

# Global Total Return Credit Fund

'I' shares, GBP As at end March 2024



## Fund overview

The Fund aims to provide total returns comprised of income and capital growth (to grow the value of your investment) over at least a full credit cycle (this objective may be measured over at least 5 years).

The Fund targets a positive return of Overnight SONIA +4% before fees over a full credit cycle (which may be measured over 5-year rolling periods).

The Fund invests primarily (at least two-thirds) in bonds (or similar debt-based assets) issued by borrowers around the world (including but not limited to emerging markets) and in related derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of such bonds (or similar debt-based assets)).

The performance target has been chosen as we believe it sets a realistic expectation of the Fund's long-term outperformance of the return an investor can expect, based on the principal asset types available for investment and the current market environment. Fund performance can also be compared to the IA sector average. Many funds sold in the UK are grouped into sectors by the Investment Association (the trade body that represents UK investment managers), to facilitate comparison between funds with broadly similar characteristics.

## Monthly and annual average performance (%)

	1 month	1 year	3 years annualised	5 years annualised	Since launch annualised
Fund - I Acc GBP	0.7	8.8	-0.6	1.9	1.9
Benchmark	0.8	9.2	6.5	5.7	5.6
Sector	1.6	7.3	-0.6	1.7	1.8
Fund/Sector rank	84/88	32/86	43/80	33/70	33/68

## Calendar year performance (%)

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund - I Acc GBP	1.5	9.1	-12.4	1.8	6.0	7.9
Benchmark	2.3	8.8	5.5	4.1	4.3	4.8
Sector	1.0	8.0	-11.7	0.9	6.1	9.2
Fund/Sector rank	23/87	30/85	49/82	26/79	42/74	51/70

## Rolling 12 month performance (%)

	31.03.23 -31.03.24	31.03.22 -31.03.23	31.03.21 -31.03.22	31.03.20 -31.03.21	31.03.19 -31.03.20
Fund - I Acc GBP	8.8	-7.3	-2.5	20.7	-7.5
Benchmark	9.2	6.3	4.2	4.1	4.8
Sector	7.3	-6.2	-2.4	13.0	-2.1
Fund/Sector rank	32/86	55/84	37/80	10/74	65/70

## Performance (%)



## Risk statistics

	3 years	5 years
Annualised volatility (%)	7.0	8.4

Performance data source: © Morningstar, dates to 31.03.24, NAV based, (net of fees, excluding initial charges), total return with net income reinvested where applicable, in Sterling. The Fund does not track an index, any index shown is for illustrative purposes only.

Investors must read the Key Information Document (or Key Investor Information Document where relevant) and Prospectus prior to investing.

## Key facts

Portfolio managers: Jeff Boswell, Darpan Harar

Fund size: GBP 447.9m

Fund launch date: 11.05.18

I Acc GBP share class launch date: 11.05.18

Domicile: United Kingdom

Sector: IA £ Strategic Bond

Benchmark: Overnight SONIA + 4% (LIBOR 3 Month GBP + 4% pre 30/11/2021)

'I' share class dealing currency: GBP

Risk and reward profile (KIID SRRI): 4 out of 7

## 'I' Acc Share class charges

Maximum initial charge: 0.00%

Ongoing charge: 0.78%

## Other information

Pricing: 12 noon (forward pricing)

Minimum investment:

GBP1,000,000 lump sum

## 'I' Acc GBP

ISIN: GB00BFM79K62 Sedol: BFM79K6

Distribution Payment dates: Monthly

## 'I' Inc-2 GBP

ISIN: GB00BF4JM237 Sedol: BF4JM23

Yield: 5.79% (5.01%)\*

Distribution Payment Dates: Monthly

\*Yield if charges had been taken from income. See yield explanation on page 4.

