



# BONDS PLUS FUND

31 May 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.

## FUND FACTS

**Fund size:** £1.7bn

**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 (%)	1.43
Duration (years)	-0.2
Spread duration (years)	-3.0

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

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years (pa)	5 years (pa)	10 years (pa)	Since inception (pa)
Fund	0.23	0.35	4.77	1.41	1.01	1.86	2.92
Benchmark	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.53	0.49	0.57	1.40

	Calendar year returns					12-month rolling returns				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
Fund	1.06	2.61	-2.77	0.83	3.28	4.77	-1.15	0.70	-1.92	2.80
Benchmark	0.29	0.80	0.72	0.35	0.50	0.07	0.70	0.82	0.47	0.40

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 1-month SONIA (previously 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.

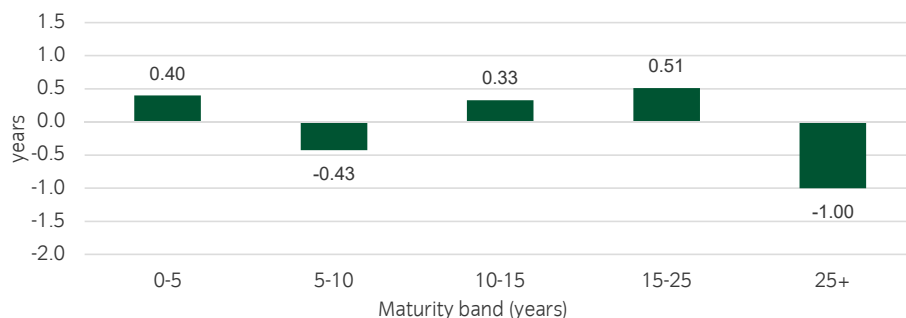
## FUND MANAGER COMMENTS

The Fund generated a positive return over the month, outperforming its benchmark. Global risk-free markets traded broadly flat, while credit markets ground marginally tighter. Our credit strategies, in aggregate, had a large positive effect on performance. Our positioning in corporate credit was particularly beneficial as higher beta areas of credit outperformed. In addition, our allocations to asset-backed securities and loans generated modest positive returns, predominantly due to carry. Our interest rate strategies, in aggregate, also had a positive effect on performance. Our duration position positively contributed due to a tactical short position in US Treasuries, which we subsequently took profit on. Both country selection and yield curve positioning had a neutral effect. In emerging markets, our long duration and currency positions contributed positively (most notably in China and Malaysia). Lastly, the currency overlay was modestly accretive to performance.

## DURATION EXPOSURE BY CURRENCY

(years)	Fund
Sterling	-0.3
US dollar	0.6
Euro	-0.5
Other	0.0
Total	-0.2

## DURATION EXPOSURE BY MATURITY

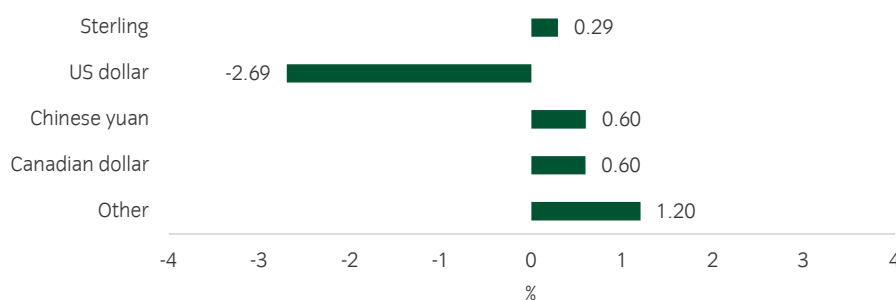


## CREDIT AND EMERGING MARKET EXPOSURE

	Fund
Investment grade <sup>1</sup>	-1.05 yrs
High yield <sup>1</sup>	0.90 yrs
Loans <sup>2</sup>	1.4%
Emerging market debt <sup>2</sup>	11.2%
Asset-backed securities <sup>2</sup>	6.2%

<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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