



Changes to MLC's fixed income strategies for financial advisers

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MLC Index Plus Conservative MLC Index Plus Balanced MLC Index Plus Growth MLC Real Return Moderate MLC Real Return Assertive MLC Wholesale Horizon 1 Bond Portfolio MLC Wholesale Horizon 2 Income Portfolio MLC Wholesale Horizon 3 Conservative Growth Portfolio MLC Wholesale Horizon 4 Balanced Portfolio MLC Wholesale Horizon 5 Growth Portfolio MLC Wholesale Inflation Plus Conservative MLC MultiActive Trusts: MLC MultiActive High Growth MLC MultiActive Geared

#### MLC MasterKey Unit Trust:

MLC Horizon 2 Income Portfolio MLC Horizon 3 Conservative Growth Portfolio MLC Horizon 4 Balanced Portfolio MLC Horizon 5 Growth Portfolio MLC Horizon 6 Share Portfolio MLC Horizon 7 Accelerated Growth Portfolio

#### **MLC Pre Select Funds:**

MLC Pre Select Conservative Fund MLC Pre Select Balanced Fund MLC Pre Select Growth Fund MLC Pre Select High Growth Fund

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### **MLC** fixed income





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### **Diversified fixed income strategy**

- Changes to all maturities are shown on slides 5 to 11
- Changes to extended credit are shown on slides 12 to 14

## Fixed income: strategy change





# Index Plus

Conservative, Balanced, Growth

### What's changed and why?



### What's changed?

#### **Diversified fixed income strategy**

- Alignment with MLC MultiSeries
- Introduction of extended credit
- Appointment of Invesco
- Removed PIMCO and PGIM

# There's no impact on management fees as a result of these changes

### Why?

- The changes now fully align the manager structure in the diversified fixed income strategies across MLC Index Plus and MLC MultiSeries.
- The new exposure to extended credit further diversifies the fixed income strategy. We believe this will generate better and more consistent returns for our Index Plus investors.
- We are familiar with Invesco as they are an existing manager in MultiSeries and MultiActive.

## **MLC Index Plus: Diversified fixed income strategy**

ASSET MANAGEMENT

### Target manager allocations

Global	Previous	Revised	Change
All maturities strategy			
- PIMCO	12.5%	-	-12.5%
- PGIM	18.75%	-	-18.75%
- Brandywine	18.75%	15%	-3.75%
- Invesco	-	22%	+22%
Income strategy	-	8%	+8%
Extended credit strategy	-	5%	+5%
Total	50%	50%	

Australian	Previous	Revised	Change
All maturities strategy			
- Antares	25%	16%	-9%
- Janus Henderson	8%	12%	+4%
- Ardea	17%	10%	-7%
Income strategy	-	12%	+12%
Total	50%	50%	

## **Profile of Invesco**

Global fixed income



#### **About Invesco**

Invesco Ltd is a leading • independent global investment firm solely focused on investment management.



- Headquartered in Atlanta, US, the firm has assets under • management of approximately USD \$1,795 billion (as at 30 September 2024) and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE Code IVZ).
- Founded in 1935, today Invesco Ltd serves clients around the ٠ globe, with an on-the-ground presence in 26 countries. Invesco Ltd has more than 8,400 employees worldwide including more than 800 investment professionals.

#### Why we've appointed Invesco

- Invesco is a manager that is already utilised by MLC Asset Management to manage passive strategies.
- Invesco's indexing business extends across shares, fixed income and alternatives.
- Invesco is one of the industry's largest smart beta providers and one of the top exchange-traded fund sponsors by AUM globally. Additionally, Invesco has won numerous accolades and ranks highly in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) based indexes.

# Fixed income: strategy change



- Real Return
  - Moderate, Assertive
- Wholesale
  - Diversified Debt
  - Horizon 1-5
  - Inflation Plus Conservative
- Pre Select
  - Conservative, Balanced, Growth, High Growth



### What's changed and why?



### What's changed?

#### **Diversified fixed income strategy**

- Alignment with MLC MultiActive
- Appointment of Western Asset Management
- Removed Antares and PIMCO

There's no impact on management fees as a result of these changes

### Why?

- The changes now fully align the manager structure in the diversified fixed income strategies across MLC MultiActive, MLC Real Return, MLC Wholesale and MLC Pre Select.
- We believe these changes will generate better and more consistent returns for our diversified fund investors.
- We are familiar with Western Asset Management as they are an existing manager in MultiActive and MultiSeries.

