

## **Fund Performance**

Returns	1 month	3 months	FYTD	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	7 years p.a.	Since inception p.a. (03-Aug-2016)
Fund Net Return <sup>1</sup>	-0.99%	-0.69%	-0.57%	3.32%	2.17%	-1.32%	1.05%	1.19%
Benchmark Return²	-0.93%	-0.57%	-0.51%	3.67%	2.44%	-0.94%	1.30%	1.28%

### **Fund Benefits**

### **Active Management**

JCB is a specialist fixed income manager with significant global investment management experience and expertise.

### **Superior Liquidity and Credit Quality**

A domestic high grade bond strategy that invests in Australian Government, semi-Government and supranational bonds (AAA or AA rated securities), providing investors with superior liquidity and credit quality.

#### **Diversification and Income**

When bonds are held as part of a broader portfolio of different asset classes, diversification may assist in managing market volatility. Bond securities in general are considered a defensive asset class. The income generated by bond securities is consistent and regular (usually semi-annual).

## **Fund Facts**

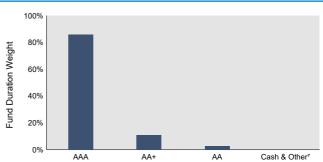
Investment Manager	JamiesonCooteBonds Pty Ltd
Structure	AAA or AA rated bond securities issued in Australian dollars
Inception Date	03 Aug 2016 <sup>3</sup>
Benchmark	Bloomberg AusBond Treasury 0+ Yr Index
Management Fee	0.45% p.a. <sup>4</sup>
Administration Fee	0.10% p.a.⁴
Buy / Sell Spread	0.05% / 0.05%
Distributions	Semi-annual
Fund Size	AUD \$957 million ⁵

### **Fund Characteristics**

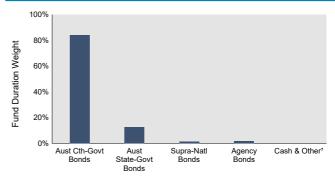
Characteristics <sup>6</sup>	Fund	Benchmark²
Modified Duration (yrs)	5.52	5.22
Yield to Maturity (%)	4.58	4.15
Weighted Ave. Credit Rating	AAA	AAA
Cash Weighting (%)	2.47	n/a

Source: JamiesonCooteBonds Pty Ltd.

## Allocation by Rating (Duration Weight)6



## Allocation by Sector (Duration Weight)6



## Platform Availabilty

AMP MyNorth	Asgard	Ausmaq
Aust Money Market	BT Panorama	Colonial First Wrap
HUB24	Implemented Portfol	Macquarie Wrap
Mason Stevens	MLC Navigator	MLC Wrap
Netwealth	PowerWrap	Praemium
uXchange	Xplore Wealth	

¹ Performance is for the CC JCB Active Bond Fund (APIR: CHN0005AU), also referred to as Class A units, and is based on month end unit prices before tax in Australian Dollars. Net performance is calculated after management fees and operating costs. Individual Investor level taxes are not taken into account when calculating returns. This is historical performance data. It should be noted the value of an investment can rise and fall and past performance is not indicative of future performance. ² Benchmark refers to the Bloomberg AusBond Treasury 0+ Yr Index. ³ Inception Date for performance calculation purposes. ⁴ All figures disclosed include the net effect of GST and RITC. ⁵ Fund size refers to the CC JCB Active Bond Fund ARSN 610 435 302. ⁶ Refer to Definition of Terms. ¹ Cash & Other includes cash at bank, outstanding settlements and futures margin accounts.

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## Market Review & Outlook

The latest inflation surprises have reignited debate over Australia's policy trajectory, creating a sharp disconnect between market expectations and economist forecasts. Investors are now pricing in the possibility of rate hikes in 2026, while some analysts argue the recent CPI spike is temporary and consistent with a path toward eventual easing. This tension is typical of late-cycle dynamics: headline data stirs volatility, but underlying trends—such as a cooling labour market and moderating demand - still point toward disinflation over time. For bond investors, the message is clear: stay flexible and avoid leaning too heavily into either extreme.

