

Royal London Global High Yield Bond Fund

Z Inc GBP

31 May 2024

Fund objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide a combination of investment growth and income, the Fund will seek to achieve its objective on an active basis. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by outperforming its benchmark, the BofA Merrill Lynch BB-B Global Non-Financial High Yield Constrained Index (the "Benchmark") by 1% per annum over rolling three year periods. The Benchmark is being used by the Fund for performance comparison purposes only and the Fund does not intend to track the Benchmark.

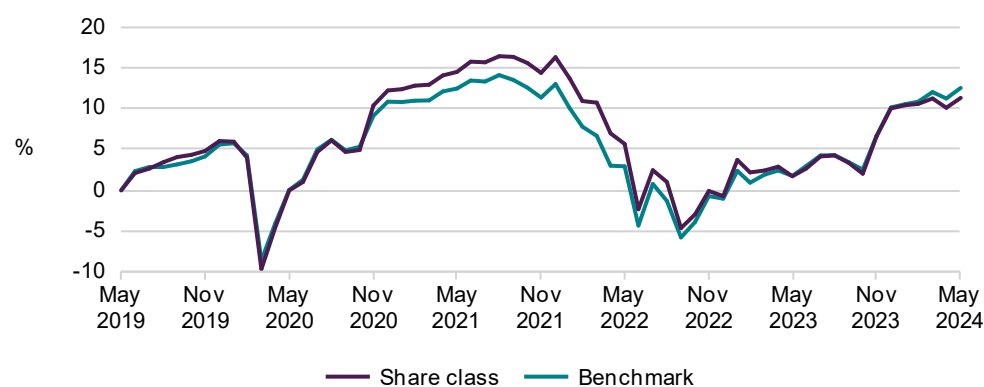
Cumulative performance %

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	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	3Y	5Y
Share class	0.69	4.39	9.45	(2.77)	11.32	(0.93)	2.17
Benchmark	1.52	5.50	10.57	0.06	12.52	0.02	2.38
IA Sector	1.53	5.62	10.78	4.46	16.70	1.47	3.14
Quartile Rank	4	4	3	4	4	4	4

Year on year performance % (12 months to 31 May)

	31/05/2023 - 31/05/2024	31/05/2022 - 31/05/2023	31/05/2021 - 31/05/2022	31/05/2020 - 31/05/2021	31/05/2019 - 31/05/2020
Share class	9.45	(3.75)	(7.70)	14.52	(0.02)

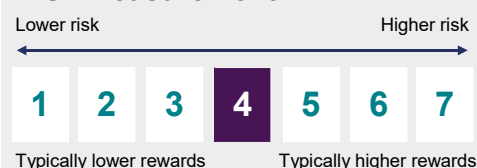
Rolling performance



Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them is not guaranteed and may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Fund performance is shown on a mid to mid price basis, net of fees and gross of taxes, with gross income reinvested unless otherwise stated. Benchmark performance is shown gross of fees and taxes. The impact of commissions, fees and other charges can be material on the performance of your investment.

Fund launch date	15 February 2013
Fund size	£2,980.82m
Fund type	OEIC
Fund domicile	IE
Fund managers	Azhar Hussain Stephen Tapley
ISA eligible	Yes
Fund base currency	GBP
Share class currency	GBP
Share class launch date	15 February 2013
Benchmark	BofA Merrill Lynch BB-B Global Non-Financial High Yield Constrained
SFDR classification	Article 8
Settlement days	T+3
IA sector	£ High Yield
Duration to worst	3.93 years
Distribution yield (%)	5.53
FX adjusted yield (%)	7.51
Fund management fee	0.580%
Minimum investment	£3,000,000
Mid price	£0.82
ISIN	IE00B8K38002
Sedol	B8K3800

Risk measurement



The indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile. The category shown may change over time. The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'.

