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# HIGH GRADE ABS



31 May 2023

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Fund seeks to produce an interest rate based return, primarily through investment in a portfolio of asset-backed securities (ABS) and corporate floating rate notes (FRNs)

#### **FUND SUMMARY**

- Actively managed to aim to deliver positive absolute returns in excess of a cash benchmark
- Aims to add value principally through AAA and AA rated securities, with a bias to prime residential mortgage-backed securities
- Rigorous, disciplined investment process aiming to deliver precision and diversification
- The Fund was previously named the LIBOR Plus Fund. It was renamed the High Grade ABS Fund on 2 January 2020.

## **FUND FACTS**

Fund size: £2.6bn

Inception date: 31 March 2011

Benchmark: 1 Month SONIA

**Fund managers:** Shaheer Guirguis, Jeremy Deacon

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

	1 month	3 months		1 year	3 years (pa)	5 years (pa)		10 years (p	al	Since inception (pa)	
Fund	0.52	1.35		1.02	1.63	1.32		2.36		2.89	
Benchmark	0.37	1.07		2.88	1.06	0.92		0.71	(	0.73	
	Calendar year returns					12-month rolling returns					
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2022- 2023	2021- 2022	2020- 2021	2019- 2020	2018- 2019	
Fund	-2.29	1.88	1.29	3.22	0.89	1.02	-0.15	4.07	-0.01	1.71	
Benchmark	1.42	0.06	0.19	0.80	0.72	2.88	0.27	0.05	0.62	0.82	

Source: Insight Investment and Rimes. Fund performance is shown for share class S £ Acc (performance start date 31/03/2011) 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 1st January 2020). Performance for periods over one year is annualised. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Please note the value of investments and any income from them will fluctuate and is not guaranteed (this may be partly due to exchange rate fluctuations). Investors may not get back the full amount invested. Investors must read all performance information alongside the full performance information in the KIID.

#### **FUND MANAGER COMMENTS**

The Fund outperformed its cash benchmark in May, ending with a running yield of 165bp over SONIA and a 79% weighting to AAA-rated assets. Risk assets performed poorly over the month, due to US debt ceiling negotiations, rate rises, concerns over US regional banks and signs of a slowing global economy. European structured credit continued to perform well, owing to strong technical and fundamental underpinnings. May saw strong issuance, with major UK banks returning to the market. In contrast, US structured credit was more mixed. Over the month, prime and subprime automotive loans, fleet lease, floorplan and private student loan spreads tightened, while unsecured consumer, automotive lease and rental car spreads widened. Delinquencies increased across all consumer sectors. Prime residential mortgage-backed securities and leveraged collateralised loan obligations contributed most strongly to performance in May. We were opportunistic in our purchases.

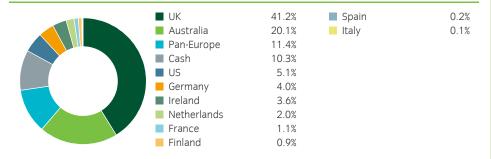
# **FUND CHARACTERISTICS**

	Fund
Yield (%)	6.07
Weighted average life (years)	2.2
Weighted Average Discount Margin (Assets) vs Sonia (bp)	184
Weighted Average Discount Margin (Fund) vs Sonia (bp)	165

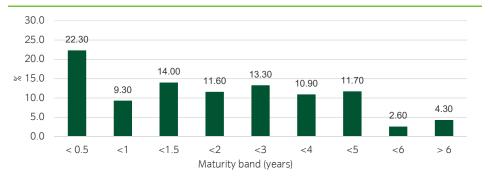
### **CREDIT RATING**

# AAA 79.2% AAA 19.9% A 0.4% BBB 0.1% CCC 0.4%

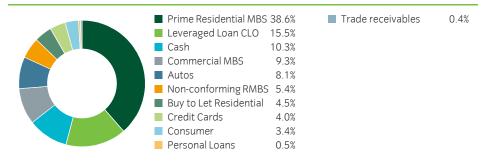
# **GEOGRAPHY**



#### **MATURITY PROFILE**



#### **FUND ALLOCATION**



#### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Legal structure**: Open Ended Investment Company (UCITS)

Domicile: Ireland

Share class currencies: Sterling, Euro

Dealing frequency: Daily, Midday

Settlement period: T+3

Pricing method: Swinging single price

Scheme: Insight Global Funds II plc

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

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

**Ongoing charges:** 0.55% (represented by share class A Sterling, other share classes are available)



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