Mutual Credit Fund (MCF)

Fund Report | September 2026

Mutual Limited

Performance

	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr *	5 Yr *	Incep. *
Fund Net Return	1.46	3.18	5.81	7.29	5.81	5.04
AusBond Bank Bill Index	1.11	2.20	4.06	4.22	3.34	2.55
Relative Performance	**0.35**	**0.98**	**1.75**	**3.07**	**2.47**	**2.49**

*Returns greater than 1 year are per annum

Gross Running Yield

6.88%

Risk Profile



Low-Medium

Key Facts

Fund Objective
To source and actively manage a portfolio of fixed interest credit assets across APRA regulated institutions, corporate and structured assets. Targeted portfolio construction is to hold assets with a shorter credit duration to ameliorate periods when risk assets sell-off.

Benchmark Index
AusBond Bank Bill Index

Inception Date
February 2020

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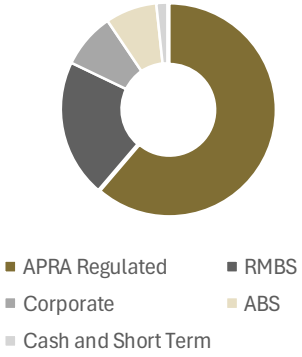
Distribution
Quarterly

Buy/Sell Spread
Nil / Nil

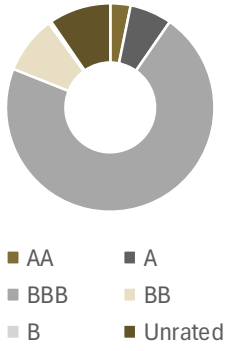
Minimum Investment
$20,000 ($1 via IDPS)

Ratings
Zenith Recommended
Lonsec Recommended

Portfolio Allocation



Rating Exposure



Monthly Commentary

MCF returned 0.44% (net) in September. The 6 month net return was 3.18% and the 12 month net return was 5.81% at the end of September. Over the past 12 months the fund has returned 1.75% above the Ausbond Bank Bill Index, against a fund target of 2.20%.

The famous bond market quote became fashionable again in September. It dates back to 1993, said by James Carville, a political adviser to President Bill Clinton. James said "I used to think that if there was reincarnation, I wanted to come back as the President or the Pope or as a .400 baseball hitter. But now I would want to come back as the bond market. You can intimidate everybody." In September, global bond yields jumped to multi decade highs. The US two-year rose +55pbs to 4.89% and the ten-year +0.53bps to 5.28%. In Australia, three-year yields rose +27bps to 4.93% and ten-year yields up +26bps to 5.35%.

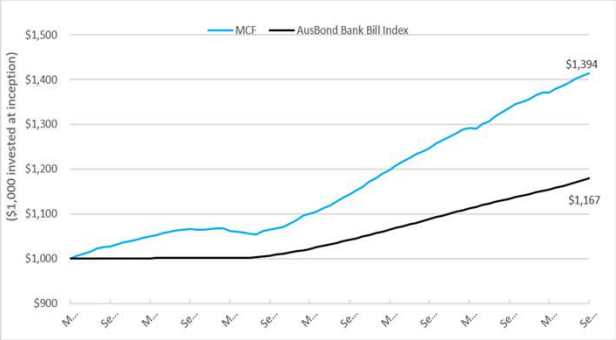
Inflation remains the dominant threat in Australia, directing the central bank to deliver the fourth interest rate hike this year taking the cash rate to 4.60%, the highest level since 2011. Over the month, 3m BBSW rose +22.5bps to 4.78%, indicating the market has some chance pinned to another rate hike from the RBA in November. In scenario terms, a second hike would most likely require core inflation to follow headline higher; with the trimmed mean inflation number steady and households slowing, the balance of probabilities has shifted towards an extended pause in rates by the RBA. A shift in policy to an easing bias would require a clearer deterioration in employment conditions than has been seen to date.

After an extraordinary year to date in terms of the growth in the Australian credit market, towards the end of September it felt like a level of investor fatigue was setting in. While spreads remained resilient in the face of bond market volatility, there was an absence of follow-up buying of new deals. This has been a theme building for a few months and may be a result of the new records being written in financial and corporate issuance – that is investors are happy to wait for the next new deal rather than use cash reserves to buy in secondary.

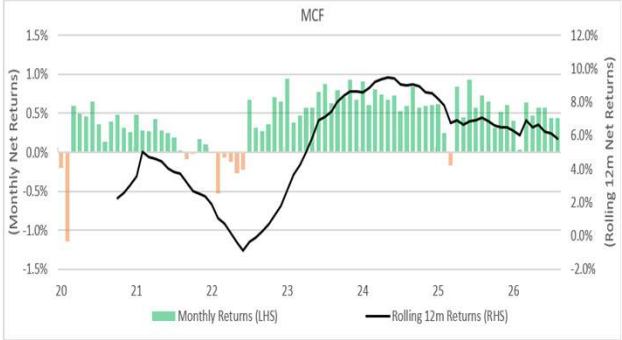
Securitisation has not been left behind in the growth of the Australian market with calendar year 2026 likely to be a record year of issuance. Year to date, there has been 81 deals for a total of A$78bn, closing in on the record volume in 2025 of A$82.5bn. Credit quality remains strong, with arrears slowly tracking higher, as expected given higher interest rates. House prices are now the bigger story, at least from a headline perspective, less so RMBS fundamentals. National prices have fallen -3.7% over three months and annual growth has slowed to zero, from +7.3% at June. Falling prices erode the equity buffer protecting RMBS investors, so the cushion beneath benign arrears is thinner than a quarter ago. However, RMBS structures can withstand materially more house price downside than what we have witnessed, or even expect over the coming year, without threatening capital.

With credit spreads likely to track sideways, the income being generated will drive fund returns over the next period. With 3m BBSW higher through September, the running yield will benefit as the 100% floating rate portfolio resets to higher coupons.

Performance Comparison



Monthly Net Return



Portfolio Statistics

Running Yield	6.88%
Yield to Maturity	6.44%
APRA	63%
Structured	29%
Corporate	8%
Interest Duration	0.11 years
Credit Duration	2.44 years
Investment Grade	81%
Av. Weighted Credit Rating	BBB-
Fund size	$811.04m

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