Globally, 2025 is closing with an unusual calm across markets, despite intermittent shocks ranging from tariff uncertainty to surging Al-driven investment and the longest U.S. government shutdown on record. The absence of timely U.S. data muted directional moves, reinforcing a theme of stability. Yet as we look ahead, the backdrop is more nuanced. Strong asset performance and policy patience coexist with structural imbalances and latent risks that could quickly disrupt the calm.

What could break this equilibrium in 2026? Several factors stand out. Data disruptions - as seen during the U.S. shutdown - can leave markets flying blind, amplifying uncertainty around central bank responses. Fiscal pressures remain a global theme, with persistent deficits and infrastructure spending likely to push term premia higher and steepen curves. Al-driven capex and leverage introduce tail risks if monetisation lags, raising the potential for credit stress. And geopolitical flashpoints, from trade tensions to commodity volatility and China's growth trajectory, remain unpredictable catalysts.

Another structural theme is the deepening "K-shaped" economy. Wealthier households continue to drive services demand and asset prices, while lower-income cohorts struggle with real wage erosion and tighter credit conditions. This divergence complicates policy transmission and underscores the need for selectivity in credit exposure.

For fixed income investors, 2026 is about balance. Carry remains attractive, but duration should be managed with care as curve dynamics evolve. A constructive stance on bonds is justified: slowing growth and peaking inflation provide an anchor, even as fiscal supply and volatility risks argue for caution. Liquidity and hedging strategies will be essential to navigate a world where stability can quickly give way to turbulence. For fixed income investors, 2026 is about harvesting carry, managing duration and monitoring the risks of the new frontier in AI and Private credit which dominated headlines in 2025.



## **Fund Review**

For the month ending November, the CC JCB Active Bond Fund - Class A units (the Fund) returned -0.99% (after fees), underperforming the Bloomberg AusBond Treasury (0+Yr) Index.

Australian interest rates lagged last month as inflation concerns dominated market expectations for the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA). Although the RBA kept the cash rate steady at 3.6%, policymakers acknowledged ongoing "uncertainties" about whether policy remained restrictive. As the month unfolded, markets scaled back expectations for near term rate cuts, reflecting a shift in sentiment toward tighter conditions.

The turning point came with the October labour market report. Unemployment fell to 4.3%, reversing September's unexpected rise to 4.5%. This improvement reassured investors that the RBA would not need to ease policy in response to labour market weakness, effectively closing the door on rate cut bets that had persisted earlier in the year.

Later in the month, inflation data added further pressure. The release of the first complete monthly CPI showed headline inflation at 3.8% YoY, above the consensus forecast of 3.6%. This outcome heightened the risk that the RBA's trimmed mean CPI forecast of 0.8% QoQ for Q4 could be exceeded, reinforcing the case for keeping policy restrictive.

Bond markets reacted sharply to these developments. The three year government bond yield experienced its largest monthly sell off since 2017, excluding the post Covid tightening cycle. Meanwhile, the 10 year Australia–U.S. bond spread widened to around 50 basis points, reaching its highest level since mid 2022. Positioning was caught offside as the market broke out of its well-defined range of -40 to 30 that has existed for the last few years.

By mid month, forecasts for the RBA firmly shifted to an "on hold" stance for the entire outlook period. Signs of elevated capacity utilisation suggest the economy is operating hotter than previously anticipated, complicating the prospect of a soft landing. This narrative shift also supported the momentum community in Australian rates, who became aggressive sellers toward month-end.

The portfolio underperformed with an overweight bias throughout the month. Additive to alpha was an overweight in the long end of the curve which benefited from the downtrend. The portfolio closed the month with mild exposure to spread risk, although predominantly in the shorter end of the curve. The South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA) was the main exposure in semi-government paper.



#### **Definition of Terms:**

Modified Duration - is a systematic risk or volatility measure for bonds. It measures the bond portfolio's sensitivity to changes in interest rates.

Yield to Maturity - is the total return anticipated on the portfolio if the bond holdings were held until their maturity.

Weighted Average Credit Rating - is a measure of credit risk. It refers to the weighted average of all the bond credit ratings in a bond portfolio.

Duration Weight - refers to the portion of the overall duration attributable to the segment (i.e. credit rating or sector), as a percentage of overall portfolio duration. Contribution to duration is calculated by multiplying an instruments duration by the percentage weight of the instrument in the portfolio. This calculation includes the contribution to duration by holding futures

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