# **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 recognize that the opportunity also comes with a more unpredictable landscape going forward. FGI's focus on assets beyond traditional markets and asset classes aims to generate **multiple streams of truly diversified and solid income** with the potential for capital appreciation to fulfill investors' needs in a time of higher inflation.



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

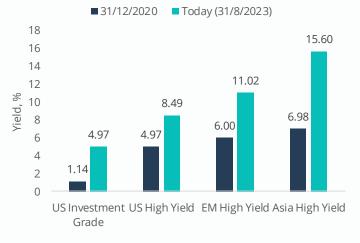


## **Enhanced Income Solution**

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.

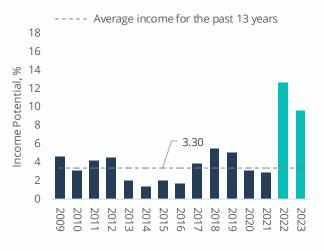
### Embrace higher yields in underappreciated markets

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.



Source: Bloomberg, Morningstar. (Left) US Investment Grade: Bloomberg US Agg Yield. US High Yield: Bloomberg US Corporate HY Yield. EM High Yield: Bloomberg Emerging Markets HY Yield. Asia High Yield: Bloomberg Asia HY Yield. (Right) Income potential: Swiss Re Cat Bond Yield.

#### **Historical Performance**

#### Calendar Return, %

Class	Dec '23	Nov '23	Oct '23	Sep '23	Aug '23	Jul '23	Si	Jan – Jun '23	2022	2021	2020	2019
A SGD	0.05	0.70		4 05	4 70	0 0 4	7.				4.40	8.44
	3.60	3.90	1.09	-1.70	-1.52	0.41	gy F	-1.28 -0.26	-13.59	-1.33	5.09	9.52
YTM	10.63	9.50	6.72	7.09	6.94	7.83	<b>6</b> 00	_	_	_	_	-

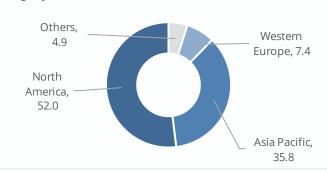
Source: Finexis Asset Management. Share class performance is calculated using NAV of the share class with income reinvested and including ongoing charges, excluding any entry and exit fees. YTM refers to the fund's Yield To Maturity.



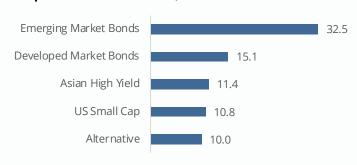


# **Strategy Characteristics**

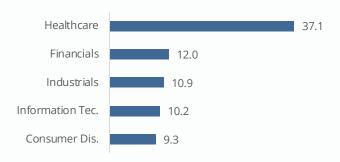
## Geographical Allocation, %



### Top 5 Market Allocation, %



#### Top 5 Equity Sector Allocation, %



# Top 5 Fund Holdings, %

Emerging Market Corporate High Yield Debt Fund	32.5		
Lombard Odier Asia Value Bond Fund	11.4		
Tabula Liquid Credit Income Fund	10.8		
Allianz China A Shares Fund	5.4		
PIMCO 25+ Year Zero Coupon 4			

Source: Finexis Asset Management. Others include South & Central America, Africa/Middle East, and Western Europe. 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.



Valuation

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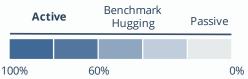
Seek inflection points in <u>sustainable trends</u> to capture overlooked opportunities and avoid less recognised risks (such as the end of a bond supercycle).

# **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**

Through most of 2023, financial media was abuzz with the debate on landings. Investors were torn between whether there would be a soft landing, that is, beat inflation without a significant slowdown, or a hard landing where central banks hiked rates so much to trigger a significant slowdown.

Markets were similarly torn. 2023 started with soft landing, but that gave way to hard landing as the banking crisis in March shifted the odds in favour of the hard landing camp. It was only in the last two months of the year where it was clearer that the war on inflation was won, and clarity on the soft landing emerged.

While it was indeed a hard road to a soft landing, this turn of the tide was favourable for our positions such as Emerging market and Asia high yield bonds. This led the fund to gain 3.85% in USD terms in December. This may look like quite a lot for an income fund in a month but it is not unexpected in an environment that is favourable for our themes.

For income investors, the era of easy money that lasted over 15 years made the search for income really challenging. Near zero interest rates meant that that investors could not count on government bonds for return or provide a buffer against other risk assets. It was also slim pickings in investment grade credits which got bid up in the crowded search for yield.

The unprecedented rate hikes in 2022, and the subsequent volatility of 2023 led to a much-needed flushing out and reset of fixed income markets that became too overbought.

What are the implications and opportunities of this regime shift? Government bonds now play a dual role of providing risk-free return while being a buffer against risk assets. As such, where income investors were searching for yield, they are now "Spoilt for yield" which FGI is able to capitalize on. The fund has meaningful exposure to emerging and developed markets, and does not rely only on high yield exposures to get its income.

Investors who are not constrained to traditional markets can also participate in the great opportunity in alternative income. This was a segment that generated double digit income in 2023 without being affected by market volatility. What is more important is that the return opportunity for 2024 continues to be attractive.

#### **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 of 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%	12.5%	
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.





### **Fund Details**

Item	Class A
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.
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
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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.

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# **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



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