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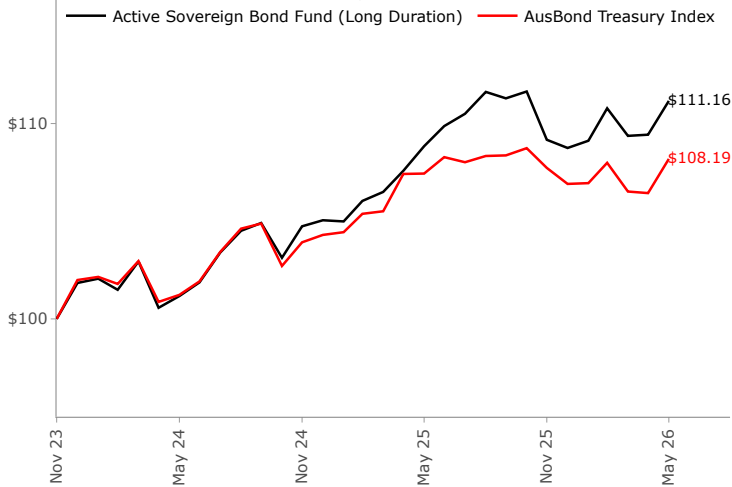
**Objective:** The Active Sovereign Bond Fund - Long Duration Class targets returns in excess of its Benchmark, the Bloomberg AusBond Treasury 0+ Yr Index (BATY0) after management costs, by 3.0% to 5.0% per annum over rolling 3 year periods.

**Strategy:** The Fund aims to generate diversifying excess returns above the Benchmark for each Class through exploiting relative value mis-pricings in high quality government bonds and related Derivatives that have a low correlation to equity and credit markets and the level of interest rates. The Long Duration Class aims to deliver the Fund's investment strategy over its Benchmark, the Bloomberg AusBond Treasury 0+ Yr Index (BATY0). It offers fixed-rate bond exposure by matching its interest rate duration to that of the Index, which may be a source of interest-rate risk.

Period Ending 2026-05-31	Gross Return	Net Return	Bloomberg AusBond Treasury 0+Yr Index	Gross Excess Return <sup>†</sup>	Net Excess Return <sup>†</sup>
1 month	1.64%	1.59%	1.64%	0.00%	-0.06%
3 months	0.51%	0.35%	0.18%	0.33%	0.17%
6 months	2.16%	1.83%	0.43%	1.73%	1.40%
1 year	3.22%	2.14%	0.69%	2.53%	1.45%
Inception pa Dec. 2023	5.39%	4.40%	3.25%	2.14%	1.15%

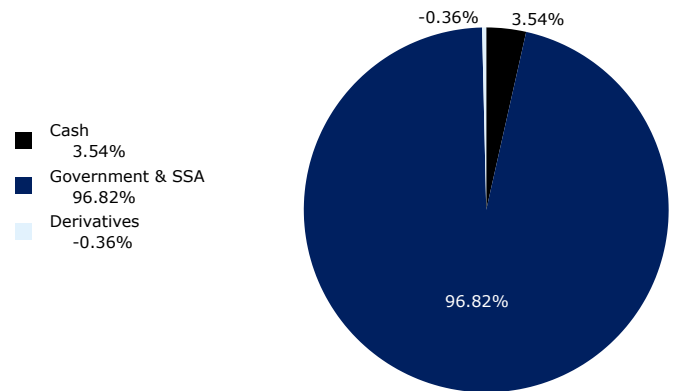
**Value of \$100 Invested Since Inception**

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**Active Sovereign Bond Fund (Long Duration) Portfolio Composition (GAV)**

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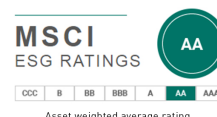
<sup>†</sup> The Excess Return column represents the gross and net return above the Bloomberg AusBond Treasury 0+ Yr Index

