

Target Market Determination

Merlon Australian Share Income Fund – Class A APIR HBC0011AU

Legal disclaimer

This Target Market Determination (TMD) is required under section 994B of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**the Act**). It sets out the class of consumers for whom the product, including its key attributes, would likely be consistent with their likely objectives, financial situation and needs. In addition, the TMD outlines the triggers to review the target market and certain other information. It forms part of Issuer's design and distribution arrangements for the product.

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Important terms used in this TMD are defined in the TMD Definitions which supplement this document. Capitalised terms have the meaning given to them in the product's PDS, unless otherwise defined. The PDS can be obtained by contacting us on 13 51 53 or on our website at https://www.fidante.com/-/media/shared/fidante/merl/masif_pds.pdf

Target Market Summary	The Fund primarily invests in a portfolio of undervalued, high dividend yielding Australian companies. This product is likely to be appropriate for a consumer seeking some capital growth with stable, tax effective income and to be used as a small to core component of their portfolio where the consumer has a medium investment timeframe and a medium risk/return profile.
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Fund and Issuer identifiers

Issuer	Fidante Partners Limited	ISIN Code	AU60HBC00113
Issuer ABN	94 002 835 592	Market Identifier Code	n/a
Issuer AFSL	234668	Product Exchange code	ML002

Fund	Merlon Australian Share Income Fund	Date TMD approved	5 October 2021
ARSN	090 578 171	TMD Version	1.0
APIR Code	HBC0011AU	TMD Status	Current

Description of Target Market

This part is required under section 994B(5)(b) of the Act.

TMD indicator key

The Consumer Attributes for which the product is likely to be appropriate have been assessed using a red/amber/green rating methodology with appropriate colour coding:

In target market	Potentially in target market	Not considered in target market
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Instructions

In the tables below, Column 1, Consumer Attributes, indicates a description of the likely objectives, financial situation and needs of the class of consumers that are considering this product. Column 2, TMD indicator, indicates whether a consumer meeting the attribute in column 1 is likely to be in the target market for this product.

Generally, a consumer is unlikely to be in the target market for the product if:

- **one or more** of their Consumer Attributes correspond to a **red** rating, or
- **three or more** of their Consumer Attributes correspond to an **amber** rating.

Investment products and diversification

A consumer (or class of consumer) may intend to hold a product as part of a diversified portfolio (typically with an intended product use of *satellite/small allocation* or *core component*). In such circumstances, the product should be assessed against the consumer's attributes for the relevant portion of the portfolio, rather than the consumer's portfolio as a whole. For example, a consumer may seek to construct a conservative portfolio with a satellite/small allocation to growth assets. In this case, it may be likely that a product with a *High* or *Very High* risk/return profile is consistent with the consumer's objectives for that allocation notwithstanding that the risk/return profile of the consumer as a whole is *Low* or *Medium*. In making this assessment, distributors should consider all features of a product (including its key attributes).

Consumer Attributes	TMD Indicator	Product description including key attributes
Consumer's investment objective		
Capital Growth		The Fund aims to provide a higher level of tax-effective income with a lower level of risk than the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index, whilst also providing the potential for capital growth and inflation protection over the medium to long term.
Capital Preservation		
Capital Guaranteed		
Income Distribution		The Fund seeks to build a portfolio of undervalued, high dividend yielding companies and then to reduce some risk through the use of derivatives.
Consumer's intended product use (% of Investable Assets)		
Solution/Standalone (75-100%)		The Fund has medium diversification and aims to be fully invested in the Australian share market.
Core Component (25-75%)		
Satellite/small allocation (<25%)		
Consumer's investment timeframe		
Short (≤ 2 years)		The suggested minimum investment timeframe for the Fund is at least 5 years.
Medium (≤ 8 years)		
Long (> 8 years)		
Consumer's Risk (ability to bear loss) and Return profile		
Low		The Standard Risk Measure for the Product is Risk Band 5.
Medium		

High		
Very High		
Consumer's need to withdraw money	TMD Indicator	Product description including key attributes
Daily		The Product permits daily redemptions under normal circumstances and the Issuer is typically able to meet redemption requests within five business days under normal circumstances.
Weekly		
Monthly		
Quarterly		
Annually or longer		

Appropriateness

This part is required under RG 274.64–66.

