



# BONDS PLUS 400 FUND

31 December 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

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

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years (pa)	5 years (pa)	Since inception (pa)
Fund	0.58	-1.19	1.95	1.12	-0.32	1.21
Benchmark	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.38	0.45	0.48

	Calendar year returns					12-month rolling returns				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Fund	1.95	-1.65	3.12	-5.85	1.09	1.95	-1.65	3.12	-5.85	1.09
Benchmark	0.06	0.29	0.80	0.72	0.35	0.06	0.29	0.80	0.72	0.35

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 positive return over the month, outperforming its benchmark. Risk-free rates rose on the Federal Reserve's hawkish rhetoric and the Bank of England's rate hike. Risk markets rallied as Omicron's impact may be less than feared. Interest rate positioning was positive. Duration positioning helped, largely due to having short positions (which we increased) in Gilts and US Treasuries as yields moved higher, and long positions in China. Country selection was supportive, with the main drivers being our long position in 10-year Australian government bonds versus US Treasuries and short position in 3-year Italian government bonds versus German Bunds. The Fund's yield curve positioning detracted given steepening positions in German Bunds and US Treasuries. Credit positioning was positive. Our corporate credit allocation was a small negative but asset-backed securities and loans generated income. Emerging markets added value while currency positioning was neutral.

## FUND FACTS

**Fund size:** £454.9m

**Inception date:** 7 March 2013

**Benchmark:** SONIA

**Fund manager:** Peter Bentley; Gareth Colesmith; Shaun Casey

**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.

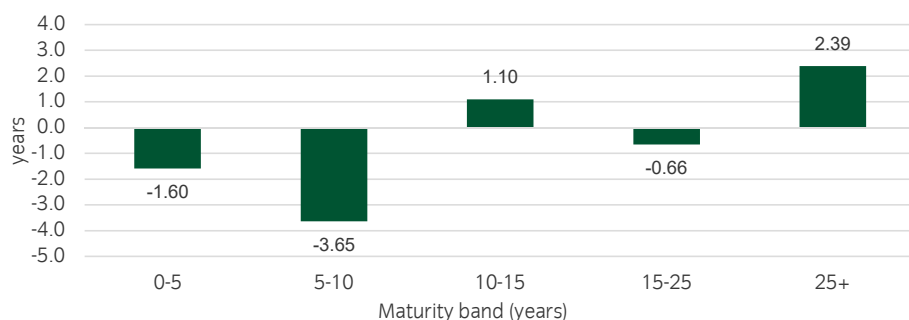
## FUND CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund
Yield (%)	1.93
Duration (years)	-2.4
Spread duration (years)	0.03

## DURATION EXPOSURE BY CURRENCY

(years)	Fund
Sterling	-1.7
US dollar	-3.8
Euro	1.0
Other	2.0
Total	-2.4

## DURATION EXPOSURE BY MATURITY

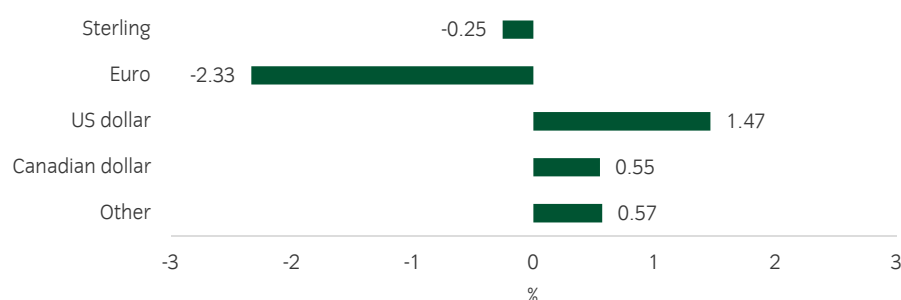


## CREDIT AND EMERGING MARKET EXPOSURE

	Fund
Investment grade <sup>1</sup>	-0.62 yrs
High yield <sup>1</sup>	1.21 yrs
Loans <sup>2</sup>	1.7%
Emerging market debt <sup>2</sup>	17.9%
Asset-backed securities <sup>2</sup>	13.9%

<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:** NAV per Share

**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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