LOAN FUND

31 May 2024

FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks to produce an annual interest based return, primarily through investment in a portfolio of loans

FUND SUMMARY

- Targets attractive returns in excess of cash by investing in high quality senior secured loans and other debt
- Aims to provide insulation from interest rate risk
- Employs a defensive asset selection strategy to achieve its return objective
- Offers investors portfolio diversification benefits

SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE (%)

	1 month	3 months		1 year	3 years (p	a) 5 ye	5 years (pa)		a	Since inception (pa)	
Fund	0.97	2.29		10.80	5.33	2	1.10	3.76	3	3.41	
Benchmark	0.31	31 0.94		3.88	1.62	(0.79		(0.67	
	Calendar year returns					12-month rolling returns					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2023- 2024	2022- 2023	2021- 2022	2020- 2021	2019- 2020	
Fund	13.37	-2.43	3.65	1.70	3.55	10.80	6.42	-0.90	8.68	-3.75	
Benchmark	3.27	0.35	-0.56	-0.43	-0.36	3.88	1.54	-0.53	-0.51	-0.38	

Source: Insight Investment and Rimes. Fund performance is shown for share class S € 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. 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. The Fund's base currency changed from GBP to EUR on 29 November 2019. Prior to 29 November 2019, Fund performance was shown for a GBP share class and from 29 November 2019 it has been shown for a EUR share class. As a result, the Fund's performance prior to 29 November 2019 has been converted to EUR. Therefore the performance shown will differ with the actual performance experienced in the GBP share class.

FUND MANAGER COMMENTS

The Fund continued to perform well and increased its outperformance of the cash benchmark on a year-to-date basis. In May, risk assets rallied. Leveraged loans posted their strongest gains since January, as robust collateralised loan obligation originations propelled a rally in secondary prices. Over the month, key contributors included Term Loan B financings from Motor Fuel Group, T-Mobile Netherlands, and IVC. The European default ratio remained at 1.5%, while the distress ratio fell marginally from 2.51% to 2.49%. Over the month, European loan volumes rose significantly by 121% month on month. Year-to-date, refinancing comprises 53% of the activity. We expect defaults to notch higher, to around 3.75% in 2024. We continue to focus on companies with strong cash flow and believe that skilful stock selection will help investors collect the entire coupon while avoiding defaults. Leveraged loans are still supported by a strong technical backdrop and investor inflows.



FUND FACTS

Fund size: €31.5m

Inception date: 31 March 2008

Benchmark: 3 Month EURIBOR

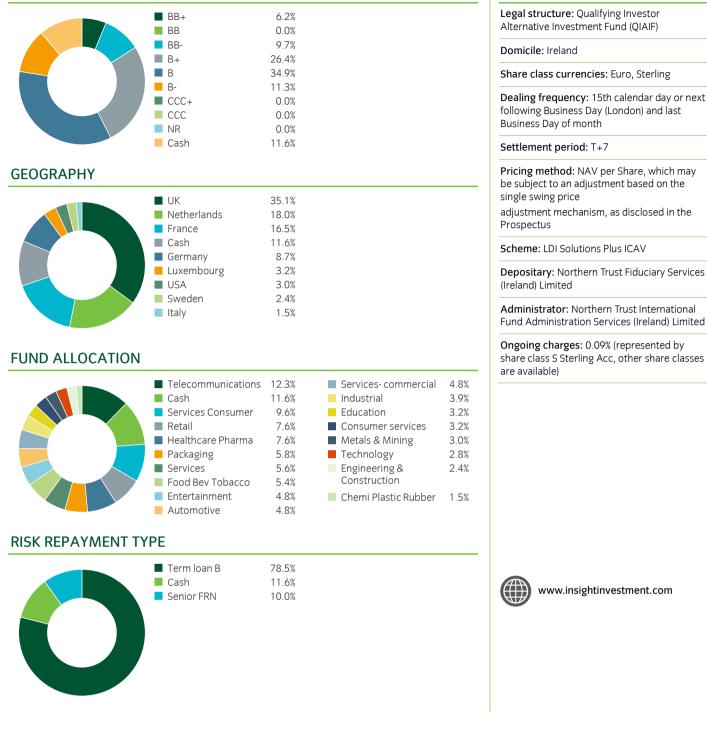
Fund manager: Lorraine Specketer

Target return: Outperform benchmark by 2.5% pa (before tax, fees and expenses). However, a positive return is not guaranteed and a capital loss may occur.

FUND CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund
Weighted average life (years)	2.6
Weighted average discount margin (bp)	406

CREDIT RATING



TECHNICAL DETAILS

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