

# Betashares Australian Bank Senior Floating Rate Bond ETF



**ASX: QPON**

31 January 2024

## Objective

QPON aims to track the performance of an index (before fees and expenses) that measures the performance of a portfolio of some of the largest and most liquid senior floating rate bonds issued by Australian banks.

## Benefits



### Regular, attractive income

Income paid monthly, and expected to exceed the income paid on cash and short-dated term deposits. If interest rates increase, so too does the income you receive and vice versa.



### Capital stability

Australian bank senior floating rate bonds historically have had a high level of capital stability, and limited capital variability in equity market declines.



### Defensive characteristics

Floating rate bonds have historically exhibited low correlation to equities, as well as defensive characteristics during market declines.



### Ranking

Underlying portfolio comprises senior bonds from Australian banks, which rank above shareholders in the event of issuer default.

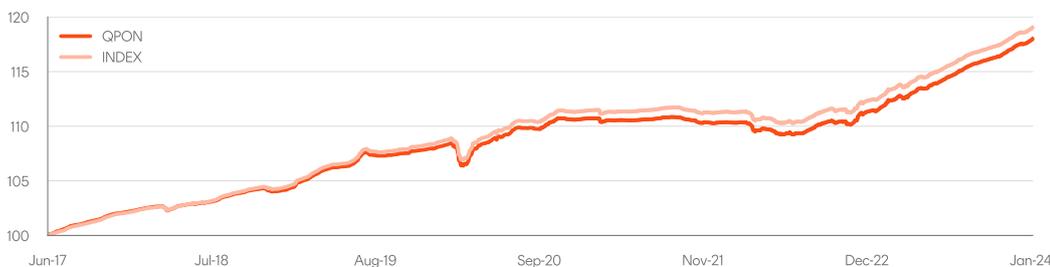
## Performance

PERIOD	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 yr	3 yr (p.a.)	5 yr (p.a.)	10 yr (p.a.)	Inception (p.a.)
FUND	0.42%	1.46%	2.62%	5.42%	2.15%	2.47%	-	2.51%
INDEX	0.41%	1.46%	2.60%	5.41%	2.22%	2.61%	2.97%	2.65%

## Calendar year performance

PERIOD	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
FUND	0.42%	5.44%	0.98%	-0.23%	2.48%	3.65%	1.84%	-
INDEX	0.41%	5.42%	1.03%	-0.01%	2.75%	3.83%	2.12%	-

Value of \$100 invested since inception



Source: Betashares, Bloomberg. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Fund returns are calculated in A\$ using net asset value per unit at the start and end of the specified period and do not reflect the brokerage or bid-ask spread that investors may incur when buying and selling units on the ASX. Returns are after fund management costs, assume reinvestment of any distributions and do not take into account income tax.

## Fund information

Betashares Funds can be bought or sold during the trading day on the ASX, and trade like shares.

ASX CODE QPON  
BLOOMBERG CODE QPON AU  
IRESS CODE QPON.AXW  
DISTRIBUTIONS MONTHLY  
MGT FEE 0.19% P.A.  
EXPENSES  
CAPPED AT 0.03% P.A.  
FUND INCEPTION 1 JUN 17

## About the index

INDEX  
SOLACTIVE AUSTRALIAN BANK  
SENIOR FLOATING RATE BOND  
BLOOMBERG CODE  
SOLAUSFR  
NO OF COMPONENTS 14



Awards are opinions only, subject to change and only one factor to consider. Investors should make their own assessment of the suitability of this information.

## Categorisation

FIXED INCOME  
REGULAR INCOME  
RISK MITIGATION

There are risks associated with an investment in QPON, including interest rate risk, credit risk, bank sector risk and market risk. For more information on risks and other features of QPON, please see the Product Disclosure Statement.

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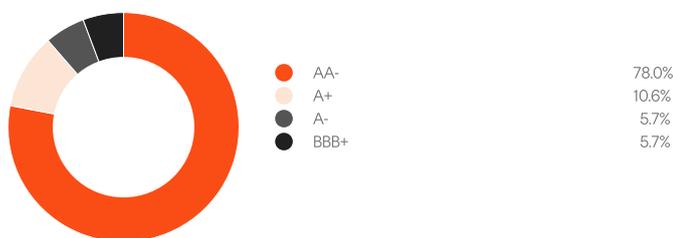
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## Credit quality



## Top 10 exposures

Bond <sup>1</sup>	Weighting
CBA Frn Aug-28	10.0%
NAB Frn Nov-28	10.0%
NAB Frn May-28	10.0%
ANZ Frn Sep-28	9.8%
WBC Frn Sep-28	9.8%
CBA Frn Jan-28	9.8%
WBC Frn Jan-29	8.5%
ANZ Frn Feb-29	7.8%
BOQ Frn Jan-27	5.1%
Bendigo and Adelaide Frn Jan-27	5.0%

