



# BONDS PLUS 400 FUND

30 June 2021

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks to deliver an annualised return, gross of all fees and expenses, that is at least 4% above the return provided by the Fund's benchmark. However, a positive return is not guaranteed and a capital loss may occur

## FUND SUMMARY

- Actively managed to aim to deliver positive absolute returns in excess of a cash benchmark
- Invests primarily in fixed income securities and currencies, either directly or via derivatives, to express views on the direction of global bond and currency markets
- Seeks to add value through a diversified portfolio incorporating positions in global bond and currency markets; aims to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns in all market conditions
- Rigorous and disciplined investment process bringing together the 'best ideas' from a large team of fixed income and currency specialists

## FUND FACTS

**Fund size:** £481.8m

**Inception date:** 7 March 2013

**Benchmark:** SONIA

**Fund manager:** Andrew Wickham

**Target return:** Outperform benchmark by 4% pa (before tax, fees and expenses) over rolling three year periods. However, a positive return is not guaranteed and a capital loss may occur.

## FUND CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund
Yield (%)	3.55
Duration (years)	-1.7
Spread duration (years)	-4.2

## SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE (S £ Acc share class)

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years (pa)	5 years (pa)	Since inception (pa)
Fund	-0.08	0.44	6.13	0.69	0.45	1.32
Benchmark	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.51	0.48	0.51

	Calendar year returns					12-month rolling returns				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Fund	-1.65	3.12	-5.85	1.09	4.47	6.13	-1.83	-2.02	-3.45	3.74
Benchmark	0.29	0.80	0.72	0.35	0.50	0.06	0.65	0.83	0.50	0.37

Source: Insight Investment and Rimes. Fund performance is shown for share class S £ Acc which was launched on 7 March 2013 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. Benchmark performance shown is for SONIA (previously benchmarked against 3-Month GBP LIBOR until 31st December 2020). Past performance is not indicative of future results. Investment in any strategy involves a risk of loss which may partly be due to exchange rate fluctuations.

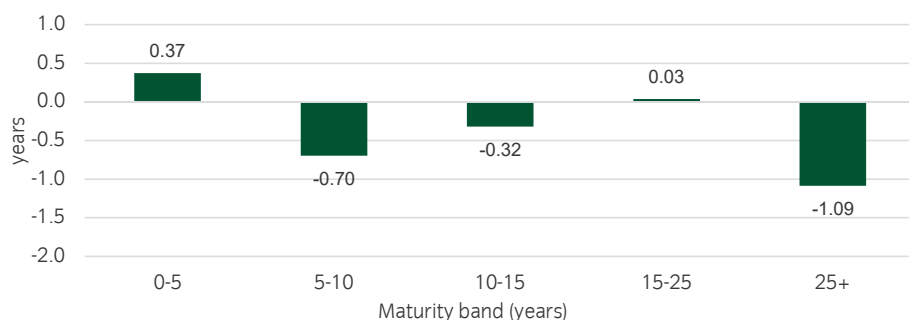
## FUND MANAGER COMMENTS

The Fund generated a negative return over the month, underperforming its benchmark. Global government bond markets rallied strongly, helped by easing inflation concerns. Credit markets ground tighter. Our interest rate strategies, in aggregate, detracted. Duration was a negative given our tactical short positions in US Treasuries and German Bunds as yields rallied. Our small yield curve steepening bias in Europe and the US detracted but country selection helped, especially our long US versus short UK position. Our credit strategies, in aggregate, had a positive effect. The main driver was our allocations to asset-backed securities and loans which did well, in addition to providing carry. Our corporate credit exposure was broadly flat on the month with some small positives coming from security selection. In emerging markets, our long duration and currency positions had a neutral effect. The FX overlay detracted from returns given our short US dollar position as the currency rallied.

## DURATION EXPOSURE BY CURRENCY

(years)	Fund
Sterling	-0.8
US dollar	1.1
Euro	-1.0
Other	0.0
Total	-0.7

## DURATION EXPOSURE BY MATURITY

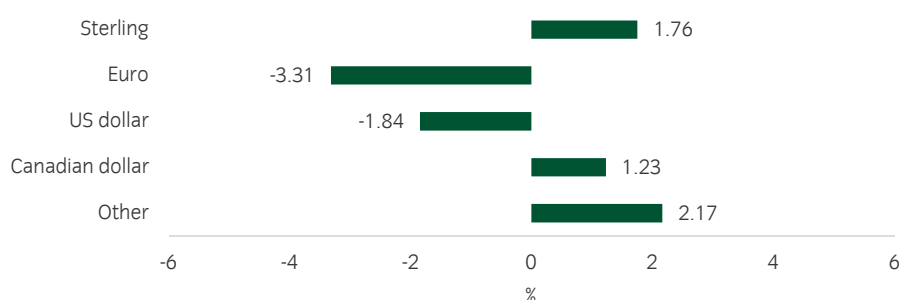


## CREDIT AND EMERGING MARKET EXPOSURE

	Fund
Investment grade <sup>1</sup>	-1.07 yrs
High yield <sup>1</sup>	0.94 yrs
Loans <sup>2</sup>	2.0%
Emerging market debt <sup>2</sup>	18.0%
Asset-backed securities <sup>2</sup>	12.0%

<sup>1</sup>Spread Duration Contribution <sup>2</sup>Percentage Allocation

## RELATIVE CURRENCY EXPOSURES



## TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Legal structure:** Qualifying Investor Alternative Investment Fund (QIAIF)

**Domicile:** Ireland

**Share class currencies:** Sterling, Euro

**Dealing frequency:** Every business day, 12pm

**Settlement period:** T+3

**Pricing method:** Swinging single price

**Scheme:** LDI Solutions Plus ICAV

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

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

**Ongoing charges:** 1.05% (represented by share class B2 sterling, other share classes are available)



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