The Issuer has assessed the product and formed the view that the product, including its key attributes, is likely to be consistent with the likely objectives, financial situation and needs of consumers in the target market as described above, as the features of this product in Column 3 of the table above are likely to be suitable for consumers with the attributes identified with a green TMD Indicator in Column 2.

Distribution conditions/restrictions

This part is required under section 994B(5)(c) of the Act.

Distribution Condition	Distribution Condition Rationale	<i>applicable</i>
There are no distribution conditions	Not applicable	☐

Review triggers
This part is required under section 994B(5)(d) of the Act.
Material change to key attributes, fund investment objective and/or fees.
Material deviation from benchmark / objective over sustained period.
Key attributes have not performed as disclosed by a material degree and for a material period.
Determination by the issuer of an ASIC reportable Significant Dealing

Material or unexpectedly high number of complaints (as defined in section 994A(1) of the Act) about the product or distribution of the product.
The use of Product Intervention Powers, regulator orders or directions that affects the product.

Mandatory review periods	
This part is required under section 994B(5)(e) and (f) of the Act.	
Review period	Maximum period for review
Initial review	1 year and 3 months
Subsequent reviews	3 years and 3 months

Distributor reporting requirements		
This part is required under section 994B(5)(g) and (h) of the Act.		
Reporting requirement	Reporting period	Which distributors this requirement applies to
Complaints (as defined in section 994A(1) of the Act) relating to the product design, product availability and distribution. The distributor should provide all the content of the complaint, having regard to privacy.	Within 10 business days following end of calendar quarter	All distributors
Significant dealing outside of target market, under s994F(6) of the Act. See Definitions for further detail.	As soon as practicable but no later than 10 business days after distributor becomes aware of the significant dealing.	All distributors
To the extent a distributor is aware of dealings outside the target market, including reason why acquisition is outside of target market, and whether acquisition occurred under personal advice.	Within 10 business days following end of calendar quarter.	All distributors

If practicable, distributors should adopt the FSC data standards for reports to the Issuer. Distributors must report to the Issuer using the agreed methodology. Contact details relating to this TMD for the Issuer are:

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Definitions

Term	Definition
Consumer's investment objective	
Capital Growth	The consumer seeks to invest in a product designed to generate capital return. The consumer prefers exposure to growth assets or otherwise seeks an investment return above the current inflation rate.
Capital Preservation	The consumer seeks to invest in a product to reduce volatility and minimise loss in a market down-turn. The consumer prefers exposure to defensive assets (such as cash or fixed income securities) that are generally lower in risk and less volatile than growth investments.
Capital Guaranteed	The consumer seeks a guarantee or protection against capital loss whilst still seeking the potential for capital growth (typically gained through a derivative arrangement). The consumer would likely understand the complexities, conditions and risks that are associated with such products.
Income Distribution	The consumer seeks to invest in a product designed to distribute regular and/or tax-effective income. The consumer prefers exposure to income-generating assets (typically, high dividend-yielding equities, fixed income securities and money market instruments).
Consumer's intended product use (% of Investable Assets)	
Solution/Standalone (75-100%)	The consumer intends to hold the investment as either a part or the majority (up to 100%) of their total <i>investable assets</i> (see definition below). The consumer typically prefers exposure to a product with at least High <i>portfolio diversification</i> (see definitions below).
Core Component (25-75%)	The consumer intends to hold the investment as a major component, up to 75%, of their total <i>investable assets</i> (see definition below). The consumer typically prefers exposure to a product with at least Medium <i>portfolio diversification</i> (see definitions below).
Satellite (<25%)	The consumer intends to hold the investment as a smaller part of their total portfolio, as an indication it would be suitable for up to 25% of the total <i>investable assets</i> (see definition below). The consumer is likely to be comfortable with exposure to a product with Low <i>portfolio diversification</i> (see definitions below).

