

## FUND OVERVIEW



Fund Manager(s)	Matthew Franklin, Shalin Shah
Fund Size	£254.65m
Fund Type	Unit Trust
Domicile	United Kingdom
ISA	Eligible
Duration	5.4 years
Benchmark Duration	5.7 years
Benchmark Index	Markit iBoxx GBP Non Gilts
Investment Association Sector	IA Sterling Corporate Bond
Currency	GBP
Initial Charge	0.0%

### Share Class C (Accumulation)

Unit Launch Date	07.12.12
Minimum Investment	£1,000
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)	0.55%
SEDOL	B8HNKY1
Mid Price	137.20p
Distribution Yield	4.87%
Underlying Yield	4.17%

### Share Class C (Income)

Unit Launch Date	07.12.12
Minimum Investment	£1,000
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)	0.55%
SEDOL	B84PHQ1
Mid Price	91.86p
Distribution Yield	4.87%
Underlying Yield	4.17%

### Share Class D (Accumulation)

Unit Launch Date	07.12.12
Minimum Investment	£3,000,000
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)	0.40%
SEDOL	B8GJ028
Mid Price	139.40p
Distribution Yield	5.02%
Underlying Yield	4.32%

### Share Class D (Income)

Unit Launch Date	07.12.12
Minimum Investment	£3,000,000
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)	0.40%
SEDOL	B7ToKX2
Mid Price	91.94p
Distribution Yield	5.02%
Underlying Yield	4.32%

## Overview

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a total return over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3-5 years, by predominantly investing in sterling-denominated bonds that are deemed to make a positive contribution to society. Investments in the Fund will adhere to the Investment Adviser's ethical and sustainable investment policy. The Markit iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts All Maturity Total Return GBP Index (the "Index") and the IA Sterling Corporate Bond sector are considered appropriate benchmarks for performance comparison. The Index is regarded as a good measure of the returns of investment-grade corporate bonds denominated in sterling. This is considered an appropriate benchmark for performance comparison, as many of the Scheme's potential holdings will be included in the Index.

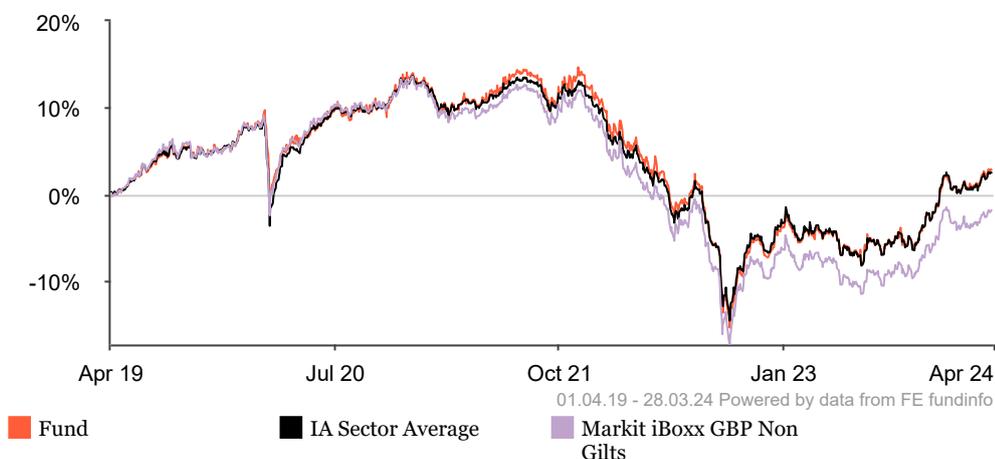
## Year-on-year performance

	31.03.23 to 31.03.24	31.03.22 to 31.03.23	31.03.21 to 31.03.22	31.03.20 to 31.03.21	31.03.19 to 31.03.20
Share Class C (Accumulation)	8.0%	-10.1%	-3.5%	7.6%	2.3%
Share Class C (Income)	8.1%	-10.1%	-3.6%	7.6%	2.3%
Share Class D (Accumulation)	8.2%	-10.0%	-3.4%	7.7%	2.5%
Share Class D (Income)	8.2%	-10.0%	-3.5%	7.7%	2.4%

