# Apostle Diversified Global Credit Fund



ARSN 659 135 734 Monthly Report – **February 2025** 

The Apostle Diversified Global Credit Fund aims to generate higher yields than traditional fixed income securities, with lower volatility. The Fund aims to invest across a range of alternative fixed income securities by sourcing managers that specialise in sub-investment grade, investment grade and private debt markets.

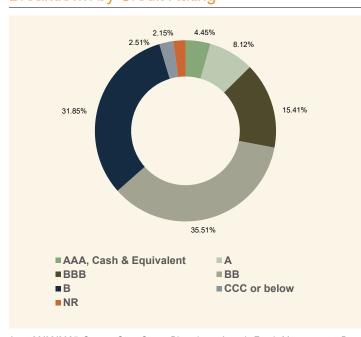
### **Investment Objective**

The Fund targets a return of 2-3% p.a. net of fees above the RBA cash rate over rolling 3-5 year periods, focusing on capital stability whilst maintaining liquidity.

### **Fund Overview**

Unit Drice (NAV)	¢1,0202		
Unit Price (NAV)	\$1.0202		
Fund Size (AUD)	\$68,854,580.78		
Benchmark	The RBA cash rate		
Asset Class	Fixed Income		
Portfolio Inception Date	8 August 2022		
Investment Manager	Apostle Funds Management		
Management Fee	0.95% p.a. (inc. GST and RITC)		
Buy/Sell Spread	0.20%/0.20%		
Minimum Investment	\$25,000		
APIR Code	KAM2611AU		
ISIN	AU60KAM26113		
Currency	Hedged to AUD		
Pricing & Distributions	Daily unit pricing, daily liquidity and quarterly distributions		
Responsible Entity	K2 Asset Management Limited		
Custodian/Registry	State Street Australia Limited		

## Breakdown by Credit Rating



As at 28/02/2025. Source: State Street, Bloomberg, Apostle Funds Management. Data for private market investments is based on information provided by sub-investment managers. All figures are approximate and based on the best available data.

### Performance

Return (%)	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 year	Since inception (p.a.)
Total (gross)	0.30	1.14	3.03	7.00	5.43
Total (net)	0.23	0.90	2.55	6.00	4.44
Benchmark	0.33	1.08	2.22	4.85	4.99
Relative (net)	(0.10)	(0.18)	0.33	1.15	(0.55)

As at 28/02/2025. Source: State Street. The Benchmark is the RBA cash rate. Note: Net returns are based on the Fund's full management fee of 0.95% p.a. Performance inception date is 8 August 2022. Prior to 1 October 2024, the benchmark was 5-7% net of fees p.a.

### Portfolio Characteristics

Yield to maturity (A\$ hedged)	7.64%
Yield to maturity with curve (A\$ hedged)	7.44%
Credit spread	317 bps
Interest rate duration	0.98
Credit spread duration	3.33
Average credit rating	BB
Floating rate exposure	74.12%
Number of holdings	297

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# Portfolio Look-Through

Allocation (%)
38.16%
12.47%
25.28%
0.41%
48.96%
44.72%
4.24%
11.62%
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1.26%
100%

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### Portfolio Commentary

The Fund delivered a net return of 0.23% in February. US bond yields declined, driven by concerns over U.S. trade wars under President Donald Trump, which weighed on growth expectations. High-quality credit outperformed, with AAA-rated bonds returning 2.54% month-over-month, compared to BB-rated bonds at 0.84%. Equity markets showed mixed performance, with the Nikkei 225 leading the declines, while the Stoxx 600 gained 4.7%.

All underlying strategies contributed positively to the Fund's performance. Within liquid credit, Australian Financial Subordinated Debt delivered a strong return of 0.70%, followed by Liquid Infrastructure Credit at 0.41%, while the U.S. Senior Loan strategy posted a more modest gain of 0.10%. Private credit collectively added 0.36% to overall performance.

### Market Commentary

Economic data released in February pointed to a significant weakening in consumer sentiment. Both the Consumer Confidence Index and retail sales figures came in below expectations, while personal spending also lagged forecasts. In contrast, personal income exceeded expectations, suggesting cautious household spending behaviour. The decline in sentiment was likely influenced by uncertainty surrounding extreme weather events, including California wildfires, severe cold conditions in the north, and fluctuations in trade policy. As a result, bond yields fell across the curve, with the U.S. 2year Treasury yield dropping 21 basis points and the 10-year yield falling 32 basis points. In credit markets, high-yield spreads widened by 16 basis points but remained at historically low levels.

Equity markets had a mixed month. European stocks performed strongly, supported by improved sentiment regarding the ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia. The Stoxx 600 gained 4.7% in February and 10.8% year to date, while the S&P 500 ended the month with a slight decline of 0.7%. Investor sentiment in the U.S. shifted notably, as reflected in the American Association of Individual Investors survey, where bearish sentiment rose from 42.9% to 60.6%, while bullish sentiment fell from 33.3% to 19.4%.

Looking ahead, the U.S. tariff policy remains a key factor that could shape market sentiment and growth expectations. Additionally, monitoring consumer sentiment in February will be critical to understanding broader spending trends.

In Australia, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) implemented its first rate cut since November 2020, citing growing confidence that inflation is tracking toward its 2-3% target range. However, the RBA emphasised ongoing economic uncertainty due to geopolitical risks and policy challenges. While aligning with the global easing cycle ahead of the mid-May federal election. the board signalled caution, indicating that further rate cuts are unlikely in the first half of the year.



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