

## **Fortlake Sigma Opportunities Fund**

## Monthly Fact Sheet—February 2025

Portfolio Running Yield currently stands at 5.97%. Oneyear returns remain strong at 6.02% (net) and since inception the strategy's performance has maintained a solid 10.12% (net) return.

Over the month the Fund benefited from the prior months' hedging activities, we expect this benefit to keep flowing through for some time. Fund correlations are currently set at close to 0 relative to credit and equity. There was significant weakness across a variety of High Yield issuers over the month and this contributed, significantly, to the strong monthly performance. Given the strategies employed we believe that these correlations will remain independent of most asset classes in the months ahead. As previously noted, the Fund also used duration to help hedge credit exposure, cross subsidise credit protection and we have seen significant gains from this strategy over the month

Interest rates are an active area for the Fund, as we continue to see noteworthy cross market opportunities between Europe and the US. Whilst volatility has come down this month, we expect to see some defensive strategies taking the lead for performance in the short term future. The Fund remains very active on low beta defen- performance and fees or costs may change in future years. sive strategies and has a preference to leverage this approach rather than build positions in high beta areas of the credit markets.

The positive outlook for the Fund's return profile is premised on higher risk-free rates playing a more significant role in the months ahead, whilst interest rates are lower, we have locked in the higher term structure which will benefit the Fund in the months ahead. Our preference is to retain this risk as opposed to alternative forms of credit risk given the complacency in credit markets.

Portfolio Snapshot at 28 February 2025	
Portfolio Running Yield (Gross)	5.97%
Average Credit Quality	BBB+
Weighted Average Years to Maturity	2.26
Total Number of Exposures	527
Total Country Exposures	25

Portfolio Returns to 28 February 2025									
	Gross	Net	Benchmark*	Excess Return (net)					
1M	1.61%	1.27%	0.33%	0.94%					
3M	2.86%	2.29%	1.09%	1.20%					
1Y	9.10%	6.02%	4.50%	1.52%					
2Y p.a.	10.12%	7.51%	4.36%	3.16%					
3Y p.a.	11.45%	8.91%	3.51%	5.40%					
Since Inception p.a.**	12.70%	10.12%	2.52%	7.59%					
*RBA Cash Rate Target. **Fund inception: 18-Dec-2020									

Fund Statistics at 28 February 2025	
Since Inception*	
Best Month Since Inception	6.20%
Worst Month Since Inception	-2.93%
% Positive Months Since Inception  Iception: 18-Dec-2020. Past performance is not an indicator of future	75.00%

Fund attribution over the month was defined by Default Arb (+81.5 bps), Corporate Hedges (+2.4 bps), Corporate/Gov Bonds (+72.8 bps), Inflation (Obps) and Duration/Curve (+4.2 bps) contributing to overall (gross) return.

## **Fund Facts**

Investment Return Objective: RBA Cash Rate Target + 7% - 10% p.a.

Fund Managed by Fortlake Asset Management Limited Management Fee Wholesale Australian Unit Trust Fund Type Colonial First State Investments Ltd Responsible Entity Fee Fund issued by Responsible Trustee Colonial First State Investments Ltd and Indirect Costs **Fund Inception** 18-Dec-20 Minimum Investment \$500,000

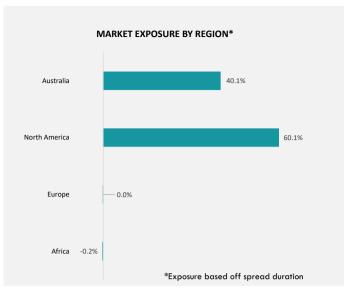
Performance Fee Buy/Sell Spread **Distribution Frequency** Liquidity

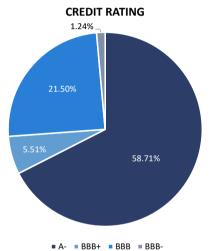
0.9225% p.a. including GST 20.5% including GST over 6% of net returns 0.59% p.a. including GST

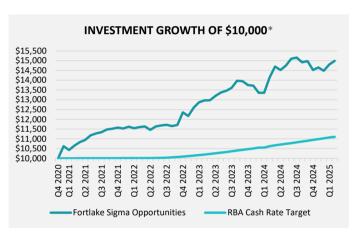
0.1/0.1% Quarterly Daily











FSOF - Correlation Analysis -28/02/2025									
Fixed Income		<u>Equities</u>							
Ausbond Credit 0+ Index	-0.05	MSCI World Equity Index	-0.12						
AusBond Government Index	0.04	S&P 500	-0.14						
AusBond Composite Index	0.03	ASX 200 Index	-0.10						
Australian 10-year Government Bond	-0.08								
Australian 3-year Government Bond	-0.09								

February 2025 (1 month) Return Analysis							
FSOF (gross returns)	1.61%						
Ausbond Credit 0+ Index	0.79%						
AusBond Government Index	0.98%						
AusBond Composite Bond Index							
Australian 10-year Government Bond							
Australian 3-year Government Bond							
MSCI World Equity Index	-0.81%						
S&P 500	-1.42%						
ASX 200 Index	-4.22%						

Fortlake Sigma Opportunities Fund - Australian Unit Trust - Performance (net returns)													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	Year
2025	2.17%	1.27%											3.46%
2024	3.34%	2.40%	3.97%	-1.20%	1.57%	2.36%	0.40%	-1.60%	0.40%	-3.03%	0.89%	-1.14%	8.42%
2023	2.15%	0.74%	0.08%	1.68%	1.35%	0.64%	1.10%	2.71%	-0.18%	-1.42%	-0.24%	-2.61%	6.03%
2022	-0.65%	0.50%	0.26%	-1.47%	1.53%	0.42%	0.27%	-0.56%	0.54%	5.49%	-1.49%	3.52%	8.42%
2021	-1.80%	2.14%	1.67%	1.08%	2.14%	0.87%	0.57%	1.20%	0.34%	0.50%	-0.40%	0.79%	9.41%
2020												6.20%	6.20%

Source: Morningstar

All data as at 28 February 2025 unless otherwise stated. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance & fees or costs may change in future years.

\*Hypothetical performance assumes net returns and reinvestment of all distributions since inception. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance & fees or costs may change in future years.



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