## Cumulative Performance (as at 31.03.24)

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Share Class C (Accumulation)	1.0%	8.4%	8.0%	-6.3%	3.0%
Share Class C (Income)	1.0%	8.4%	8.1%	-6.4%	3.0%
Share Class D (Accumulation)	1.0%	8.5%	8.2%	-5.9%	3.8%
Share Class D (Income)	1.0%	8.5%	8.2%	-6.0%	3.8%
IA Sector Average	0.4%	8.2%	7.4%	-6.6%	2.6%
Markit iBoxx GBP Non Gilts	0.1%	7.4%	6.1%	-9.7%	-1.9%
Quartile Ranking	1	2	2	2	2

## Performance Chart



**Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them is not guaranteed and may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested.**

Source: RLAM and FE fundinfo as at 31.03.24. Fund performance is shown on a mid to mid price basis, net of fees and gross of taxes, with gross income reinvested unless otherwise stated. Benchmark performance is shown gross of fees and taxes.

## Distribution History (Net)

	31/03/2024	29/02/2024	31/01/2024	31/12/2023
Share Class C (Income)	0.3300p	0.3300p	0.3300p	0.3300p
Share Class D (Income)	0.3300p	0.3300p	0.3300p	0.3300p

Table above shows figures as at payment date.

## Fund Manager(s)



### Shalin Shah

Co-manager  
Fund Manager tenure:  
01.09.20



### Matthew Franklin

Co-manager  
Fund Manager tenure:  
31.01.22

## Yield Definitions

The distribution yield reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed over the next 12 months. The underlying yield reflects the annualised income net of expenses of the Fund as a percentage (calculated in accordance with the relevant accounting standards). Both these yields are calculated as a percentage of the mid-price of the Fund as at the date shown and are month end snap shots of the portfolio on that day and do not include any preliminary charges. Investors may be subject to tax on distributions. Reported yields reflect RLAM's current perception of market conventions around timing of bond cash flows.

## Unrated Bonds

Unrated bonds are not rated by a credit rating agency. RLAM ascribes internal ratings for these bonds which will vary for each asset.

## Sector Breakdown

	Fund
Banks and financial services	23.4%
Consumer services	3.9%
Insurance	17.1%
Real estate	5.3%
Social housing	15.9%
Structured	28.3%
Supranationals & agencies	1.3%
Telecommunications	0.4%
Utilities	4.0%
Other	0.5%

Sector breakdown is based on internal classifications, reflecting what is in our view the primary characteristics of each bond.

## Credit Breakdown

	Fund	Index
AAA	2.0%	-
AA	7.2%	-
A	25.7%	-
BBB	51.2%	-
BB and below	7.4%	-
Unrated	6.5%	-

## Maturity Profile

	Fund	Index
0 - 5 years	45.1%	53.5%
5 - 10 years	24.9%	21.7%
10 - 15 years	12.9%	9.7%
15+ years	17.1%	15.0%

Maturity classifications reflect issue maturity date, not market interpretation of redemptions. Totals may not equal 100% as they do not include the impact of cash and foreign exchange.

