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# **BONDS PLUS FUND**



30 April 2024

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Fund aims to deliver positive absolute returns on an annual basis

#### **FUND SUMMARY**

- Actively managed to aim to deliver positive absolute returns in excess of a cash benchmark
- Invests primarily in fixed income securities and currencies, either directly or via derivatives, to express views on the direction of global bond and currency markets.
- Seeks to add value through a diversified portfolio incorporating positions in global bond and currency markets; aims to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns in all market conditions.
- Rigorous and disciplined investment process bringing together the 'best ideas' from a large team of fixed income and currency specialists.

## **FUND FACTS**

Fund size: £587.9m

Inception date: 1 September 2006

Benchmark: SONIA

Fund manager: Peter Bentley; Gareth

Colesmith; Shaun Casey

Target return: Outperform benchmark by 2% pa (before tax, fees and expenses) over rolling three year periods. However, a positive return is not guaranteed and a capital loss may occur.

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

|           | 1 month               | 3 months  |      | 1 year | 3 years (pa) | 5 years (pa)             |               | 10 years (pa  | a)            | inception (pa) |  |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|------|--------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| Fund      | 0.19                  | 1.41      |      | 8.62   | 4.02         | 3.27                     |               | 1.96          | 96 3.11       |                |  |
| Benchmark | 0.43                  | 0.43 1.31 |      | 5.25   | 2.65         | 1.75                     |               | 1.15          | 1.62          |                |  |
|           | 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      | 6.71                  | 2.48      | 1.21 | 1.06   | 2.61         | 8.62                     | 2.68          | 0.91          | 4.68          | -0.32          |  |
| Benchmark | 4.77                  | 1.42      | 0.06 | 0.29   | 0.80         | 5.25                     | 2.57          | 0.19          | 0.09          | 0.74           |  |

Source: Insight Investment and Rimes. Fund performance is shown for share class S  $\pounds$  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 31st December 2020). Performance for periods over one year is annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Investment in any strategy involves a risk of loss which may partly be due to exchange rate fluctuations.

## **FUND CHARACTERISTICS**

|                         | Fund |
|-------------------------|------|
| Yield (%)               | 4.99 |
| Duration (years)        | 1.9  |
| Spread duration (years) | 0.5  |

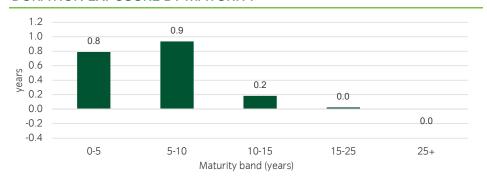
#### **FUND MANAGER COMMENTS**

The Fund generated a negative return in April. Risk free assets were volatile, while credit spreads tightened slightly. The Fund's long credit positioning was positive against modest spread tightening. We reduced risk in April. Our long positions in loans and asset-backed securities contributed. Our relative value credit positions were negative, due to the outperformance of credit default swaps relative to physical credit. Country selection proved detrimental, owing to our short positions in Canada and the UK relative to New Zealand and the US. The Fund's duration positioning was negative, due to our long position in US Treasuries as yields rose. Inflation positions also detracted, driven by our short position in the UK. Yield curve positioning was negative, owing to our steepener positions in the US and Germany. Our emerging market positions were a small negative. Finally, the Fund's currency positioning was negative, as the short position in the US dollar detracted from performance.

#### **DURATION EXPOSURE BY CURRENCY**

| (years)   | Fund |
|-----------|------|
| Sterling  | 0.0  |
| US dollar | 2.6  |
| Euro      | 0.5  |
| Other     | -1.2 |
| Total     | 1.9  |

## **DURATION EXPOSURE BY MATURITY**

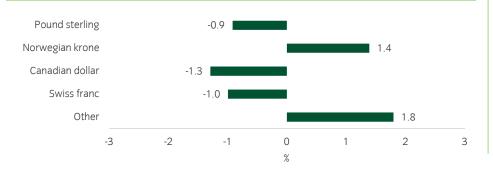


## CREDIT AND EMERGING MARKET EXPOSURE

|                                       | Fund    |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Investment grade <sup>1</sup>         | 0.5 yrs |
| High yield <sup>1</sup>               | 0.2 yrs |
| Loans <sup>2</sup>                    | 4.5%    |
| Emerging market debt <sup>2</sup>     | 4.5%    |
| Asset- backed securities <sup>2</sup> | 3.7%    |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Spread Duration Contribution <sup>2</sup>Percentage Allocation

# **RELATIVE CURRENCY EXPOSURES**



#### **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

**Legal structure:** Qualifying Investor Alternative Investment Fund (QIAIF)

Domicile: Ireland

Share class currencies: Sterling, Euro

**Dealing frequency:** Every business day, 12pm

Settlement period: T+3

**Pricing method:** NAV per Share, which may be subject to an adjustment based on the single swing price

adjustment mechanism, as disclosed in the Prospectus

Scheme: LDI Solutions Plus ICAV

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

**Administrator:** Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited

Ongoing charges: 0.59% (represented by share class B Euro, other share classes are available)



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