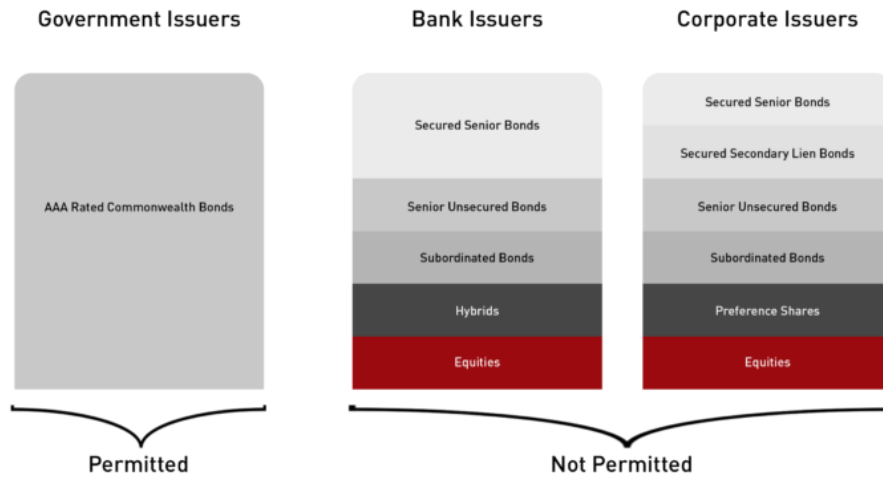
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Note: all portfolio statistics other than yields and duration are reported on gross asset value

Av. Portfolio Credit Rating	AAA	Modified Interest Rate Duration	5.3 years
Portfolio MSCI ESG Rating	AA	Gearing Permitted?	Yes
Gross Portfolio Weight to Govt. Bonds	96.8%	Net Annual Volatility (since incep.)	4.26%

Ratings: Recommended (Zenith)





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**The since inception gross (net) return of 5.39% pa gross (4.40% pa net)** is the total annual return earned by the fund since Dec. 2023, including interest income and movements in the price of the bond portfolio after all fund fees (assuming net returns are calculated from the historic gross returns using the current fee structure as displayed in the Product Disclosure Statement). The net return quoted applies to the Coolabah Active Sovereign Bond Fund - Long Duration Class, with quarterly distributions reinvested. Investment return will vary depending upon investment date and any additional investments and withdrawals made. **The annualised volatility estimate of 4.26% pa** is based on the standard deviation of net daily returns since inception, which are then annualised, attributable to the Coolabah Active Sovereign Bond Fund - Long Duration Class.

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APIR Code	ETL5578AU	Fund Inception	13-Dec-23
ISIN	AU60ETL55786	Distributions	Quarterly
Benchmark	Bloomberg AusBond Treasury 0+Yr Index	Unit Pricing	Daily (earnings accrue daily)
Asset-Class	Government Bond	Mgt. & Admin Fee	0.65% pa
Target Return	3-5% pa above Benchmark after mgt. fee and costs	Perf. Fee	20% of excess outperformance above the benchmark after mgt. fees
Investment Manager	Coolabah Capital Investments (Retail)	Custodian	Citigroup

**Portfolio commentary:** In May, Coolabah's Active Sovereign Bond Strategy returned 1.64% gross (1.59% net) in what was a modest month for our relative value strategy.

Over the past 12 months, the Strategy returned 3.22% gross (2.14% net), outperforming the Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0.69%).

Relative value returns were subdued in May. The RBA delivered another rate hike, its third in a row, and moved to a more neutral stance. The Australian Commonwealth budget was released and revealed a stimulatory stance coupled with unexpected tax changes that were poorly received by the public. The AOFM syndicated a new June 2036 green bond, which struggled in secondary trading.

Following the RBA meeting and budget, the market moved the terminal cash rate down by around 15 basis points to approximately 4.6%. This move was encouraged by a further increase in the unemployment rate, which rose 20 basis points to 4.5%, and a softer-than-expected April CPI print.

The curve steepened slightly as the RBA moved to a more neutral stance and data printed weaker, with the 3-year versus 10-year futures spread trading in a 31 basis point to 43 basis point range.

There was a significant tightening in the spread between Australian and US 10-year yields over May, as the market simultaneously reduced expectations of RBA tightening and increased expectations of US Federal Reserve tightening. The lower yield pick-up into ACGBs caused some selling of Australian cash bonds and a cheapening of bond-futures basis.