Past performance should not be taken as a guide to the future and there is no guarantee that this investment will make profits; losses may be made. If the currency of this share class differs from your domestic currency, your returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

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Top holdings (%)	
Telecom Italia Spa Milano 5.303 May 30 24	1.5
BNP Paribas Sa 2 May 24 31	1.5
Cimpress Plc 7 Jun 15 26	1.4
Open Text Corp 6.9 Dec 01 27	1.3
Ishares USD Short Duration High	1.1
Mileage Plus Holdings LLC / MI 6.5 Jun 20 27	1.1
Jaguar Land Rover Automotive P 5.875 Nov 15 24	1.0
Prime Healthcare Services Inc 7.25 Nov 01 25	1.0
Teamsystem Spa 7.692 Feb 15 28	1.0
Multiversity SRL 8.137 Oct 30 28	1.0
Total	11.9
Number of bond holdings:	
	270

Credit breakdown (%)*	
AAA	1.6
AA	6.5
A	19.5
BBB	33.7
BB	11.8
B	17.7
CCC	3.3
CC	0.6
C	0.1
Cash and near cash	5.2
Total	100.0
Average credit rating	BBB
*Bond ratings are Ninety One approximations.	

Maturity profile (%)	
0 - 1 year	18.2
1 - 3 years	22.5
3 - 5 years	18.8
5 - 10 years	35.1
10 - 20 years	3.1
20 years +	2.3
Total	100.0
Average maturity (years)	4.8
Yield to maturity (%)	6.3

Geographic allocation (%)	
United States	21.7
Ireland	17.6
United Kingdom	16.9
France	8.4
Netherlands	7.2
Italy	4.1
Sweden	3.1
Germany	2.5
Cayman Islands	2.2
Switzerland	1.8
Belgium	1.5
Canada	1.3
Luxembourg	1.3
Denmark	1.1
Spain	1.1
Austria	1.0
Czech Republic	0.7
Slovenia	0.5
Portugal	0.4
Norway	0.3
Other	0.2
Cash and near cash	5.1
Total	100.0

Currency positions (%)		
	Duration contrib.	%NAV
Pound Sterling	0.5	100.0
US Dollar	1.6	-0.1
Euro	1.1	0.1
Total	3.2	100.0

Sector analysis (%)	
	%NAV
Short Duration High Yield	20.7
Structured Credit	19.6
European Investment Grade	15.5
US Investment Grade	15.2
Floating Rate Notes	6.6
Bank Capital	6.1
Corporate Hybrids	5.4
Synthetics	2.1
European High Yield	2.0
EM Credit	1.3
US High Yield	0.5
Derivatives	-0.2
Cash and FX	5.2
Total	100.0

The portfolio may change significantly over a short period of time. This is not a buy or sell recommendation for any particular security. Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

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### General risks

The value of these investments, and any income generated from them, will be affected by changes in interest rates, general market conditions and other political, social and economic developments, as well as by specific matters relating to the assets in which they invest.

Past performance does not predict future returns; losses may be made. Ongoing costs and charges will impact returns.

For Inc-2 and Inc-3 shares classes, expenses are charged to the capital account rather than to income, so capital will be reduced. This could constrain future capital and income growth. Income may be taxable.

The Fund's objectives will not necessarily be achieved and there is no guarantee that these investments will make profits; losses may be made.

Environmental, social or governance related risk events or factors, if they occur, could cause a negative impact on the value of investments.

This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within the short to medium term.

### Specific fund risks

**Default:** There is a risk that the issuers of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The worse the credit quality of the issuer, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

**Derivatives:** The use of derivatives may increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses leading to large changes in value and potentially large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

**Government securities exposure:** The Fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by a permitted sovereign entity, as defined in the definitions section of the Fund's prospectus.

**Interest rate:** The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates rise.

**Liquidity:** There may be insufficient buyers or sellers of particular investments giving rise to delays in trading and being able to make settlements, and/or large fluctuations in value. This may lead to larger financial losses than might be anticipated.

### Important information

All data as at 31.03.24. The most up to date fund details (e.g. name, overview, key facts etc) are reflected as at the date of publication. Any changes effective after publication will appear in the next update. This factsheet template was approved by Ninety One on 2 January 2024. This is a marketing communication. We recommend that you seek independent financial advice to ensure this Fund is suitable for your investment needs. This communication should not be distributed to retail customers who are resident in countries where the Fund is not registered for sale or in any other circumstances where its distribution is not authorised or is unlawful.

