# LIQUID ABS FUND

#### 30 September 2023

# FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks to generate a return for investors mainly through investment in a portfolio of liquid 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 a focus on daily liquidity management, via a high allocation to AAA and AA rated instruments with short maturities
- Rigorous, disciplined investment process aiming to deliver precision and diversification

# Insight

# **FUND FACTS**

Fund size: £1.9bn

Inception date: 22 January 2015

Benchmark: 1 Month SONIA

Fund managers: Seema Sopal, Jeremy Deacon

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

	1 month	3	months	1 year		3	years (pa)	5 ye	5 years (pa)		Since inception (pa)	
Fund	0.51		1.65	5.04			2.11		1.83	1.67		
Benchmark	0.43		1.31	4	4.12		1.62	1.21		0.91		
	Calend	Calendar year returns					12-month rolling returns					
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018		2022- 2023	2021- 2022	2020- 2021	2019- 2020	2018- 2019	
Fund	0.41	1.08	1.11	2.09	0.78		5.04	-0.08	1.44	1.21	1.63	
Benchmark	1.42	0.06	0.19	0.80	0.72		4.12	0.73	0.05	0.38	0.82	

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 1st January 2020). Performance for periods over one year is annualised. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. 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 September, ending with a running yield of 92 bps ahead of one-month SONIA and a 99% weighting to AAA-rated assets. Risk assets sold off due to rising bond yields, elevated oil prices and the anticipation of rates remaining higher for longer. European structured credit was mixed, with performance driven by carry and gains from senior commercial mortgage-backed securities (MBS). Weaker credits exposed to rising interest rates saw an uptick in delinquencies. Over the month, issuance was robust across sectors and jurisdictions. The Fund took advantage of opportunities with attractive value and liquidity. Spreads widened within US structured credit, against weakened technicals. New issuance surged to surpass levels in the year prior and was easily absorbed by investors. Delinquencies and losses continued to edge higher across the consumer credit landscape. We added AAA-rated European and Australian automotive credits, as well as residential MBS.

# FUND CHARACTERISTICS

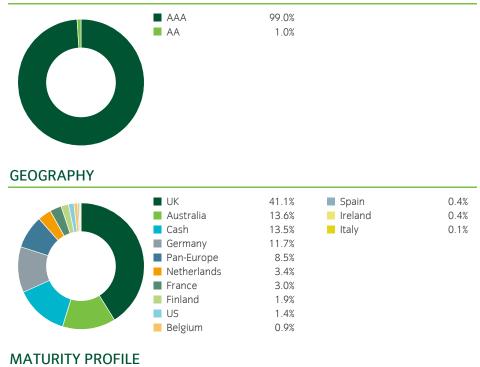
	Fund
Yield (%)	6.10
Weighted average life (years)	1.7
Weighted Average Discount Margin (Assets) vs Sonia (bp)	106
Weighted Average Discount Margin (Fund) vs Sonia (bp)	92

# KEY BENEFITS FOR VAG-REGULATED INVESTORS

- Predominantly investment grade instruments
- The Fund will invest in securities rated at least B-1
- UCITS Fund
- Provision of quarterly VAG reporting
- Provision of German tax reporting
- Gutachten available

 $^{\rm 1}$  The fund may also invest in unrated securities where, in the opinion of the Sub-investment manager, they are at least of equivalent quality to B-.

#### **CREDIT RATING**



22.00

<3

Maturity band (years)

7.70

<4

5.30

<5

1.30

> 6

0.00

<6

17.60

<1.5

9.30

<2

13.50

<1

#### **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:** 0.20% (represented by share class B Sterling Accumulation, other share classes are available)

# FUND ALLOCATION

< 0.5

23.30

30.0

25.0

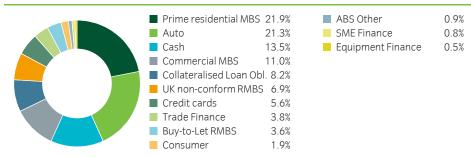
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≈ 15.0



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