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# BONDS PLUS FUND

31 January 2021

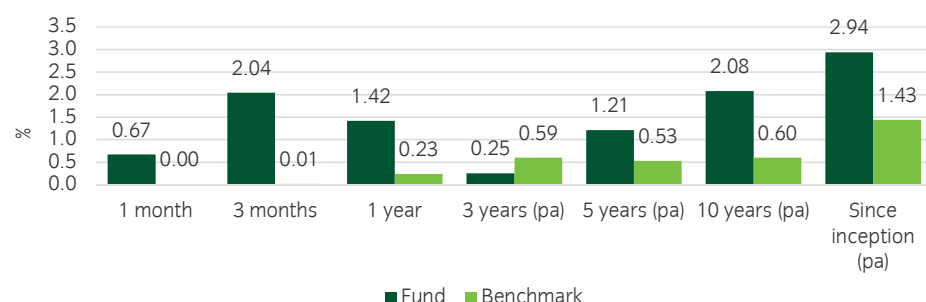
## FUND OBJECTIVE

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 SONIA (previously benchmarked against 3-Month GBP LIBOR until 31st December 2020). 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 generated a positive return, outperforming its benchmark. The main positive was our positioning in corporate credit. Although we have reduced our net exposure to a relatively modest level, we benefited from COVID-19 sensitive sectors and high yield, and our long 'basis' position in cash bonds held versus credit default swap indices. Our European mezzanine asset-backed securities exposure was another positive factor. In addition, our long position in loans performed well, along with high yield, as spreads tightened. Our yield curve steeper position in the US also positively contributed. However, country selection was negative, largely due to underperformance from our long position in the US versus Germany in the early part of the month. Duration was also a small negative. In emerging markets, our long duration positions slightly detracted (especially in Brazil and Indonesia), as did our long currency bias. Lastly, our (Asian) currency positions had a small negative effect.

## FUND FACTS

**Fund size:** £1.8bn

**Inception date:** 1 September 2006

**Benchmark:** SONIA

**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.

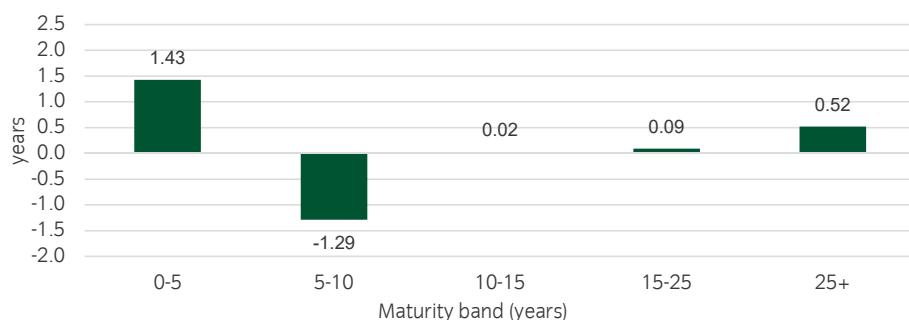
## FUND CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund
Yield (%)	1.86
Duration (years)	0.8
Spread duration (years)	-1.3

## DURATION EXPOSURE BY CURRENCY

(years)	Fund
Sterling	-0.2
US dollar	0.9
Euro	-0.9
Other	0.9
Total	0.8

## DURATION EXPOSURE BY MATURITY

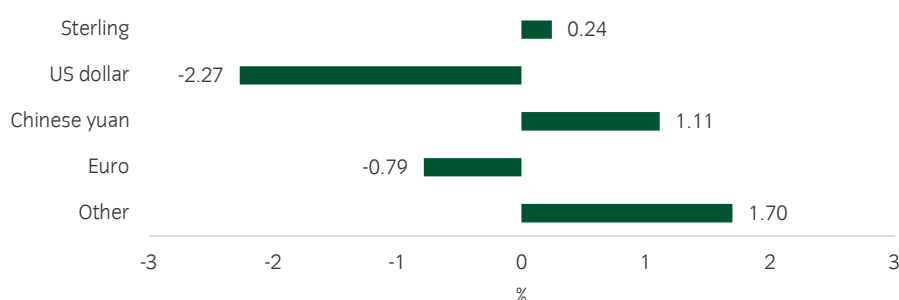


## CREDIT AND EMERGING MARKET EXPOSURE

	Fund
Investment grade <sup>1</sup>	-0.67 yrs
High yield <sup>1</sup>	0.87 yrs
Loans <sup>2</sup>	1.5%
Emerging market debt <sup>2</sup>	11.9%
Asset-backed securities <sup>2</sup>	6.0%

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



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