Bond-futures basis was a modest headwind in May. YM June expiry basis began around 0.1 basis points expensive and ended the month about 0.15 basis points cheap. XM June expiry basis was little changed at around 0.1 basis points expensive. The cheapening of YM basis appeared to be potentially due to selling of short-end bonds as they approached the funding rate, as well as the compression of ACGB yields versus US Treasury yields. The gap between Australian and US 3-year bonds tightened almost 60 basis points from the wide of around 95 basis points in April.

**Strategy commentary:** In May, investors increasingly looked through recurring geopolitical headline volatility, allowing rates and risk assets to rally.

As in the prior two months, the US-Iran conflict remained the dominant influence on markets. Despite a steady stream of conflicting headlines around a permanent ceasefire, hopes of a deal ultimately increased over the month, resulting in Brent crude falling 19.3% and WTI crude declining 16.9%. This eased the stagflation concerns that had weighed on sentiment and provided a broad tailwind for lower long-rate and appreciation in risk assets, while renewed enthusiasm around artificial intelligence added further support to equities and credit.

The rally in sovereign bonds over May masked significant intra-month volatility. Mid-month, the conflict deteriorated after Trump said the US did not need the Strait of Hormuz open "at all", reigniting concerns that a prolonged disruption to oil supply would place upward pressure on inflation and force central banks to remain more restrictive. Several sovereign bond yields consequently pushed to multi-year highs.

As the outlook improved into month-end, however, most benchmark 10-year yields finished lower: German Bund yields fell 10bps to 2.94%, UK Gilt yields declined 20bps to 4.81%, French OAT yields rallied 14bps to 3.55%, and Italian BTP yields fell 21bps to 3.65%.

US Treasuries and JGBs were exceptions, with 10-year yields rising 6bps to 4.44% and 14bps to 2.66% respectively.

Japan was a notable underperformer as stronger producer price inflation, the market's ongoing reaction to Prime Minister Takaichi's expansionary agenda, and supplementary-budget supply concerns reinforced the narrative that the Bank of Japan remains behind the curve.

**Strategy commentary cont'd:** Sovereign spreads also tightened, with the OAT/Bund spread narrowing 4.5bps to 61.1bps and the BTP/Bund spread tightening 10.8bps to 71.4bps.

Credit markets participated in the broader rally. US CDX IG tightened 3.9bps to 50bps, while CDX HY tightened 30bps to 300bps. In Europe, iTraxx Main tightened 6.5bps to 53bps, iTraxx Xover rallied 33.6bps to 259bps, and the senior financials index tightened 7.2bps to 55bps.

Cash credit also performed, with US investment-grade corporate spreads tightening 7bps to 71bps, euro aggregate corporate spreads tightening 3bps to 78bps, and sterling aggregate corporate spreads tightening 7bps to 85bps.

Global corporate bond benchmarks produced positive returns, with the Global Aggregate Corporate Index, hedged to US dollars, rising 0.87% in May, while the duration-hedged equivalent gained 0.84%.

Equities performed strongly on a total-return basis as markets increasingly looked through the geopolitical noise.

The S&P 500 set another record high and returned 5.3% over the month, while the Nasdaq 100 returned 10.6%, led by strength in semiconductor stocks.

Upbeat capex guidance from the hyperscalers and robust earnings from key semiconductor manufacturers fuelled optimism around the AI investment cycle, with the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index rising 22% in May. This helped drive South Korea's KOSPI 200 to a record high, returning 35% over the month.

Other global equity markets also advanced, with the Euro Stoxx 50 returning 3.9%, Euro Stoxx Banks returning 6.7%, the FTSE 100 returning 0.7%, and the Nikkei 225 returning 11.9%.

Currency and commodity markets reflected the same mix of easing energy concerns and resilient risk appetite. The euro declined 0.6% against the US dollar to 1.166, while the US dollar rose 1.7% against the yen to 159.27. Gold fell 1.7% to US\$4,540/oz, while bitcoin declined 3.8% to US\$73,582. Oil was the standout mover, with Brent crude declining 19.3% to US\$92.05/bbl and WTI crude falling 16.9% to US\$87.36/bbl as markets increasingly priced a lower probability of sustained disruption to global energy supply.

