## **Our Strategy**

Bond markets experienced a massive reset in 2022 when the US Federal Reserve embarked on the fastest interest rate hiking cycle in modern history, bringing great opportunities for long-term fixed income investors. The FAM Global Income (FGI) strategy is designed as a choice for investors who want to **receive regular income** but also recognize that the opportunity comes with a more unpredictable landscape going forward. **Beyond traditional markets and asset classes**, FGI aims to generate **multiple streams of truly diversified and solid income**, with potential capital appreciation to prepare for the uncertain world.



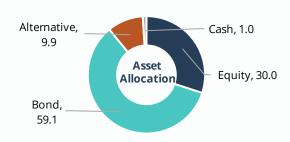
Multi asset holding **beyond traditional** fixed income and equity



Generate solid income targeted at **6% per annum** 



Focus on undervalued opportunities with good fundamentals in sustainable trends



## **Enhanced Income Solution**

Since July 2023, FGI has focused its strategy on taking advantage of the higher interest rate environment. By going beyond common Developed Markets into underappreciated Emerging Markets and Alternative assets, the strategy captures attractive solid income from diversified sources across global markets.

### Embrace higher yields in underappreciated markets

Compared to more common Developed Market bonds, Emerging Market and Asia High Yield bonds are higher yielding options, providing solid income with potential upside.



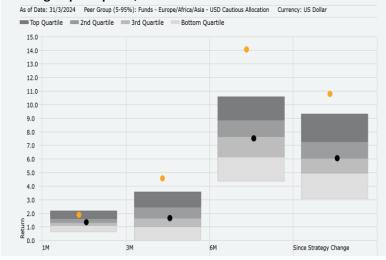
### **Income potential from Alternative Assets**

Non-market related (-0.01 correlation) investment is giving around 10% income in years 2022 and 2023 compared to the average 3.3% average income over the past 13 years.



### **Performance Overview**

#### Peer group comparison



#### Calendar performance

Class	1Month	YTD	Jul – Dec 23	Total Return <sup>2</sup>
A SGD	1.26	2.74	4.77	6.30
A USD	1.40	3.56	5.95	9.72
Yield To Maturity	11.21	-	-	

Since strategy launched in July 2023, the performance of FGI has been doing much better than the top quartile in Morningstar Peers comparison (refer to chart on the left), make the top 1% in ranking.

#### **Dividend information**

Class	Distribution date	Distribution frequency	Dividend per share
A SGD	08 January 2024	Semi-annual	\$2.60
A USD	08 January 2024	Semi-annual	\$2.80

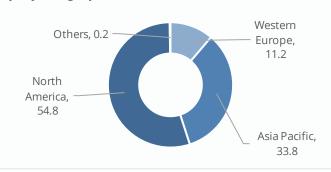
Source: Finexis Asset Management. Share class performance is calculated using NAV of the share class with income reinvested and including ongoing charges, excluding any entry and exit fees. <sup>1</sup>Peer group comparison data is updated on the last month of each quarter. <sup>2</sup>Total return since shift of strategy focus to an income strategy starting July 2023 onwards.



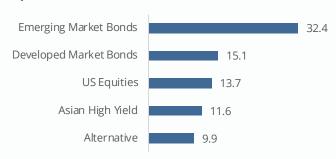


## **Strategy Characteristics**

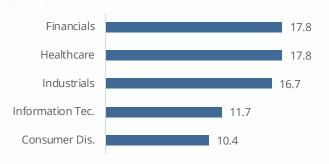
## **Equity Geographical Allocation, %**



## Top 5 Market Allocation, %



## Top 5 Equity Sector Allocation, %



## Top 5 Fund Holdings, %

Emerging Market Corporate High Yield Debt Fund	32.4
Lombard Odier Asia Value Bond Fund	11.6
Tabula Liquid Credit Income Fund	11.4
GS US Equity Strategy	10.8
PIMCO 25+ Year Zero Coupon Fund	3.7

Source: Finexis Asset Management. Top 5 market allocation and fund holdings are at fund level. Geographical allocation and top 5 sector allocation are at portfolio look-through level. For illustrative purposes only and does not constitute to any recommendations to invest in the above-mentioned country/sector/security.

## **Discerning The Signals From The Noise**







Fundamental

Study financial and economic data (e.g. GDP, unemployment rate, and inflation rate etc.) that may drive market movement to find opportunities with **good fundamentals** that are underappreciated.



**V**aluation

Picking the right valuation metrics (e.g. price-to-earnings, price-to-book, EV/EBITDA etc.) to spot undervalued opportunities and avoid overpaying for any investment with only good stories.



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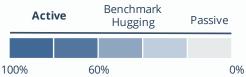
Seek inflection points in <u>sustainable trends</u> to capture overlooked opportunities and avoid less recognised risks (such as the end of a bond supercycle).

## **High Level of Active Management**

Many actively managed funds underperform because they have a low active share. This happens when a portfolio's holdings are very similar to the referenced benchmark, a practice commonly referred to as 'benchmark hugging'. In contrast, **funds with a high level of active management may have greater potential for outperformance in the long run**, as there is no way any fund can outperform the market if they are investing like the market.

By investing in areas where we have the greatest conviction and applying it to our whole portfolio, we aim to provide better returns over risk through a full market cycle.





## **Market & Portfolio Developments**

#### **Fund Commentary**

Once in a while we get asked by investors if they should "sell in May and go away". And they certainly had more justification based on FGI's April retracement. Unfortunately, anyone who sold after April would have regretted as there was a rebound in May. Sometimes conventional wisdom may not be wisdom at all.