## Asset Split

	Fund
UK Fixed Interest	100.0%

## Top 10 Holdings as at 31.03.24

	Fund
LEGAL & GENERAL GROUP PLC 5.5% 27/06/2064	1.9%
CO-OPERATIVE BANK FINANCE PLC 6% 06/04/2027	1.6%
HSBC BANK PLC 5.375% 04/11/2030	1.5%
PRUDENTIAL PLC 6.34% 19/12/2063	1.4%
AVIVA PLC 6.875% 20/05/2058	1.3%
HSBC BANK FUNDING STERLING LP 5.844% 31/12/2079	1.2%
GUINNESS TRUST 7.5% 30/11/2037	1.1%
SHGFN_05-01 6.38% 31/03/2042	1.1%
NATWEST GROUP PLC 2.105% 28/11/2031	1.1%
HAVFND_97 8.125% 30/09/2037	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.2%</b>
<b>No of Holdings</b>	<b>269</b>

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## ESG Terms and Definitions

**ESG Integration:** The systematic and explicit inclusion of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into investment analysis and investment decisions.

**Promotes Environmental or Social Factors:** An ESG Fund promotes, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of those characteristics, provided that the companies in which the investments are made follow good governance practices.

**Sustainable Fund Objective:** A product that has sustainable investment or a reduction in carbon emissions as its objective.

**Exclusions:** Explicitly prohibits investing in a particular company, sector, business activity, country or region.

## ESG Metrics Explanation

**Carbon Footprint:** Exposure to high emitters in the portfolio, expressed in tCO<sub>2e</sub>/\$M invested. Financed emissions (explained above) are divided by the portfolio value, the same approach for listed companies and private issuers is applied in this metric.

**Financed Emissions:** The emissions from activities in the real economy that are financed through lending and investment portfolios, expressed in tCO<sub>2e</sub>. Emissions are attributed to a portfolio based on the portion of the company's value the portfolio holds, and using different accounting values for public and private corporates. We provide financed emissions for scope 1 and 2 emissions.

**Weighted Average Carbon Intensity:** Portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive companies, expressed in tCO<sub>2e</sub> / \$M revenue. Scope 1 and scope 2 GHG emissions are divided by companies revenues, then multiplied based on portfolio weights (the current value of the investment relative to the current portfolio value). The WACI is calculated as a weighted average sum of the holdings with carbon intensity coverage.

## ESG Characteristics Rationale

The Fund focuses on the sustainability of the products and services of the companies it invests in, as well as their standards of environmental, social, governance ("ESG") management, alongside financial analysis. The investment approach is fundamentally based on positive screening; identifying companies that are making a positive contribution towards a cleaner, healthier, safer and more inclusive society, through assessing both what a company does and how it does it, and through active engagement to encourage continual improvement. The fund will not invest in companies that undertake business activities deemed to be detrimental to society. Further details of the Funds Sustainable Investment process can be found in the ethical and sustainable investment policy at [www.rlam.com](http://www.rlam.com)

## ESG Characteristics

	Yes	No
ESG Integration	✓	
Promotes Environmental or Social Characteristics		✓
Sustainable Fund Objective	✓	
Additional Exclusions*	✓	

\*RLAM has a controversial weapons exclusion across all investments

## Our Fund Restrictions

Adult Entertainment	✓	High Environmental Impact	✓
Alcohol	✓	Human rights Issues	✓
Animal Welfare	✓	Nuclear Power	✓
Armaments	✓	Nuclear Weapons	✓
Controversial Weapons	✓	Tobacco	✓
Fossil Fuels	✓		
Gambling	✓		

**Details of avoidance and/or exclusion criteria:** <https://www.royallondon.com/siteassets/site-docs/rlum/rlum-ethical-and-sustainable-investment-policy.pdf>

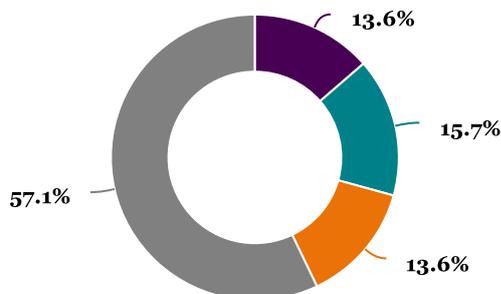
## ESG Metrics\*

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference
<b>Carbon Footprint</b>	8.3	35.6	-76.7%
<b>Carbon Footprint Coverage</b>	35.8%	47.8%	
<b>Financed Emissions</b>	2,651.49	-	-
Financed Emissions Coverage	35.8%	-	-
<b>Weighted Average Carbon Intensity</b>	32.1	59.1	-45.7%
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity Coverage	94.8%	97.1%	