Primary credit markets remained active, consistent with May typically being a busy month of supply ahead of the seasonal summer slowdown. In the US, investment-grade supply totalled US\$169bn, with Financials accounting for roughly half of issuance and year-to-date supply reaching approximately US\$1tn, around 25% ahead of last year's pace.

Demand remained robust. Goldman Sachs issued US\$9bn across four tranches on US\$31bn of demand, with all tranches rallying around 2bps to 4bps on the break. ServiceNow, a relatively infrequent issuer despite its prominence in the technology sector, printed US\$4bn across five tranches and attracted peak demand of US\$38bn, leaving the transaction 9.5 times subscribed and the bonds around 4bps tighter on the break.

European primary markets also saw a pick-up in activity, with €114bn of investment-grade supply, including €44bn from Financials, a record for the month of May. Despite the heavy supply, financial deals averaged a 3.1x subscription rate, highlighting the depth of investor cash available. CBA issued an 11NC10 Tier 2 transaction, only the second of its kind in the euro market following Citi's 11NC10 Tier 2 last year, with the bonds rallying 4bps on the break.

Away from Financials, the hyperscalers continued to access capital markets, with Google issuing €9bn across six tranches, its largest ever euro-denominated transaction.

Australian credit markets also benefited from the constructive global backdrop. Australia saw approximately A\$22.2bn of investment-grade primary supply in May, materially above the A\$12.3bn issued in May 2025, taking year-to-date supply to A\$81.1bn compared with A\$68.9bn at the same point last year.

**Strategy commentary cont'd:** The Australian major banks resumed issuing after half-year results, with ANZ printing A\$4.7bn of 3-year and 5-year senior FRNs, NAB issuing A\$3.5bn across 5-year fixed, 5-year FRN senior and 15NC10 Tier 2 formats, and Westpac issuing A\$3.0bn of 3-year senior FRNs.

ANZ also accessed securitisation markets via its Kingfisher RMBS programme, pricing the AAA-rated A1 tranche at BBSW plus 93bps.

Australian fixed income and credit markets rallied over the month. The 10-year Australian government bond yield fell 23bps to 4.83%, while 5-year major bank senior spreads tightened 2.7bps to 66.6bps. Major bank subordinated spreads widened modestly by 2.3bps to 124.2bps, while 5-year major bank hybrid spreads rallied 20.5bps to 185.4bps. The AUD iTraxx Index tightened 5.6bps to 72.3bps.

Domestic bond benchmarks were positive, with the AusBond Credit Index returning 1.36%, the AusBond Credit FRN Index returning 0.47%, and the AusBond Composite Index returning 1.62%.

The Australian dollar was broadly steady, declining 0.2% against the US dollar to 0.7185, while the ASX200 price index rose 0.8% and the ASX200 total return index gained 1.2%.

Other notable AUD issuers included Canadian pension plans OMERS and CDPQ, and European banks BPCE and Caixabank.

The OTC hybrid market was active, with issuance from local insurers Suncorp and QBE, as well as a NC6 hybrid from Barclays. The AOFM issued a new 5% June 2036 green bond via syndication, pricing just 0.5bps cheap to the non-green curve. In semi-governments, NSWTC, AUSCAP and QTC all issued syndicated deals, with strong demand reflected in average oversubscription of 3.8x.

New Zealand markets also firmed. The 10-year New Zealand government bond yield fell 23bps to 4.34%, while the New Zealand dollar rose 1.4% against the US dollar to 0.5988. Equities also performed well, with the NZX50 price index gaining 2.6% and the NZX50 total return index rising 2.6% over the month.

By month-end, the tone across risk assets was constructive. Headlines around the US-Iran conflict remained frequent, but the market's sensitivity to each new development appeared to diminish as investors became accustomed to the pattern of positive announcements being subsequently walked back. The improvement in risk sentiment was reinforced late in the month by reports that the US and Iran were working towards a memorandum of understanding, helping credit spreads, corporate bond benchmarks and equities close May on a firmer footing.