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## Glossary summary

**Alpha:** Jensen's alpha is a risk adjusted measure of a fund's performance relative to its performance comparison benchmark.

**Beta:** A measure of the volatility of a fund relative to its performance comparison index, i.e. how sensitive the fund is to movements in the market. A figure greater than 1 indicates that the fund will tend to outperform in a rising market and under perform in a falling one, i.e. is more volatile than the market. The reverse applies to a Beta of less than 1.

**Credit rating:** A score awarded by an independent rating agency to indicate the financial strength of the issuer of a bond, and the potential for a default on interest and principal payments. The top credit rating is 'AAA'. The lowest rating to be considered 'investment grade' is 'BBB'. Below 'BBB', bonds are termed 'sub investment grade' or 'high yield'. Average credit ratings are based on the individual bond ratings issued by the ratings agencies. For each bond, the ratings issued by each agency are combined to form a single rating based on the methodology that most closely matches the performance comparison index (PCI), otherwise median is typically used where there is no PCI. The portfolio rating is the weighted average of the above bond ratings.

### Distribution types

**Accumulation (Acc):** An accumulation share will not make income payments to shareholders but will instead accrue the income daily in the net asset value of the share class. Income is deemed distributed for UK tax purposes.

**Income (Inc):** An income share will distribute all or part of the income accruing in that share class.

**Income-2 (Inc-2):** These distribute the income accruing in the share class and charge all their expenses to capital. This maximises the income available for distribution – although it also reduces capital by an equivalent extent which could constrain future capital and income growth. This can be inefficient from a tax perspective in those countries where income tax rates are higher than those on capital gains.

**Duration:** This is a measure of risk for funds which invest in bonds as it predicts the sensitivity of the value of a fund's portfolio given changes in interest rates. The higher the value the greater the volatility of the fund's performance resulting from changes to interest rates. The Modified duration is shown.

**OEIC:** Open Ended Investment Company

**Information ratio:** A measure of a portfolio manager's skill against a performance comparison index. The over or underperformance of the fund relative to its performance comparison index is divided by the tracking error. In this way, we arrive at the value, per unit of extra risk assumed, that the manager's decisions have added to what the market would have delivered anyway. The higher the Information Ratio the better.

**KIID SRRI:** The Synthetic Risk Reward Indicator (SRRI) which appears in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID). A number on a scale of 1 to 7 based on how much the value of a fund has fluctuated over the past 5 years (or an estimate if the fund has a shorter track record). A rating of 1 represents the lower end of the risk scale with potentially lower rewards available whilst a rating of 7 reflects higher risk but potentially higher rewards.

**Maturity profile:** The average life of each bond in a fund's portfolio, weighted by value.

**Ongoing charge:** This figure includes the annual management fee and administrative costs but excludes any performance fee or portfolio transaction costs (except in the case of an entry or exit charge paid by a fund when buying or selling units in another fund). Ongoing charges may vary from year to year.

**NAV:** The Net Asset Value (NAV) represents the value of the assets of a fund less its liabilities.

**Sector:** A peer group of funds managed to a similar investment policy. Not every fund will have a relevant sector, but for those that do, a full list of the funds included in the sector can be obtained from us on request.

**Tracking error:** A measure of how much a fund's returns deviate from those of its performance comparison index. The lower the number the closer the fund's historic performance has followed that of its performance comparison index.

**Volatility:** The amount by which the performance of a fund fluctuates over a given period.

**YTD:** Year to date.

### Yields

**Yield:** The Yield reflects the amounts that may be distributed over the next 12 months as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value per share, as at the date shown, based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. Where there is a yield number in brackets, it is calculated in the same way, however, as the charges of the share class are deducted from capital rather than income, it shows the level of yield had these charges been deducted from income. Yields do not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. The effect of taking expenses from capital is to increase income whilst reducing capital to an equivalent extent and may constrain future capital and income growth.

For an explanation of other statistical terms, please see [www.ninetyone.com/glossary](http://www.ninetyone.com/glossary)

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