Fund Commentary

The global high yield market rebounded in May and produced a GBP-hedged monthly return of 1.16%. The primary contributor during the month was the government yield curve which fell 14bps. Global high yield spreads (BB-B index) tightened 9bps during the month and have now tightened every month since January. The high yield market is now yielding 7.05% (YTW) with a duration of 3.6 years. Price returns were 0.6%, while income returns were 0.5%. The fund's FX-adjusted yield stood at 7.51% at the end of May, with a duration of 3.9 years. The month of May saw a continuation of the high issuance seen in previous months, with the amount of global high yield new issuance at \$59.0bn which is the highest amount of monthly new issuance since September 2021. In the US, \$33.8bn of high yield debt was issued which consequently is also the highest monthly amount since September 2021. Out of the \$33.8bn of new issuance, \$20.3bn was issued by single B rated companies.

The US high yield default rate fell to 2.0% in May from 2.3% in April – hitting its lowest mark since August 2023. May's figure now means the US high yield default rate has been sitting in a range between 2.0% and 2.6% since April 2023. For comparison, during the GFC the default rate was seen over 20% and it was over 7% during the Covid pandemic. The global high yield rate inched lower to 2.8% in May from 2.9% in April and is lower than the 3.0% seen in May last year. These default levels would be entirely normal in an historic context, but the nature of the economic backdrop and strong company balance sheets means we expect default rates to grind higher, instead of sharply spiking.

In the fund, our holdings in basic industry, services and telecommunications contributed strongly to our performance, while our energy and utility bonds were behind the benchmark's returns. By rating, both our BB and B rated bonds contributed positively to performance but our BB bonds were behind the benchmark. While outside the benchmark, our BBB & Above and CCC & Below bonds contributed positively to performance. By region, all areas were positive, with our US, Europe and UK holdings ahead of the benchmark while RoW was the relative underperformer. For the market, all regions produced positive returns during the month with the RoW outperforming on a relative basis. With respect to sectors, all sectors produced positive returns with real estate underperforming relatively.

*Yield-to-worst refers to the redemption date that produces the lowest return.

Sector breakdown

	Fund %	Relative %	
Services	13.98	7.37	■
Media	12.38	6.51	■
Telecommunications	12.40	4.95	■
Capital Goods	9.46	3.53	■
Leisure	9.91	2.36	■
Healthcare	8.43	0.65	
Basic Industry	8.24	-2.06	■
Retail	3.80	-2.66	■
Energy	9.50	-5.54	■
Other	11.90	-15.13	■

Credit ratings

	Fund %	Relative %	
AAA - A	2.84	2.84	■
BBB	4.13	4.13	■
BB	40.53	-22.65	■
B	48.46	11.64	■
CCC	3.43	3.43	■
CC & Below	0.15	0.15	
NR	0.45	0.45	

Maturity profile

	Fund %	Relative %	
0 - 5 years	66.26	3.56	■
5 - 10 years	27.37	-6.71	■
10 - 15 years	0.34	-0.59	
Over 15 years	6.02	3.73	■

Top holdings

	Weight %	
LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMEN	4.750000000	1.26
EMRLD BOR / EMRLD CO-ISS	6.625000000	1.02
HTA GROUP LTD 2029-06-04	7.500000000	1.00
WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC	7.250000000	0.97
TRANSDIGM INC 2032-03-01	6.625000000	0.96
CEMEX SAB DE CV	5.125000000	0.95
NEXSTAR MEDIA INC 2028-11-01	4.750000000	0.93
PRIME SECSRVC BRW/FINANC	6.250000000	0.92
TELENET FINANCE LUX NOTE	5.500000000	0.88
TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS NE	3.150000000	0.87

Deputy Fund Manager



Azhar Hussain
Head of Global Credit
Tenure from: 15 February 2013

Lead Fund Manager



Stephen Tapley
Senior Fund Manager
Tenure from: 15 February 2013

Key concepts to understand

Bonds: Securities that represent an obligation to repay a debt, with interest. Investment grade bonds are high quality bonds that are viewed as being highly likely to make all scheduled payments of interest and principal. Low quality bonds carry higher risk but also typically pay higher rates of interest. Corporate bonds are those issued by companies to raise finance.