## Key Market Moves in May 2026

Month-end level and monthly move

Market / benchmark	Month-end level	Monthly move
<b>Global rates</b>		
US 10-year Treasury yield	4.44%	+6bps
German 10-year Bund yield	2.94%	-10bps
UK 10-year Gilt yield	4.81%	-20bps
French 10-year OAT yield	3.55%	-14bps
Italian 10-year BTP yield	3.65%	-21bps
Japanese 10-year government bond yield	2.66%	+14bps
OAT/Bund spread	61.1bps	-4.5bps
BTP/Bund spread	71.4bps	-10.8bps
<b>Credit indices and cash credit</b>		
CDX IG	50bps	-3.9bps
CDX HY	300bps	-30.0bps
iTraxx Main	53bps	-6.5bps
iTraxx Xover	259bps	-33.6bps
iTraxx Senior Financials	55bps	-7.2bps
EUR Aggregate Corporate spread	78bps	-3bps
US Corporate IG spread	71bps	-7bps
Sterling Aggregate Corporate spread	85bps	-7bps
<b>Corporate bond benchmarks</b>		
Global Aggregate Corporate, USD hedged	318.18	+0.87%
Global Aggregate Corporate, duration hedged	173.34	+0.84%

## Strategy commentary cont'd:

Market / benchmark	Month-end level	Monthly move
<b>Global equities</b>		
S&P 500	7,580	+5.26% total return
Nasdaq 100	30,333	+10.58% total return
Euro Stoxx 50	6,051	+3.92% total return
Euro Stoxx Banks	273.2	+6.66% total return
FTSE 100	10,409	+0.72% total return
Nikkei 225	66,330	+11.88% total return
<b>FX and commodities</b>		
EUR/USD	1.166	-0.61%
USD/JPY	159.27	+1.71%
Brent crude	US\$92.05/bbl	-19.26%
WTI crude	US\$87.36/bbl	-16.86%
Gold	US\$4,540/oz	-1.68%
Bitcoin	US\$73,582	-3.77%
<b>AUD market</b>		
Australian 10-year government bond yield	4.83%	-23bps
5-year major bank senior spreads	66.6bps	-2.7bps
5-year major bank subordinated spreads	124.2bps	+2.3bps
5-year major bank hybrid spreads	185.4bps	-20.5bps
AUD iTraxx Index	72.3bps	-5.6bps
AusBond Credit Index	12,129.39	+1.36%
AusBond Credit FRN Index	3,368.36	+0.47%
AusBond Composite Index	10,606.83	+1.62%
AUD/USD	0.7185	-0.22%
ASX200 Price Index	8,731.65	+0.76%
ASX200 Total Return Index	119,724.9	+1.15%
<b>NZD market</b>		
New Zealand 10-year government bond yield	4.34%	-23bps
NZD/USD	0.5988	+1.35%
NZX50 Price Index	4,740.87	+2.56%
NZX50 Total Return Index	13,244.55	+2.64%

Source: User-supplied May 2026 market data

Coolabah's strategies performed well in May, led by the long-duration Active Composite Bond Fund (ETF: FIXD), which returned 1.74% net versus 1.62% for the AusBond Composite Bond Index. The Active Global Bond Fund also performed strongly, returning 0.96% to 0.98% net, depending on share class, versus 0.92% for the Global Aggregate Corporate Index in AUD. Among the floating-rate strategies, the Long-Short Credit Fund returned 0.58% to 0.61% net, the Global Floating-Rate High Yield Fund (ETF: YLDX) returned 0.56% to 0.58% net, the recently launched Global Carbon Leaders Fund (ETF: CBNX) returned 0.55% to 0.57% net, the Long-Short Opportunities Fund returned 0.53% net, the Floating-Rate High Yield Fund returned 0.51% to 0.52% net, and the Short Term Income Fund returned 0.40% to 0.44% net. All of these floating-rate strategies outperformed the RBA overnight cash rate, which returned 0.34% for the month.

