

## Portfolio overview – 30 April 2009

### **Investment objective**

- Achieve significantly higher returns than bank deposits over the minimum investment time frame.

### **Key features**

- A high-risk, high-return investment designed to target the opportunities and market volatility created in the wake of the credit crunch.
- Flexible investment approach means the Portfolio is not reliant on just one strategy throughout the credit cycle. Instead, it seeks opportunities across both non-credit markets (interest rates and currencies) and credit markets.

### **Risk management**

- The flexible investment approach allows: 1) action when opportunities are appropriate; and 2) patience to be in cash when they are not.
- Preference for more liquid securities and markets ensures the Portfolio can be positioned for rapidly changing market conditions.

### **Return enhancement**

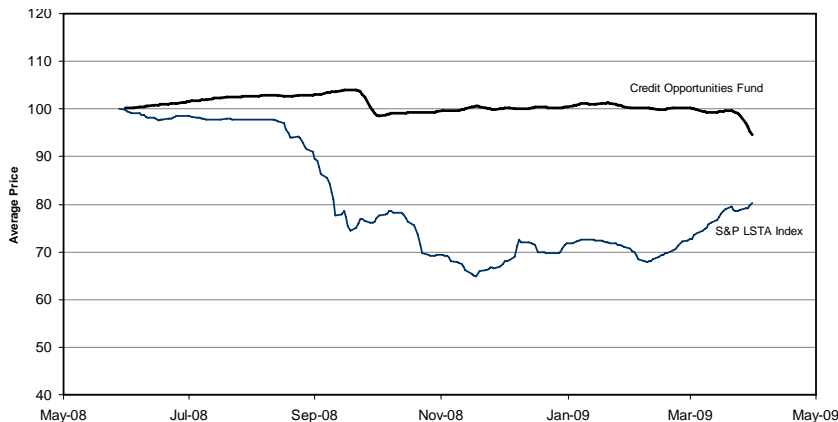
- The Portfolio has a significant 'cash chest' which is being selectively invested in higher-yield, investment-grade corporate bonds complemented by trading positions in interest rates and currencies.

## Manager insight – 30 April 2009

The Credit Opportunities Portfolio returned -5.53%<sup>1</sup> for the month of April. Since strategy inception (25 June 2008), the Portfolio has returned -5.40%<sup>1</sup>.

The negative return for the month is the result of a significant write down in the value of the four CLO 'equity' positions. This write down reflects the fundamental uncertainty around their future value. On a more positive note the Portfolio also sold the three 'rated' CLO positions during April. These positions were sold a profit to their valuation which helped offset the CLO 'equity' write downs to a limited degree.

**S&P/LSTA US Leverage Loan 100 Index vs Credit Opportunities Fund**



One of the important outcomes of the sale of the rated positions and the write down of the equity positions is that the Portfolios' allocation to stressed structured credit assets has declined dramatically from 12% at the end of March to just 1% at the end of April. This leaves the Portfolio with the following asset allocation: 66% cash, 6% corporate bonds, 27% Australian government-guaranteed bonds and 1% stressed assets.

The Portfolio is currently 93% invested in cash or Australian government-guaranteed securities, it is now appropriately positioned for the next step - the development of a portfolio that is focused on:

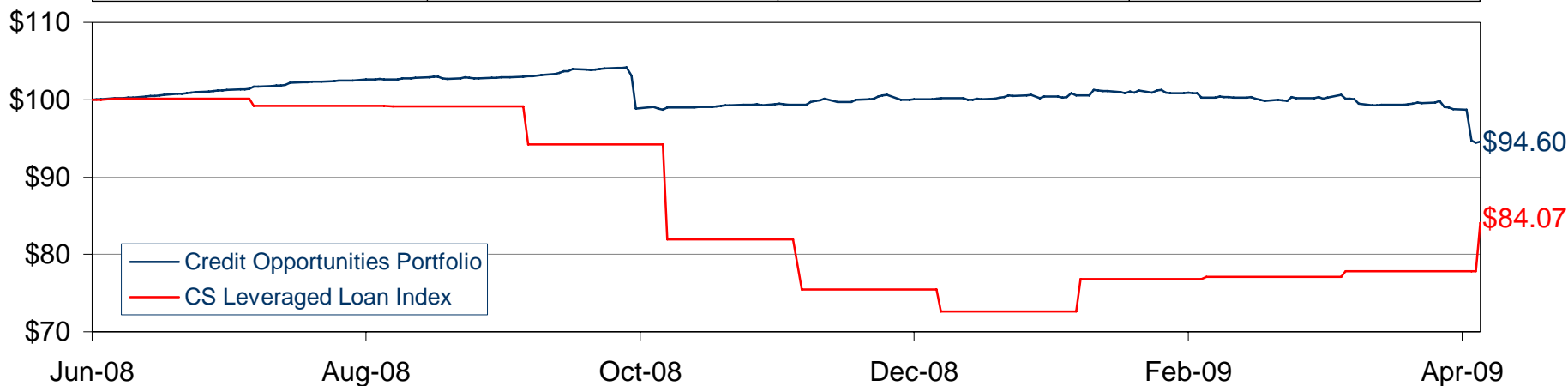
- 1) Investment opportunities in less speculative credit assets which have the ability to provide both strong and attractive yields and where there is scope for capital gain. An example of this is the Woolworths bond which was discussed in last months Manager insight.
- 2) Trading strategies in liquid capital markets such as interest rates and currencies. More detail will be provided on this over the next month as the portfolio is developed.

<sup>1</sup> Returns are stated after fund fees and expenses, but before any advisory fees or investor tax. Past performance is not necessarily an indication of future returns.

# Credit Opportunities Portfolio

Performance since 25 June 2008 to 30 April 2009

Performance attribution	One month	Three month	Six month
Positive	Cash holdings	-	-
Neutral	n/a	-	-
Negative	Credit; currency	-	-



One-month return	Three-month return	Six-month return	One-year return	Since inception return pa
-5.53%	-5.95%	-4.42%	-	-

## Portfolio summary as at 30 April 2009

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Cash	66%
Debt securities	34%

Sector / Security	Portfolio value	Proportion of portfolio
<b>Bank deposits / Bank bills</b>		<b>66%</b>
ANZ (Bank bills)	\$588,954	6%
ASB Bank (Bank bills)	\$471,050	5%
BNZ (Bank bills)	\$537,445	5%
Kiwibank (Bank bills)	\$486,592	5%
Westpac (Bank deposits)	\$3,855,361	39%
Westpac (Bank bills)	\$454,369	5%
FX Asset	\$121,950	1%
<b>Corporate bonds (short dated)</b>		<b>6%</b>
Woolworths	\$640,016	6%
<b>Australian government guaranteed bonds</b>		<b>27%</b>
Westpac Bank (Government Guaranteed)	\$2,649,136	27%
<b>Stressed assets</b>		<b>1%</b>
CLO equity (4 securities)	\$103,616	1%
<b>Debt strategies</b>		<b>0%</b>
June US Dollar Index Futures	-\$24,806	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,883,683</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: Rounding may affect the subtotals and totals.

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