

# BONDS PLUS FUND



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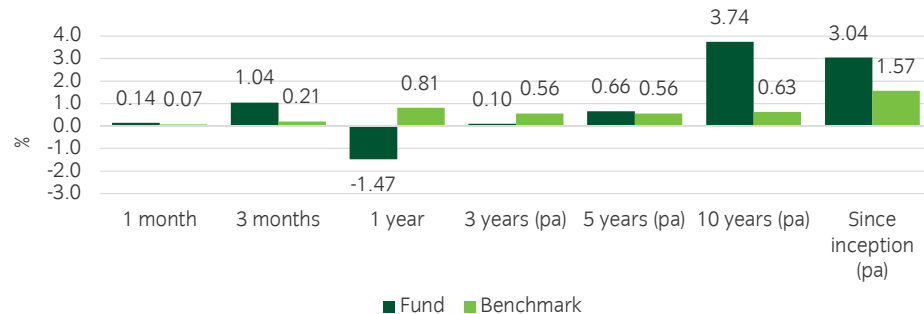
## FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to deliver positive absolute returns on an annual basis

## 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)



Source: Insight Investment and Rimes. Fund performance is shown for share class S £ 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. Benchmark performance shown is for 3 Month Sterling Libor. Performance for periods over one year is annualised. 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 delivered a positive return, outperforming its cash benchmark. Country allocation was negative as our long duration-neutral position in the US versus Germany detracted as Germany outperformed the US. Our 30-year US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities 'breakeven' position was a positive as March's sell off reversed in April. Our long 30-year US real yields duration position was a negative as yields sold off. Our short position in Italian bonds also detracted as Italian risk outperformed the broader market. Yield curve positioning was negative due to our long 30-year versus short 10-year Italian and long 5-year versus 2-year German flattener positions that both detracted. In credit, investment grade benefited from a rally in spreads. Asset-backed securities, high yield and loans were also positive. Emerging market debt was a small positive. Currency positioning detracted as our positions in growth sensitive currencies failed to rally on the improving Chinese economic data.

## FUND FACTS

**Fund size:** £3.7bn

**Inception date:** 1 September 2006

**Benchmark:** 3 Month LIBOR

**Fund manager:** Andrew Wickham

**Target return:** Outperform benchmark by 2% pa (before tax, fees and expenses) over rolling three year periods. However, a positive return is not guaranteed and a capital loss may occur.

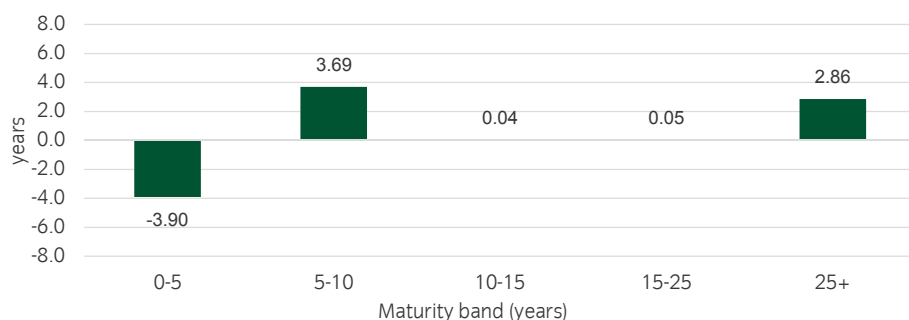
## FUND CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund
Yield (%)	0.94
Duration (years)	2.8
Index linked duration (years)	3.3
Spread duration (years)	0.4

## DURATION EXPOSURE BY CURRENCY

(years)	Fund
Sterling	0.3
US dollar	6.4
Euro	-4.0
Other	0.0
Total	2.7

## DURATION EXPOSURE BY MATURITY

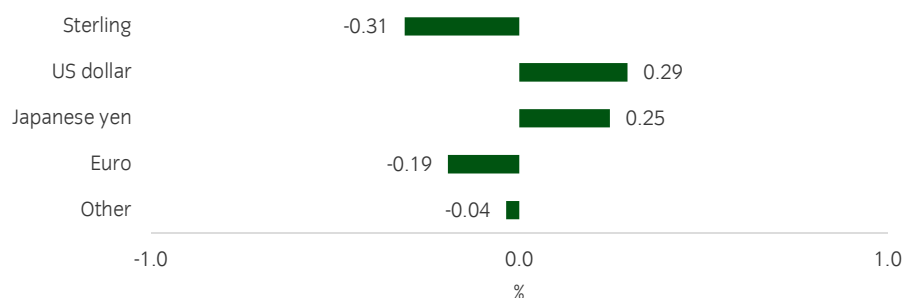


## CREDIT AND EMERGING MARKET EXPOSURE

	Fund
Investment grade <sup>1</sup>	0.52 yrs
High yield <sup>1</sup>	0.71 yrs
Loans <sup>2</sup>	4.2%
Emerging market debt <sup>2</sup>	10.6%
Asset-backed securities <sup>2</sup>	4.7%

<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:** 0.59% (represented by share class B Euro, other share classes are available)



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