Over 12 months, the Long-Short Opportunities Fund returned 7.05% net, the Global Floating-Rate High Yield Fund returned 6.73% to 6.89% net, the Long-Short Credit Fund returned 6.52% to 6.75% net, the Floating-Rate High Yield Fund returned 6.33% to 6.55% net, and the Active Global Bond Fund returned 6.11% to 6.26% net compared with 5.24% for the Global Aggregate Corporate Index in AUD. The RBA overnight cash rate returned 3.78% over the same period.

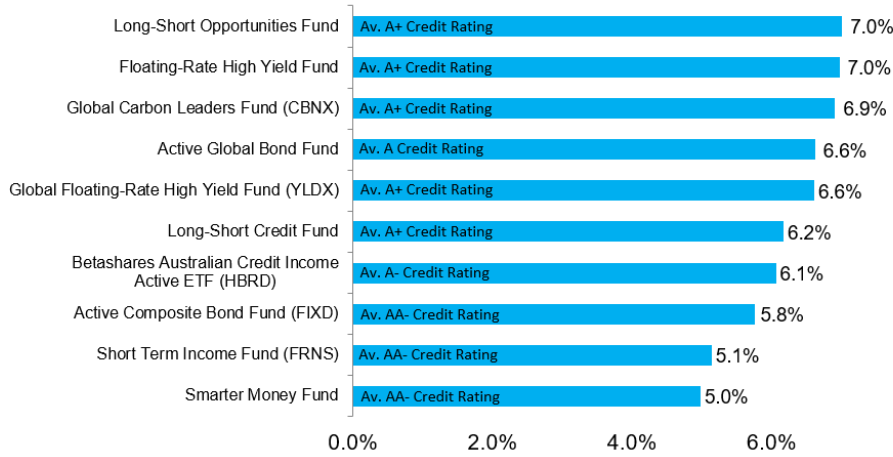
The selected strategies also continue to offer attractive gross running yields relative to cash (see chart below).

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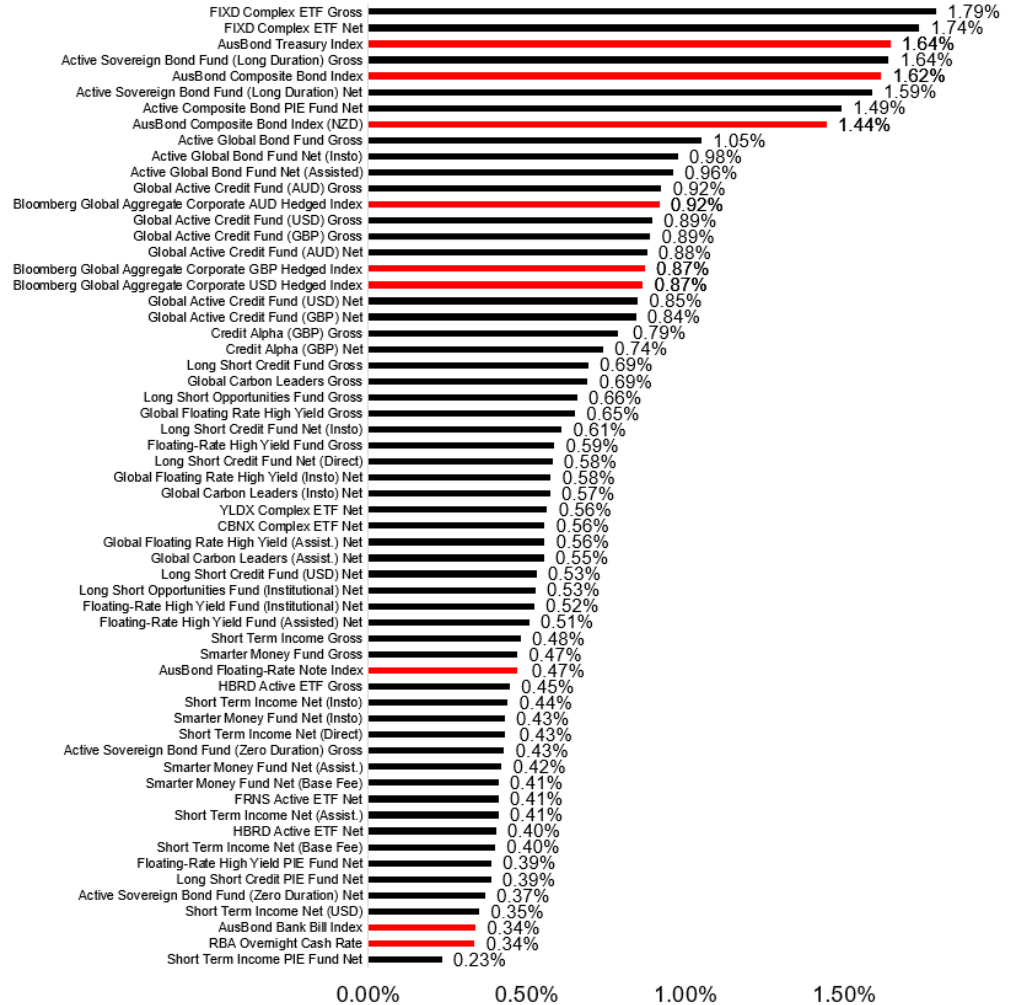
**Annual Running Yields**  
as of 31 May 2026

