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# HIGH GRADE ABS



## 31 December 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.

## **FUND FACTS**

Fund size: £2.8bn

Inception date: 31 March 2011

Fund managers: Oliver Waite, Shaheer Guirguis, Tristan Teoh

Benchmark: 1 Month SONIA

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

	1 month	3 months		1 year 3 years (pa)		5 years (pa)		10 years (p	iai	Since inception (pa)	
Fund	0.55	1.59		7.28	3.81	2.91		2.68	3	3.38	
Benchmark	0.41	1.24		5.28	3.81	2.32		1.45	1	1.24	
	Calendar year returns					12-month rolling returns					
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2023- 2024	2022- 2023	2021- 2022	2020- 2021	2019- 2020	
Fund	7.28	6.72	-2.29	1.88	1.29	7.28	6.72	-2.29	1.88	1.29	
Benchmark	5.28	4.77	1.42	0.06	0.19	5.28	4.77	1.42	0.06	0.19	

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.

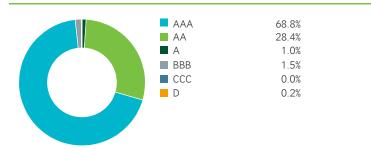
### **FUND MANAGER COMMENTS**

The Fund outperformed its cash benchmark in December, ending with a running yield of 120 bp over SONIA and a weighted average rating of AA. Risk assets sold off sharply on concerns about monetary policy. European credit had a quiet month. We anticipate that supply will be robust in 2025, driven by collateralised loan obligations, residential mortgage-backed securities, the Australian market, and the solar power and data centre sectors. US structured credit saw subdued supply but grew 23% year on year. Over the month, spreads were flat to 5 bp wider, ending the year 15-30 bps tighter on senior paper and 40-100 bp tighter on mezzanine asset-backed securities. In the near term, US structured credit should benefit from higher underwriting standards, robust economic growth, strong technicals and attractive relative value. The Fund exited positions that rallied over the year to realise profit and deployed capital into short-dated paper across geographies. Performance was driven by carry.

## **FUND CHARACTERISTICS**

	Fund
Yield (%)	5.90
Weighted average life (years)	2.2
Weighted Average Discount Margin (Assets) vs Sonia (bp)	127
Weighted Average Discount Margin (Fund) vs Sonia (bp)	120

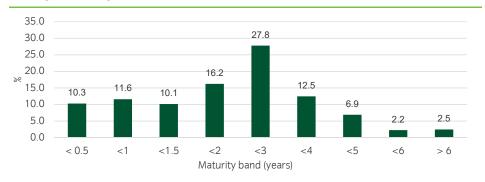
## CREDIT RATING



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



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