Currency hedged share classes: Currency Hedged Share Classes aim to provide investors with a return highly correlated to the return of the base currency share class by minimising the impact of exchange rate fluctuations between the base currency of the Fund and the investor's chosen currency. Derivatives are typically used to hedge the relevant share classes.

Derivatives: A financial instrument whose price is dependent upon or derived from one or more underlying asset.

Distribution yield: The distribution yield reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed over the next 12 months. It is calculated net of standard management charges. It reflects RLAM's current perception of market conventions around timing of bond cash flows.

Efficient Portfolio Management (EPM) techniques: The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. The use of these instruments may expose the Fund to volatile investment returns and increase the volatility of the net asset value of the Fund. EPM techniques may involve the Fund entering into transactions with counterparties where there may be a risk of counterparty default. The Fund's ability to use EPM strategies may be limited by market conditions, regulatory limits and tax considerations.

FX adjusted yield: FX adjusted yield is the gross rate of return to the expected maturity adjusted for hedging and excludes the impact of cash.

Fund risks

Counterparty risk: The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

Credit risk: Should the issuer of a fixed income security become unable to make income or capital payments, or their rating is downgraded, the value of that investment will fall. Fixed income securities that have a lower credit rating can pay a higher level of income and have an increased risk of default.

Derivative risk: This fund may undertake transactions in derivatives and forward transactions (both on exchange and over the counter (OTC)). These may include interest rate swaps and interest rate futures for the purposes of meeting the investment objective, protecting the risk to capital, duration and credit management, as well as for hedging. While the discerning use of derivatives can be beneficial, derivatives also involve specific risks. These risks relate specifically to market risk, management risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, the risk of mispricing or improper valuation of derivatives and the risk that derivatives may not correlate perfectly with underlying assets, interest rates and indices. The use of derivative instruments may from time to time alter the economic exposure of the fund causing it to deviate significantly from the performance of the market as a whole. The use of these derivatives will be within the parameters allowed for linked funds by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority.

Derivative risk: Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the underlying asset which can increase both Fund losses and gains. The impact to the Fund can be greater where they are used in an extensive or complex manner, where the Fund could lose significantly more than the amount invested in derivatives.

EPM techniques risk: The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. Whilst intended to reduce risk, the use of these instruments may expose the Fund to increased price volatility.

Emerging markets risk: Investing in Emerging Markets may provide the potential for greater rewards but carries greater risk due to the possibility of high volatility, low liquidity, currency fluctuations, the adverse effect of social, political and economic instability, weak supervisory structures and accounting standards.

Exchange rate risk: Changes in currency exchange rates may affect the value of your investment.

Interest rate risk: Fixed interest securities are particularly affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up, the value of capital may fall, and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital. Unlike the income from a single fixed interest security, the level of income (yield) from a fund is not fixed and may go up and down. Bond yields (and as a consequence bond prices) are determined by market perception as to the appropriate level of yields given the economic background.

Investment risk: The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

Liquidity risk: In difficult market conditions the value of certain fund investments may be difficult to value and harder to sell, or sell at a fair price, resulting in unpredictable falls in the value of your holding.

Sub-investment grade investment risk: Lower rated investment grade securities may have large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions. The market value of securities in lower rated investment grade categories is more volatile than that of higher quality securities, and the markets in which these securities are traded are less liquid than those in which higher rated securities are traded.

Share class fees and charges

Share class	ISIN	Fee	Minimum investment
M Inc GBP	IE00B8GCTN18	0.830%	£100,000
Z Acc EUR Hedged	IE00BGSVCM20	0.630%	€3,000,000
Z Acc USD Hedged	IE00BGSVCN37	0.630%	\$3,000,000
Z Inc GBP	IE00B8K38002	0.580%	£3,000,000

Further information



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