## The floating rate bond strategy

QPON aims to track the Solactive Australian Bank Senior Floating Rate Bond Index (before fees and expenses). In order to be eligible for inclusion in the Index each bond must be a senior floating rate debt security denominated in AUD and issued by an eligible Australian bank. In addition, it must have an amount outstanding of at least \$500 million and a term to maturity (TTM) of between one and five years. Current eligible banks are classified into two bands:

- Band 1: ANZ Bank, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, National Australia Bank, Westpac
- Band 2: AMP Bank, Bank of Queensland, Bendigo & Adelaide Bank, Macquarie Bank, Members Equity Bank, Suncorp-Metway

Eligible bonds with the longest TTM are selected with up to two bonds selected from each Band 1 bank, and one bond from each Band 2 bank. Bonds from Band 1 are given a total weight of at least 80% based on market value, with each bond equal weighted. Bonds from Band 2 are given a total weight of up to 20% based on market value, with each bond equal weighted (with no Band 2 bond allowed to have a weight in excess of 5%).

<sup>1</sup> BBSW is the rate at which banks will lend to each other.

<sup>2</sup> Note that BBSW tends to vary day-to-day whereas the RBA Cash Rate can only be changed by the Reserve Bank.

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## Distributions

12 mth distribution yield (%) 4.1%

Yield is calculated by summing the prior 12-month per unit distributions divided by the closing NAV per unit at the end of the relevant period. Yield will vary and may be lower at time of investment. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

## Yield and portfolio characteristics

Running yield (% p.a.) <sup>1</sup>	5.35%
All in yield (% p.a.) <sup>2</sup>	5.25%
Estimated yield to maturity (% p.a.) <sup>3</sup>	4.87%
Discount margin (bps) <sup>4</sup>	91.19
Average maturity (yrs) <sup>5</sup>	4.14
Modified duration (yrs) <sup>6</sup>	0.13
Spread duration (yrs) <sup>7</sup>	3.63
Average credit rating <sup>8</sup>	A+

<sup>1</sup> Average coupon yield of the bonds in the portfolio (weighted by market value). Subject to change over time as interest rates and constituents change.

<sup>2</sup> The sum of a floating-rate bond's Discount Margin and its reference benchmark rate. Subject to change over time.

<sup>3</sup> The estimated annualised total expected return of a bond if it is held to maturity, the bond does not default, and the coupons are reinvested at the Yield to Maturity (YTM). For floating rate securities, the estimated YTM is calculated assuming forward BBSW projections based on market pricing of the swap curve, these projections are expected to change constantly along with market pricing. The fund's YTM is the weighted average of its underlying bonds' YTM's.

<sup>4</sup> The difference or spread between the expected return of a floating-rate bond and that of its underlying index, expressed as a margin above the underlying reference benchmark rate. Subject to change over time.

<sup>5</sup> Average length of time until the current bonds in the portfolio mature (weighted by market value).

<sup>6</sup> A measure of the sensitivity of the portfolio's value to a change in interest rates, e.g. modified duration of 0.15 years implies a 1% rise in the reference interest rate will reduce portfolio value by 0.15%.

<sup>7</sup> A measure of the sensitivity of the portfolio's value to a change in the credit spread margin or discount margin (DM). For example, a Spread Duration of 2 years implies that a 1%, or 100 basis points rise in the DM will reduce the value of the portfolio by 2%.

<sup>8</sup> Average credit rating for the bonds in the portfolio. Credit ratings are opinions only and are not to be used as a basis for assessing investment merit. Ratings are subject to change. Source: Bloomberg. Yields do not take into account fund fees and costs.

## What are floating rate bonds?

A floating rate bond (also known as a floating rate note or FRN) is a debt security that pays a regular coupon (interest) that varies over time. The interest rate received by QPON on each floating rate bond is determined by:

- a variable benchmark rate, being the 3-month bank bill swap rate (BBSW<sup>1</sup>); and
- a set margin above this benchmark rate that is usually determined when the bond is issued.

Typically, the benchmark rate and the RBA Cash Rate have been highly correlated<sup>2</sup>. If the benchmark rate rises, the bond's interest payments will be higher, and if the benchmark rate falls, the bond's interest payments will be lower. Apart from changes to benchmark rates, an investor's return from QPON will also be affected by changes in the market price for the bonds it holds. Historically, changes in market prices of floating rate bonds have been relatively limited, and the level of capital stability has been high. Importantly, senior floating rate bonds, such as those held by QPON, rank above shareholders in the event of a default of the issuer.