# LIQUID ABS FUND

#### 31 October 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	0.49		1.59	5.89			2.24	1.91		1.71		
Benchmark	0.45		1.33	4	4.39		1.77	1.29		0.96		
	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		5.89	-0.43	1.36	1.17	1.64	
Benchmark	1.42	0.06	0.19	0.80	0.72		4.39	0.91	0.05	0.32	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 October, ending with a running yield of 97bp ahead of one-month SONIA and a 99% weighting to AAA-rated assets. Risk assets sold off, due to concerns around rates remaining higher for longer. European structured credit was primarily driven by carry, as higher beta classes and the top end of the capital structure outperformed. Senior asset-backed securities (ABS) offered attractive features during times of stress. Investors absorbed robust supply. The Fund participated in a credit card receivables-backed bond issue by Tesco Bank. Spreads widened within US structured credit, against weakened demand, rate volatility and macroeconomic concerns, only to stabilise after data pointed to robust consumer spending. New issuance was strong. Tighter conditions will affect consumers, but ABS structures currently remain insulated. Broad-based performance was driven by carry. Residential mortgage-backed securities modestly outperformed other sectors

# FUND CHARACTERISTICS

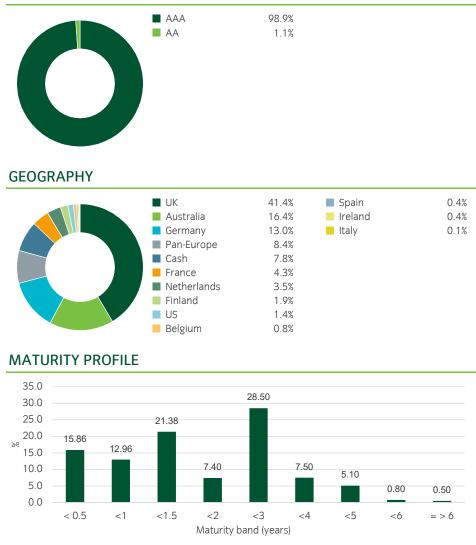
	Fund
Yield (%)	6.16
Weighted average life (years)	1.8
Weighted Average Discount Margin (Assets) vs Sonia (bp)	105
Weighted Average Discount Margin (Fund) vs Sonia (bp)	97

#### KEY BENEFITS FOR VAG-REGULATED INVESTORS

- Predominantly investment grade instruments
- The Fund will invest in securities rated at least <sub>R-1</sub>
- 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**



#### **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

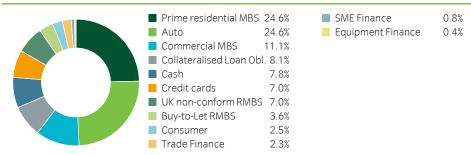
**Depositary:** Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited

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)

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#### FUND ALLOCATION



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