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UK CORPORATE LONG MATURITIES BOND FUND



31 December 2023

FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Fund is to generate a return, comprising both income and capital growth, that exceeds the return of the iBoxx GBP Non-gilts Over 10 Years Index (the Fund's Benchmark) by 1% per year over a rolling five-year period before the deduction of tax, management charges and expenses (the Target Return).

FUND SUMMARY

- Seeks to deliver attractive total returns in excess of a credit benchmark
- Aims to add value principally through credit strategy, security selection, duration and currency management and off-benchmark exposures across global fixed income
- Aims to add value by investing in longer-dated sterling credit markets
- Invests primarily in fixed income and currencies, either directly or via derivatives
- Rigorous, disciplined investment process drawing on a large team of fixed income and currency specialists

SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE (%)

	3 months	1	l year	3 уеа	ars (pa)	5	years (pa)	10 y	ears (pa)		iception oa)
Fund	14.36 12.06		2.06	-8.99			0.11	3.56		4.94	
Benchmark	13.63 10.71		-10.01			-1.04	2	2.86	4.	10	
	Calendar year returns				12-month rolling returns			S			
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019		2022- 2023	2021- 2022	2020- 2021	2019- 2020	2018- 2019
Fund	12.06	-29.85	-4.11	15.73	15.29		12.06	-29.85	-4.11	15.73	15.29
Benchmark	10.71	-30.47	-5.32	13.15	15.07		10.71	-30.47	-5.32	13.15	15.07

Source: Insight Investment and Rimes. Fund performance is shown for share class $S \, \pounds \, Acc$ and is calculated as total return, including reinvested income, gross of fees and expenses. Gross of fees performance results do not reflect the deduction of charges, which will reduce investors' returns. Performance for periods over one year is annualised. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and any income from them will fluctuate and is not guaranteed (this may be partly due to exchange rate fluctuations). Investors may not get back the full amount invested. Investors must read all performance information alongside the full performance information in the KIID.

FUND MANAGER COMMENTS

The Fund delivered a positive return over the quarter and outperformed its benchmark. Investment grade credit spreads widened in October in line with broader risk markets but tightened in November and December driven by lower inflation and an expectation of multiple Fed rate cuts in 2024 which led to a rally in government bonds. The largest source of return was the portfolio's credit beta strategy; throughout most of the quarter the portfolio had a long position on credit risk and was rewarded for this as credit spreads narrowed. The second largest source of return came from sector selection where the largest contribution against the benchmark came in November from overweights in senior banks and utilities. Outperformance was also derived from our yield curve positioning and from security selection.

FUND FACTS

Fund size: £395.8m

Inception date: 19 November 2004

Benchmark: iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts Over 10

Years Index

Fund manager: Damien Hill

Target return: Outperform benchmark by 1% per year over a rolling five-year period before the deduction of tax, management charges and expenses. However, a positive return is not guaranteed and a capital loss may occur.

FUND CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Benchmark
Yield (%)	5.49	5.02
Duration (years)	11.7	11.8
Government spread (bp)	144	109

CREDIT RATING

(%)	Fund	Benchmark
AAA	1.2	5.9
AA	12.4	14.2
A	49.1	49.0
BBB	40.5	30.9
Sub-investment grade	-0.5	0.0
Credit derivatives	4.0	0.0
Other	-7.9	0.0
Cash	1.3	0.0

CREDIT SPREAD DURATION BY CURRENCY

(years)	Fund	Benchmark
Sterling	10.7	10.2
US dollar	0.1	0.0
Euro	0.4	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0
Total	11.2	10.2

FUND ALLOCATION

(%)	Fund	Benchmark
Government and SSA	8.6	11.6
Financials	15.9	12.6
Corporate cyclicals	11.9	10.8
Corporate non-cyclicals	46.2	46.2
Securitised	17.4	18.4
Credit derivatives	4.0	0.0
Other	-5.4	0.0
Cash	1.3	0.0

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Funds ICVC

Legal structure: Open Ended Investment
Company (UCITS)

Domicile: United Kingdom

Share class currencies: Sterling

Dealing frequency: Daily, midday

Settlement period: T+3

Pricing method: Swinging single price

Scheme: Insight Investment Discretionary

Depositary: NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited

Administrator: The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Ltd

Ongoing charges: 0.38% (represented by share class Gross P Acc, other share classes are available)



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