## Real Return, Wholesale, Pre Select: Diversified fixed income strategy



Target manager allocations

Global	Previous	Revised	Change
All maturities strategy			
- PIMCO	12.5%	-	-12.5%
- PGIM	18.75%	19%	+0.25%
- Brandywine	18.75%	13%	-5.75%
Income strategy	-	8%	+8%
Extended credit strategy	-	10%	+10%
Total	50%	50%	

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- Janus Henderson	8%	13%	+5%
- Ardea	17%	10%	-7%
- Western Asset Management	-	15%	+15%
Income strategy	-	12%	+12%
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## **Fixed income: manager change**





## Extended Credit

## **MLC Extended Credit**

Target manager allocations



Manager	Previous	Revised	Change
Bentham Global Opportunities Fund	30%	25%	-5%
Oaktree Global Multi-Sector	25%	25%	-
Shenkman Bank Loans	30%	30%	-
Stone Harbor Emerging Markets	5%	5%	-
Barings	-	15%	+15%
Muzinich Global High Yield	10%	-	-10%
Total	100%	100%	

### **Profile of Barings**



#### **About Barings**



- Barings LLC (Barings) is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual).
- Barings has US\$431+ billion\* of assets under management across public and private markets in fixed income, real assets and capital solutions.
- Employs 1,850+ staff\* across 19 countries, including dedicated investment professionals based in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific..

#### Why we've appointed Barings

- Barings is a leading player in the leveraged finance market with strong expertise in broadly syndicated loans, high yield bonds and structured credit across Europe and the US.
- They are very experienced with deep resources. Having managed:
  - Loan portfolios and collateralized loan obligations ('CLO') since 1998 and are a top 20 CLO issuer globally.
  - High yield bond assets since the 1980s, with demonstrated outperformance over multiple time periods.
  - In structured credit they are one of the longest tenured CLO investors with experience dating back to the 1990s, with depth to invest up and down the capital structure.
  - High yield multi-asset credit portfolios since 2012.

### **Communication plan**



When	Who	What	Where
November 2024	Advisers	This presentation outlining the changes	<ul> <li>Published in adviser sections of <u>mlc.com.au</u> and <u>mlcam.com.au</u> (under 'Strategy updates')</li> <li>Published on <u>Investment Central (in 'Underlying</u> managers and strategy updates' section)</li> </ul>
Late January 2025	Advisers	Investment update for financial advisers MLC's insights & portfolio positioning	<ul> <li>Published on <u>mlc.com.au</u> (in Fund Commentaries &gt; Prices and Performance accessed from Adviser tab) and <u>mlcam.com.au</u> (under 'Latest reporting resources' in 'Adviser only' section)</li> <li>Published on <u>Investment Central</u> (under 'Insights &amp; portfolio positioning')</li> </ul>
Late January 2025	Advisers and clients	Quarterly client fund performance commentaries	<ul> <li>Published on <u>mlcam.com.au</u> and <u>Investment Central</u></li> <li><u>mlcam.com.au/MLCWholesale</u>, select Fund Profile Tool</li> <li><u>Pre Select</u> commentaries available from <u>mlc.com.au</u> (under 'Fund Commentaries')</li> </ul>

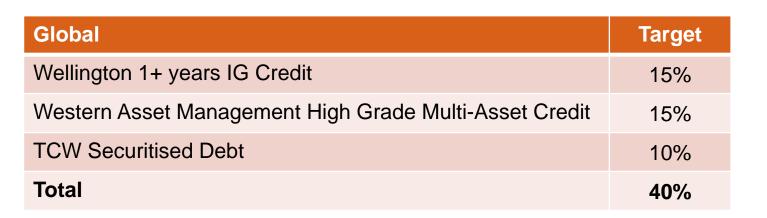




# Appendix

## Income strategy

Target manager allocations



Australian	Target
Antares Credit	15%
Janus Henderson Income	30%
Metrics Diversified Australian Senior Loan	15%
Total	60%

