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# LIQUID ABS FUND



29 February 2024

## **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

# **FUND FACTS**

Fund size: £2.3bn

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 y           | 5 years (pa)  |               | Since inception<br>(pa) |  |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|--------|--------|------|---|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|--|
| Fund      | 0.52 1.78 |                       | 1.78   | 6.21   |      |   | 2.81                     |               | 2.33          | 1.91          |                         |  |
| Benchmark | 0.42      |                       | 1.32   | 5.06   |      |   | 2.35                     |               | 1.58          | 1.11          |                         |  |
|           | Calend    | Calendar year returns |        |        |      |   | 12-month rolling returns |               |               |               |                         |  |
|           | 2023      | 2022                  | 2021   | 2020   | 2019 |   | 2023-<br>2024            | 2022-<br>2023 | 2021-<br>2022 | 2020-<br>2021 | 2019-<br>2020           |  |
| Fund      | 6.22      | 0.41                  | 1.08   | 1.11   | 2.09 |   | 6.21                     | 1.54          | 0.75          | 1.15          | 2.08                    |  |
| Benchmark | 4.77      | 1.42                  | 0.06   | 0.19   | 0.80 |   | 5.06                     | 1.97          | 0.10          | 0.08          | 0.78                    |  |

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 CHARACTERISTICS**

|  | Fund |
|--|------|
| Yield (%)  | 5.93 |
| Weighted average life (years)                              | 1.8  |
| Weighted Average Discount Margin<br>(Assets) vs Sonia (bp) | 82   |
| Weighted Average Discount Margin<br>(Fund) vs Sonia (bp)   | 74   |
|  |      |

### **FUND MANAGER COMMENTS**

The Fund outperformed its cash benchmark in February, ending with a running yield of 74bp ahead of one-month SONIA and a 98% weighting to AAA rated assets. Risk assets posted gains. European structured credit performed well. Investors absorbed robust supply across several sectors and jurisdictions. Primary issues were oversubscribed, with mezzanine tranches enjoying strong demand. Collateralised loan obligations continued to rally. Residential mortgage-backed securities performed best, especially in the Australian market. US structured credit posted gains, against elevated issuance and strong demand. Senior spreads remained unchanged, while subordinated and esoteric tranches tightened. Investor consensus emerged around a 'soft landing' and the attractive relative value of asset-backed securities. We anticipate tighter lending conditions to ease competition in consumer lending, as banks de-risk and private and public capital step in.

# KEY BENEFITS FOR VAGREGULATED INVESTORS

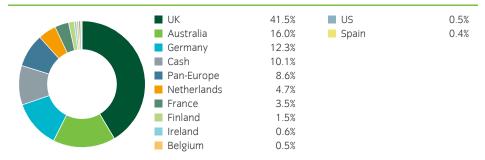
- Predominantly investment grade instruments
- The Fund will invest in securities rated at least B-1
- UCITS Fund
- Provision of quarterly VAG reporting
- Provision of German tax reporting
- Gutachten available

<sup>1</sup> 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-.

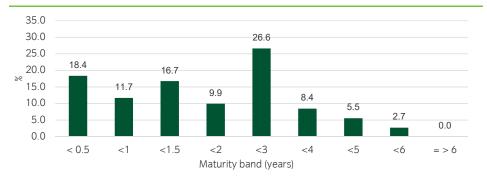
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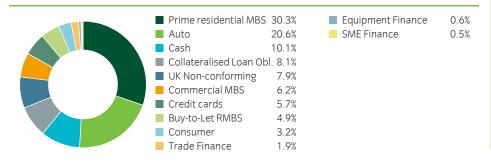
# **GEOGRAPHY**



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



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