If all that investors want is income, why do they have to deal with all these ups and downs? One key thing to remember is that **fixed income is not fixed return.** A lot of the price swings income investors experience are coming from market participants responding to all sorts of changes.

Recently, a lot of these swings have been coming from short term changes in inflation and employment that have been fluctuating up and down month on month. It is not that inputs such as inflation and employment do not matter, but trying to react to them month in month out is a futile exercise. Ironically amid all these swings, the one thing that investors want, which is the underlying income, has not changed that much.

There are many income offerings out there which can be confounding to investors. If one cannot tell the difference, just go with what is popular. That's all and good, if one's objective is **not** to have better purchasing power than everyone else.

To simplify the problem of choice, we can broadly group income offerings into high and lower income. FGI is designed to be in the high-income category and has delivered on that. FGI's return is 11.86% in the past 12 months, compared to the average income peer group performance of 6.61%.

Looking back, it is easy to rationalize but few would have felt that way when FGI started with a decline of over 5% 12 months ago. Back then, it was easier to throw in the towel than expect a rally of 15% in just over 7 months, which is what happened.

As mentioned above, the swings were driven by factors other than real changes in the underlying income. In fact, the yields for FGI 12 months ago are not that different from what they are currently – around 10% today. It's just that FGI achieving high income entails taking greater volatility. Not everyone can enjoy high income because riding out the volatility is a pre-requisite.

## **Key Position Highlights**

We highlight positions that reflect the strategy's tactical asset allocation view, backed by our study of market patterns and trends over time. As a result, our strategies can be highly differentiated from conventional benchmarks, with the aim of long-term investment success.

# Emerging Market & Asian High Yield To Capture High Yields For Outstanding Total Return

 Yields have risen for bond investments due to the higher interest rate environment since Q4 2022. The current higher yield is an indication of good total returns in the coming 3 years:

Asian High Yield	Sep 2008	Oct 2011	Dec 2023
Starting Yield	13.6%	12.9%	11.4%
Next 3Y total Returns	42.1%	40.7%	?

- Today, yields for Emerging Market and Asia High Yield bonds are significantly higher than Developed Markets. No doubt, the opportunity comes with higher volatility, but we believe the margin of safety is there following meaningful declines in 2021.
- Our positions in EM and AHY have shown substantial rallies since October 2022, indicating the possible start of another EM season like the beginning of the year 2000.

## Alternative Assets To Provide An Attractive And Differentiated Source of Income

- Alternatives are an essential part of any income strategy going forward. FGI's alternative income provides stable and uncorrelated returns for investors.
- Traditional income investments experienced large price swings and declines in 2022 as the Fed embarked on one of the fastest interest rate increases in recent memory.
- Differentiated alternative income assets such as music royalties and assets with 'toll-booth' investment qualities (that offer significant recurring revenue for their investors) offer the potential to generate stable income independent of traditional equity and bond performance.
- FGI's current focus is on insurance-linked alternative assets due to the high-income potential offered (~10%) while being highly differentiated from market risks.





 $<sup>\</sup>star$  Source: Bloomberg, Morningstar EAA Fund USD Cautious Allocation as at 31/5/2024

## **Fund Details**

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Currency	SGD, USD
ISIN (SGD Class)	SG9999019384 (Distribution Class)
ISIN (USD Class)	SGXZ71589303 (Distribution Class)
Min. Subscription	SGD 1,500,000 USD 1,000,000
Account Opening Fee (One-time)	N/A
Min. Subsequent Subscription	SGD 15,000 USD 10,000
Max Sales Charge	5%
Management Fee	1.5%
Targeted Distribution <sup>1</sup>	6% p.a.
Distribution Frequency	Semi-annually
Fund Name	Global Income Fund
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Base Currency	USD
Inception Date*	16 Aug 2018 (SGD) 18 Jul 2018 (USD)
Fund Focus	Global Multi-Asset
Fund Domicile	Singapore
Investment Manager	Finexis Asset Management
Fund Administrator	Standard Chartered Bank
Custodian	Standard Chartered Bank
Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Trustee	Perpetual (Asia) Limited

<sup>1</sup>Please note that the distributions at 6% p.a. (if any) may be declared semi-annually based on the Investment Manager's discretion. Distributions are not a forecast, indication, or projection of the future performance of the Fund.\*Income strategy is implemented from July 2023.

## **Highlights of Sub-Fund Managers**

## **Lombard Odier** Asian High Yield

Lombard Odier Investment Managers is part of the Lombard Odier Group, a global private bank managing \$300+ billion in assets across its wealth and asset management expertise. With a dedicated team of 180 professionals, it manages \$70 billion of assets across diverse strategies in equity, fixed income, multi-asset, convertible bond, alternatives, and private markets.

The Lombard Odier Asia Value Bond is one of the largest Asia credit fund today. Managed by a team of five investment experts as part of a 22-strong global fixed income team, the strategy has seen a long track record of outperformance against its peer group.

The strategy is underpinned by a 'value-biased strategy that leverages on rigorous top-down and bottom-up analysis to uncover value and fundamentally strong opportunities through market cycles; maintaining close interaction with companies and management. The strategy was awarded the Platinum award at the Fund Selector Asia Awards in 2020, in addition to Lipper awards for "Best Asia Credit Strategy in Hard Currency".



**50 years** investment experience



**70 billion** AUM Worldwide



**22 Global FI** professionals



Fund Selector Asia Awards 2020

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