\*data as at 31/03/2024

## Fund Stewardship Activity\*

### Engagement Topics



- Climate - Physical Risk
- Climate - Transition Risk
- Gender Diversity
- Others

\*Data as at 31st December 2023 for the calendar year 2023. Data includes activity led by the Investment Manager and Responsible Investment teams.

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Source: RLAM, FE fundinfo and HSBC as at 31.03.24, unless otherwise stated. Yield definitions are shown above.

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## Key Concepts to Understand

**Income:** Income is defined as the payment an investment generates, such as dividends or bond coupons.

**Bonds:** are defined as fixed-income investments issued as debt by companies and public bodies to raise finance. Investors in bonds receive a previously agreed, non-variable interest payment until the investment matures. Corporate bonds are those issued by companies to raise finance.

**Environmental, social and governance:** A list of predefined criteria that determines how a company operates in terms of sustainability and overall corporate governance.

**Efficient Portfolio Management:** A list of approved investment techniques, including the use of derivatives, used to protect against excessive risk, reduce cost or generate extra income or growth.

## Fund Risks

**Investment Risk:** The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

**Concentration risk:** The price of Funds that invest in a reduced number of holdings, sectors, or geographical areas may be more heavily affected by events that influence the stockmarket and therefore more volatile.

**Credit Risk:** Should the issuer of a fixed income security become unable to make income or capital payments, or their rating is downgraded, the value of that investment will fall. Fixed income securities that have a lower credit rating can pay a higher level of income and have an increased risk of default.

**Derivative Risk:** Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the underlying asset which can increase both Fund losses and gains. The impact to the Fund can be greater where they are used in an extensive or complex manner, where the Fund could lose significantly more than the amount invested in derivatives.

**EPM Techniques:** The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. Whilst intended to reduce risk, the use of these instruments may expose the Fund to increased price volatility.

**Interest Rate Risk:** Fixed interest securities are particularly affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up, the value of capital may fall, and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital.

**Liquidity Risk:** In difficult market conditions the value of certain fund investments may be difficult to value and harder to sell, or sell at a fair price, resulting in unpredictable falls in the value of your holding.

**Counterparty Risk:** The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

## Fund Restrictions Definitions

**Adult Entertainment:** Companies which own or produce adult entertainment services, or engage in the distribution or sale of adult entertainment services.

**Alcohol:** Companies which have involvement in brewing, distillation or sale of alcoholic drinks.

**Animal Welfare:** Companies that conduct animal testing (other than for purposes of human or animal health and/or where it is required by law or regulation).

**Armaments:** Companies who manufacture armaments or nuclear weapons or associated products.

**Controversial Weapons:** Weapons which have an indiscriminate and disproportional impact on civilians or weapons that are illegal and prohibited by international conventions and treaties.

**Fossil Fuels:** Companies involved in the exploration, extraction or refining of oil, or gas, or coal, plus any activity relating to thermal coal.

**Gambling:** Companies who promote irresponsible gambling which includes betting shops, casinos or amusement arcades.

**High Environmental Impact:** Companies which have a high environmental impact, and which have 'no evidence' of appropriate environmental management systems.

**Human Rights Risks:** Companies with a strategic presence operating in countries of concern and which have 'no evidence' of policies or systems to manage human rights risks.

**Nuclear Power:** Companies who generate energy from Nuclear Power.

**Nuclear Weapons:** Companies that manufacture, nuclear; or are involved in the production of intended-use parts, whole weapons systems, or exclusive delivery platforms.

**Tobacco:** Companies which are growing, processing or selling tobacco products.