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# HIGH GRADE ABS



31 January 2024

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Fund seeks to produce an interest rate based return, primarily through investment in a portfolio of asset-backed securities (ABS) and corporate floating rate notes (FRNs)

### **FUND SUMMARY**

- Actively managed to aim to deliver positive absolute returns in excess of a cash benchmark
- Aims to add value principally through AAA and AA rated securities, with a bias to prime residential mortgage-backed securities
- Rigorous, disciplined investment process aiming to deliver precision and diversification
- The Fund was previously named the LIBOR Plus Fund. It was renamed the High Grade ABS Fund on 2 January 2020.

## **FUND FACTS**

Fund size: £2.7bn (€3.2bn)

Inception date: 31 March 2011

Benchmark: 1 Month ESTER

**Fund managers:** Shaheer Guirguis, Jeremy Deacon

## SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE (%) (S € Acc share class)

	1 month 3 m		months 1 y		vear 3 years (p		years (pa)	5 years (pa)		Since inception (pa)		
Fund	0.67		1.64	5.47			0.88	38 1		1.64		
Benchmark	0.34		1.00	3.47			1.01	0.43		0.14		
	Calend	Calendar year returns					12-month rolling returns					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019		2023- 2024	2022- 2023	2021- 2022	2020- 2021	2019- 2020	
Fund	5.17	-3.84	1.20	0.59	1.85		5.47	-3.56	0.94	0.71	1.92	
Benchmark	3.43	-0.15	-0.57	-0.49	-0.36		3.47	0.19	-0.58	-0.50	-0.37	

Source: Insight Investment and Rimes. Fund performance is shown for share class S € Acc (performance start date 05/09/2013) and is calculated as total return, including reinvested income, gross of fees and expenses. Benchmark performance shown is for 1-month ESTER (previously 3-Month EURIBOR until 1st January 2020). Benchmark used is the share class currency equivalent of SONIA. 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. Please note 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.

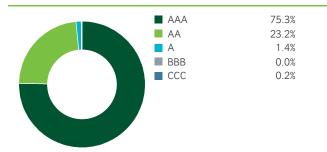
## **FUND MANAGER COMMENTS**

The Fund outperformed its cash benchmark in January, ending with a 75% weighting to AAA rated assets. Risk assets experienced volatility, as investors priced in delayed rate cuts. European structured credit performed well. Higher beta classes outperformed again. Our positions in AA rated collateralised loan obligations (CLOs) and non-conforming (NC) UK residential mortgage-backed securities (MBS) performed well. Investors absorbed robust supply across several sectors and jurisdictions, with UK prime issuers coming back to the market. US structured credit posted gains, against record issuance and very strong demand. Many deals were 5-10 times oversubscribed. In the secondary market, spreads notably tightened in investment grade A and BBB rated paper and within the subprime automotive sector. We see value in US middle market CLOs. Performance was broad-based, with CLOs, UK NC residential MBS and commercial MBS contributing most strongly.

## **FUND CHARACTERISTICS**

	Fund
Yield (%)	5.20
Weighted average life (years)	2.2
Weighted Average Discount Margin vs €STR (bp)	131

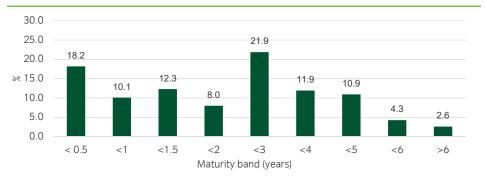
## **CREDIT RATING**



## **GEOGRAPHY**



### **MATURITY PROFILE**



## **FUND ALLOCATION**



### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Legal structure:** Open Ended Investment Company (UCITS)

Domicile: Ireland

Share class currencies: Sterling, Euro

Dealing frequency: Daily, Midday

Settlement period: T+3

Pricing method: Swinging single price

Scheme: Insight Global Funds II plc

**Depositary:** Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited

**Administrator:** Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited

Ongoing charges: 0.59% (represented by share class A Euro, other share classes are available)



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