Source: Coolabah Capital Investments



**Monthly Returns: Gross and Net**  
May 2026

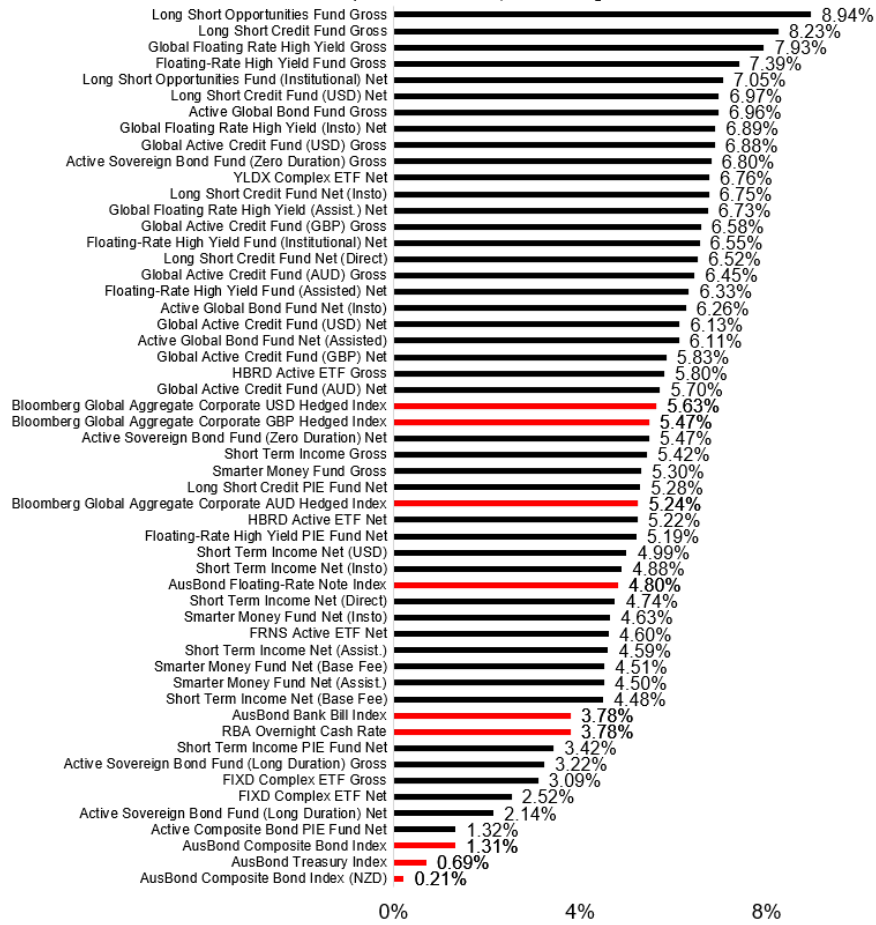
Source: Coolabah Capital Investments, Bloomberg



Strategy commentary cont'd:

**Yearly Returns: Gross and Net**  
 12 Months to 31 May 2026

Source: Coolabah Capital Investments, Bloomberg





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