



# HIGH GRADE ABS

30 April 2024

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks to produce an interest rate based return, primarily through investment in a portfolio of 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 AAA and AA rated securities, with a bias to prime residential mortgage-backed securities
- Rigorous, disciplined investment process aiming to deliver precision and diversification
- The Fund was previously named the LIBOR Plus Fund. It was renamed the High Grade ABS Fund on 2 January 2020.

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

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years (pa)	5 years (pa)	10 years (pa)	Since inception (pa)
Fund	0.61	1.90	7.39	2.59	2.39	2.46	3.21
Benchmark	0.43	1.31	5.25	2.65	1.73	1.14	1.04

	Calendar year returns					12-month rolling returns				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020
Fund	6.72	-2.29	1.88	1.29	3.22	7.39	-0.18	0.73	5.89	-1.60
Benchmark	4.77	1.42	0.06	0.19	0.80	5.25	2.57	0.19	0.06	0.67

Source: Insight Investment and Rimes. Fund performance is shown for share class S £ Acc (performance start date 31/03/2011) 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. Please note 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 April, ending with a running yield of 125bp over SONIA and a 76% weighting to AAA rated assets. Risk assets sold off due to persistent inflation. In contrast, European structured credit performed reasonably well. Despite elevated valuations on a historical basis, relative value versus corporate credit remains inexpensive. Absolute yields in BBB rated collateralised loan obligations appear attractive. The month saw robust issuance from several sectors and jurisdictions. US structured credit was mixed, despite elevated issuance and strong demand. Spreads within prime automotive tightened, while those in the subprime space widened. Consumer delinquencies continue to rise but at a slower pace. Asset-backed securities (ABS) are insulated from further deterioration. Performance was driven by carry. Investment activity focused on ABS in Australia, the EU and the UK. We focused on the primary market due to an attractive new issue premium.

## FUND FACTS

**Fund size:** £2.8bn

**Inception date:** 31 March 2011

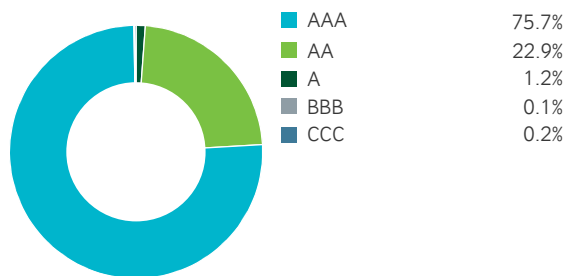
**Benchmark:** 1 Month SONIA

**Fund managers:** Shaheer Guirguis, Jeremy Deacon

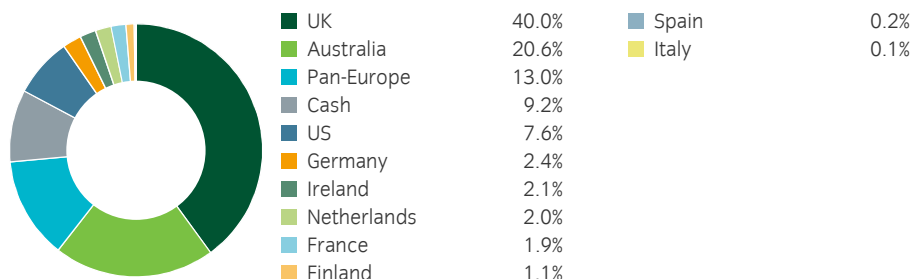
## FUND CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund
Yield (%)	6.44
Weighted average life (years)	2.3
Weighted Average Discount Margin (Assets) vs Sonia (bp)	137
Weighted Average Discount Margin (Fund) vs Sonia (bp)	125

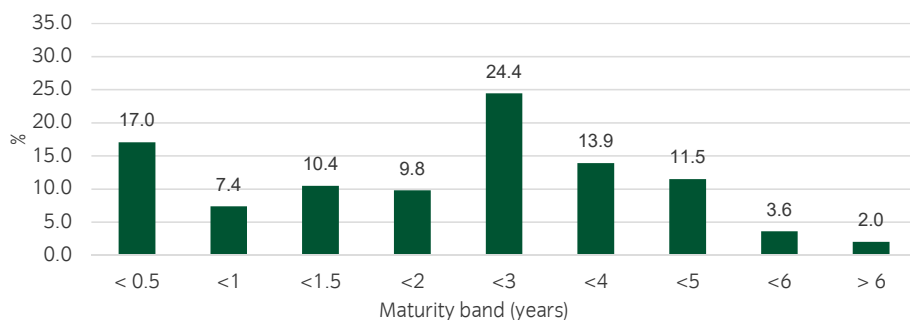
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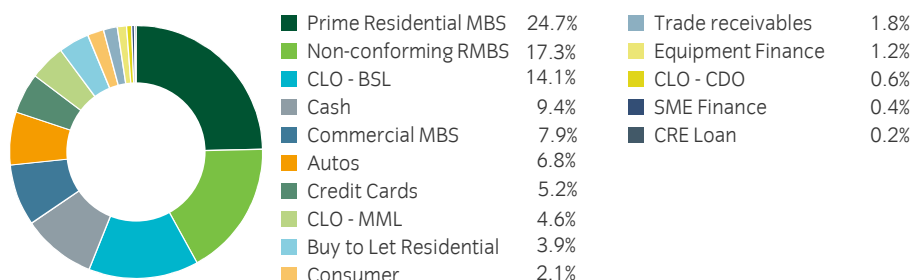
## GEOGRAPHY



## 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

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

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

**Ongoing charges:** 0.55% (represented by share class A Sterling, other share classes are available)



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