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# LIQUID ABS FUND



31 March 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: £2.4bn (€2.8bn)

Inception date: 22 January 2015

Benchmark: 1 Month ESTER

Fund managers: Seema Sopal, Jeremy Deacon

SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE (%) (S € Acc share class)

	1 month	3	3 months		1 year		3 years (pa)		5 years (pa)		Since inception (pa)	
Fund	0.37		1.37	4.94			1.60		1.16	0.84		
Benchmark	0.34		0.99	3.74			1.27 0.57		0.21			
	Calendar year returns						12-month rolling returns					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019		2023- 2024	2022- 2023	2021- 2022	2020- 2021	2019- 2020	
Fund	4.66	-1.17	0.44	0.16	0.79		4.94	0.20	-0.24	2.74	-1.70	
Benchmark	3.43	-0.15	-0.57	-0.49	-0.36		3.74	0.68	-0.58	-0.52	-0.40	

Source: Insight Investment and Rimes. Fund performance is shown for share class  $S \in Acc$  and is calculated as total return, including reinvested income, gross of fees and expenses. Benchmark performance shown is for 1-month ESTER (previously 3-Month EURIBOR until 1st January 2020). Benchmark used is the share class currency equivalent of SONIA. Gross of fees performance results do not reflect the deduction of charges, which will reduce investors' returns. 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
Yield (%)	4.65
Weighted average life (years)	1.9
Weighted Average Discount Margin vs €STR (bp)	75

**FUND CHARACTERISTICS** 

## **FUND MANAGER COMMENTS**

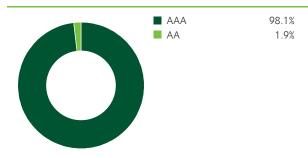
The Fund outperformed its cash benchmark in March, ending with a 98% weighting to AAA rated assets. Risk assets posted gains. European structured credit performed well. Despite elevated valuations, relative value versus corporate credit remains attractive, but the prospects of tightening have diminished. Issuance was robust, led by residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) and collateralised loan obligations. The best-performing assets remain within the bottom tranches of investment grade. US structured credit posted gains, against elevated issuance and strong demand. Spread tightening in AAA rated assets was marginal, while spreads within mezzanine paper tightened more meaningfully. In our view, investor demand and attractive relative value should lead to further tightening, especially in esoteric sectors. Performance was driven by carry and spread tightening within Australian RMBS.

# KEY BENEFITS FOR VAG-REGULATED INVESTORS

- Predominantly investment grade instruments
- The Fund will invest in securities rated at least R-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-.

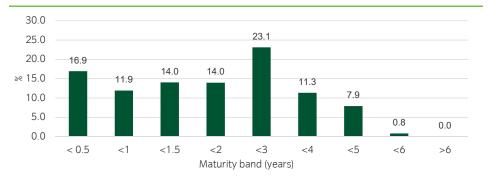
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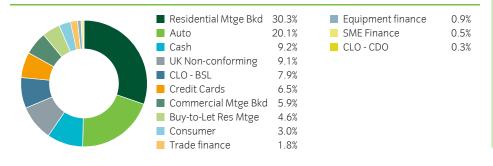
# **GEOGRAPHY**



### **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: 0.24% (represented by share class B Euro Accumulation, other share classes are available)



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