.75% highlighting ongoing concerns around returning inflation to target in the near term.

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand also kept its cash rate on hold at 2.25%, citing a number of factors including the expectation that headline inflation will fall to the midpoint of the target range, economic activity is recovering and the presence of significant spare capacity.

Japan recorded its lowest inflation print since 2022, with January inflation coming in at 1.5% y/y, meeting the Bank of Japan's target.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) increased the cash rate by 25 bps to 3.85% in their meeting at the beginning of the month, expressing concern over recent data indicating persistent inflationary pressures. Headline CPI for the 12 months to January 2026 was unchanged from the previous month at 3.8%, 80 bps above target, while trimmed mean inflation rose by 10 bps to 3.4%. Housing continued to be the largest contributor to inflation, with the ongoing roll-off of government electricity rebates adding upward pressure.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the unemployment rate for January remained unchanged at 4.1%, although total employment increased slightly. Following the RBA's decision to hike rates, bonds sold off slightly. However, as risk off sentiment emerged amid heightened geopolitical uncertainty, bonds subsequently rallied resulting in yields finishing the month lower across the curve. The curve flattened slightly, with the yield on 3-year bond futures declining by 6.5 bps to 4.22% and the yield on 10-year bond futures falling by 17 bps to 4.67%.

Credit spreads widened marginally during the month, driven by a significant supply in primary as well as concerns around private credit liquidity rather than any material deterioration in underlying credit quality. Bank issuance dominated the market, with Tier 2 and AT1 issuance in February reaching its highest level on record. Deal flow remained well oversubscribed, with strong participation from Asian investors continuing to support the market.

Most investment grade corporates performed well in 1H26 off the back of the easing cycle and a resilient Australian economy. Notable transactions during the month included Tier 2 issuance from CBA, ANZ, Westpac, Macquarie Bank, Credit Agricole and IMB, as well as an AT1 issuance from UBS. Senior issuance was also undertaken by ING Bank, Credit Agricole and Vicinity Centres. The Australian iTraxx index closed the month 2.7 bps wider at 68.6 bps.

RMBS/ABS issuance was stronger in February, with several new deals pricing during the month. Year-to-date issuance has already more than tripled the same period last year. Notably, NAB mandated their NRMBS 2026-1 deal, the second major

bank RMBS deal of the year. Deals were continually oversubscribed particularly in the short senior tranche and the sub-investment grade tranches. Spreads across all tranches were largely unchanged throughout the month, while warehousing continued to offer attractive risk-adjusted returns.

Outlook

Market pricing had, until recently, largely reflected expectations of an additional rate hike in May as inflation concerns remain elevated. These concerns have been exacerbated by the conflict in the Middle East with oil price shocks and disruption to shipping routes.

However, with the escalating conflict in the Middle East comes the risk of a slowdown in global growth. The RBA has continued to emphasise a cautious and data-dependent approach to policy. However, given the backdrop, we expect the evolving global landscape to play a larger role in the RBA's upcoming monetary policy meetings.

Credit spreads widened over the month, as strong levels of supply coupled with a hawkish interest rate back drop drove investor concern over higher funding costs. Investment grade corporate balance sheets remain well positioned and near-term credit metrics are expected to remain resilient.

We expect higher outright yields to remain attractive for offshore investors, which will continue to support demand for Australian credit in the absence of significant macroeconomic shocks.

Issuance activity could moderate in the near term amid heightened geopolitical uncertainty, however ongoing funding requirements and generally supportive capital market conditions should underpin a recovery in issuance once conditions stabilise.

Portfolio profile

Portfolio characteristics

	Portfolio
Current yield (%)	6.32
Credit spread (bps)	223
Average weighted issue credit rating	BBB
Average weighted ESG rating*	BBB+
Yield to expected maturity (%)	6.33
Effective duration (yrs)	1.72
Spread duration (yrs)	3.31
Number of securities	189

* Please note that the ESG ratings are YCM internal ratings.

Sector allocation

	Portfolio %
Asset Backed Securities	0.55
Banks	30.73
Communication Services	-
Consumer Discretionary	1.34
Consumer Staples	-
Diversified Financials	6.29
Energy	6.67
Health Care	0.08
Industrials	9.10
Information Technology	-
Insurance	5.29
Materials	0.44
Mortgage-Backed Securities	3.63
Private Debt	7.12
Real Estate	7.11
Syndicated Loan	11.04
Utilities	2.56
Cash & Other	8.05

Security allocation

	Portfolio %
Tier 1	5.97
Tier 2	28.25
Subordinated	17.26
Mortgage Backed	3.63
Asset Backed	0.55
Senior	18.12
Private Debt	7.12
Syndicated Loan	11.04
Cash & Other	8.05

Top 10 holdings

Issuer	ISIN	Portfolio%
Nextera Energy Capital	AU3CB0322691	2.10
National Australia Bank	AU3CB0328235	2.05
Insurance Australia Group	AU3FN0102158	1.90
UBS Group	CH1485827070	1.78
TEEG	XXAU0TEEG027	1.62
BNP Paribas	FR0014014MD4	1.60
ANZ Banking	AU3FN0091583	1.60
Aroundtown	AU3CB0330983	1.48
ATI Global	XXAU0ATIF012	1.48
Rabobank	AU3CB0293348	1.47

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Credit rating profile

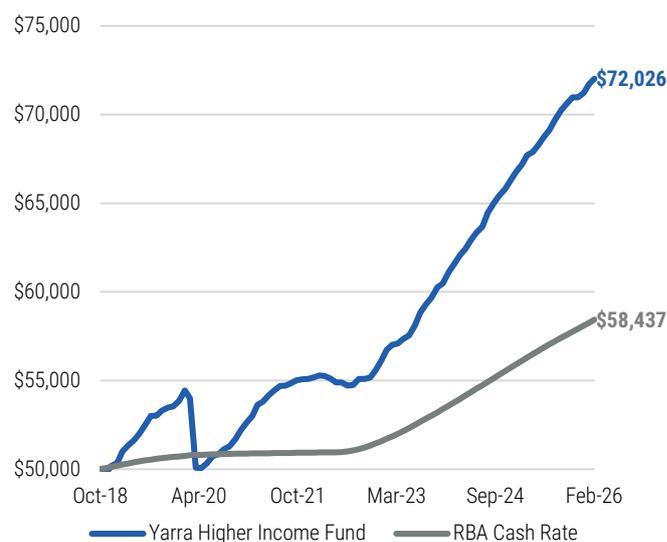
	Portfolio %
AA+	0.11
AA	2.89
AA-	9.42
A+	-
A	1.36
A-	11.29
BBB+	10.89
BBB	21.37
BBB-	16.64
BB+	4.48
BB	9.27
BB-	5.43
B+	3.87
B	2.82
B-	0.15
NR or Below	-

Features

Investment objective	Over the medium-to-long term, the Fund seeks to earn higher returns than traditional fixed income by investing in a highly diversified floating rate portfolio of predominantly Australian domiciled credit securities.	
Fund inception	October 2018	
Fund size	A\$340.0 mn as at 28 February 2026	
APIR code	JBW4379AU	
Estimated management cost	0.65% p.a.	
Buy/sell spread	+/- 0.10%	
Distribution frequency	Monthly	
Platform availability	CFS First Wrap/Edge Hub24 Macquarie Wrap	Netwealth Praemium Powerwrap

Investment performance comparison of \$50,000

After fees, since inception of the Yarra Higher Income Fund, October 2018 to February 2026.



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Applications and contacts

Investment into the Yarra Higher Income Fund can be made by Australian resident investors only.

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