Investable Assets	Those assets that the investor has available for investment, excluding the family home.
Portfolio diversification	
Low	Single asset class, single country, low or moderate holdings of securities - e.g. high conviction Aussie equities.
Medium	1-2 Asset Classes, Single Country, Broad exposure within asset class, e.g. Aussie Equities All Ords.
High	Highly diversified across either asset classes, countries or investment managers, e.g. Australian multi-manager balanced fund or Global Equities extending beyond benchmark.
Consumer's intended investment timeframe	
Short (≤ 2 years)	The consumer has a short investment timeframe and may wish to redeem within two years.
Medium (> 2 years)	The consumer has a medium investment timeframe and is unlikely to redeem within two years.
Long (> 8 years)	The consumer has a long investment timeframe and is unlikely to redeem within eight years.
Consumer's Risk (ability to bear loss) and Return profile	
Low	The consumer is conservative or low risk in nature, seeks to minimise potential losses (e.g. has the ability to bear up to 1 negative return over a 20 year period (SRM 1 to 2)) and is comfortable with a low target return profile. Consumer typically prefers defensive assets such as cash and fixed income.
Medium	The consumer is moderate or medium risk in nature, seeking to minimise potential losses (e.g. has the ability to bear up to 4 negative returns over a 20 year period (SRM 3 to 5)) and comfortable with a moderate target return profile. Consumer typically prefers a balance of growth assets such as shares, property and alternative assets and defensive assets such as cash and fixed income.
High	The consumer is higher risk in nature and can accept higher potential losses (e.g. has the ability to bear up to 6 negative returns over a 20 year period (SRM 6)) in order to target a higher target return profile. Consumer typically prefers predominantly growth assets such as shares, property and alternative assets with only a smaller or moderate holding in defensive assets such as cash and fixed income.
Very high	The consumer has a more aggressive or very high risk appetite, seeks to maximise returns and can accept higher potential losses (e.g. has the ability to bear 6 or more negative returns over a 20 year period (SRM 7) and possibly other risk factors, such as leverage). Consumer typically prefers growth assets such as shares, property and alternative assets.
Consumer's need to withdraw money	
Daily/Weekly/Monthly/Quarterly/Annually or longer	The consumer seeks to invest in a product which permits redemption requests at this frequency under ordinary circumstances and the issuer is typically able to meet that request within a reasonable period.
Distributor Reporting	

Significant dealings	Section 994F(6) of the Act requires distributors to notify the issuer if they become aware of a significant dealing in the product that is not consistent with the TMD. Neither the Act nor ASIC defines when a dealing is ‘significant’ and distributors have discretion to apply its ordinary meaning. The issuer will rely on notifications of significant dealings to monitor and review the product, this TMD, and its distribution strategy, and to meet its own obligation to report significant dealings to ASIC. Dealings outside this TMD may be significant because: • they represent a material proportion of the overall distribution conduct carried out by the distributor in relation to the product, or • they constitute an individual transaction which has resulted in, or will or is likely to result in, significant detriment to the consumer (or class of consumer). In each case, the distributor should have regard to: • the nature and risk profile of the product (which may be indicated by the product’s risk rating or withdrawal timeframes), • the actual or potential harm to a consumer (which may be indicated by the value of the consumer’s investment, their intended product use or their ability to bear loss), and • the nature and extent of the inconsistency of distribution with the TMD (which may be indicated by the number of red or amber ratings attributed to the consumer). Objectively, a distributor may consider a dealing (or group of dealings) outside the TMD to be significant if: • it constitutes more than half of the distributor’s total retail product distribution conduct in relation to the product over the reporting period, • the consumer’s intended product use is <i>Solution / Standalone</i>, or • the consumer’s intended product use is <i>Core component</i> and the consumer’s risk (ability to bear loss) and return profile is <i>Low</i>.
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