Marketing Communication

## Strategy

The fund primarily invests in UK Gilts across all maturities. Returns are predominately driven by yield curve positioning although the manager retains a degree of flexibility to invest in out-of index strategies, such as high quality corporate bonds, as a means of adding performance. The fund is managed according to Fidelity's active philosophy and incorporating views from the Fixed Income active franchise. The portfolio construction process is performed by the Systematic Fixed Income team, bringing efficiently into the portfolio diversified investment positions advised by in-house fundamental credit research, quantitative modelling and specialist traders.

## Objectives & Investment Policy

Objective: The fund aims to increase the value of your investment over a period of 5

Investment Policy: The fund will be at least 70% exposed to sterling denominated (or hedged back to sterling) UK government debt instruments (e.g. bonds).Investments may be made in relation to debt instruments issued in currencies other than sterling. Hedging back to sterling aims to reduce the risk of exposure to other currencies. The reaging back to sterling aims to reduce the risk of exposure to other currencies. The remainder will be invested in other investment types such as cash and derivatives. The fund is actively managed. The Investment Manager identifies suitable opportunities for the fund utilising in-house research and investment capabilities.

Investment Process: The Investment Manager will, when selecting investments for the fund and for the purposes of monitoring risk, consider the FTSE Actuaries UK Gilts.

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The fund and for the purposes of monitoring risk, consider the FISE Actuaries UK oilis All Stocks Index. The fund uses a systematic investment approach. This means that the Investment Manager uses a more rules-based approach when implementing the portfolio construction. The Investment Manager has a limited degree of freedom relative to the index and may invest in issuers, sectors, countries and security types not included in the index or take larger or smaller positions relative to the index.

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Additional information: Income earned by the fund is paid into the fund and reflected by an increase in the value of each share. Shares can usually be bought and sold each business day of the fund. The fund's performance can be compared to the FTSE Actuaries UK Gilts All Stocks Index. This Fund will be merged into the Fidelity Index UK Gilt Fund on 14 June 2024. Further details can be found at https://www.fidelity.co.uk/uk-gilt.

### **Fund Facts**

Launch date: 01.11.00

Portfolio manager: Lucette Yvernault, Ilia Chelomianski Appointed to fund: 02.06.20, 02.06.20 Years at Fidelity: 7, 8 Fund size: £ 27m

Fund reference currency: UK Sterling (GBP)
Fund domicile: United Kingdom
Fund legal structure: OEIC
Management company: FIL Investment Services (UK) Limited

Capital guarantee: No Portfolio Turnover Cost (PTC): 0.00% Portfolio Turnover Rate (PTR): 154.02%

#### **Share Class Facts**

Other share classes may be available. Please refer to the prospectus for more details.

Launch date: 02.06.03

NAV price in share class currency: 1.949 ISIN: GB0033144410

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Dealing cut-off: 12:00 UK time
Distribution type: Accumulating
Charges made to income or capital: Income
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) per year: 0.15% (30.06.23)
OCF takes into account annual management charge per year: 0.15%

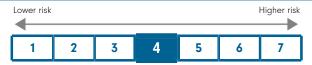
#### Independent Assessment

Information is the latest available at date of publication. See Glossary for further details. As some ratings agencies may use past performance to produce their assessments these are not a reliable indicator of future results.

## Morningstar Rating: \*\*\*\*

The rating measures how well a fund has balanced risk and reward relative to its peers. Star ratings are strictly based on past performance and Morningstar suggests investors use them to identify funds that are worthy for further research. The top 10% of funds in a category will receive a 5-star rating and the next 22.5% receive a 4-star rating. Only ratings of 4 or 5 stars are displayed on the factsheet.

### Share Class Risk and Reward Profile



This risk indicator is taken from the key information document at the relevant monthend. Because it may be updated during a month, please refer to the key information document for the most up-to-date information.

• Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

• The risk category

shown is not guaranteed and may change over time. • The lowest category does not mean a "risk free" investment. • The risk and reward profile is classified by the level of historical fluctuation of the Net Asset Values of the share class, and within this classification, categories 1-2 indicate a low level of historical fluctuations, 3-5 a medium level and 6-7 a high level. • The value of your investment may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than you originally invested. • The fund may invest in instruments denominated in currencies other than the fund base currency. Changes in currency exchange rates can therefore affect the value of your investment.

## Important Information

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Past performance does not predict future returns. The fund's returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The investment which is promoted concerns the acquisition of units or shares in a fund, and not in a given underlying asset owned by the fund.

## Performance Comparator(s)

#### Market index from 02.06.03

FTSE A UK Gilts All Stocks Index

Market index is for comparative purposes only unless specifically referenced in the Objectives & Investment Policy on page 1. The same index is used in the positioning tables on this

Where the effective date for the current market index is after the share class launch date, full history is available from Fidelity.

## Cumulative performance in GBP (rebased to 100)

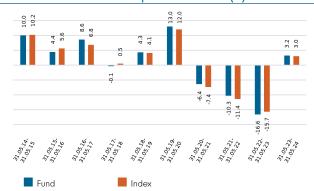


Performance is shown for the last five years (or since launch for funds launched within

## Performance for calendar years in GBP (%)



## Performance for 12 month periods in GBP (%)



## Volatility & Risk

Annualised Volatility: fund (%)	10.90	Annualised Alpha	0.10
Relative Volatility	1.02	Beta	1.00
Sharpe Ratio: fund	-0.76	Annualised Tracking Error (%)	2.36
Sharpe Ratio: index	-0.79	Information Ratio	0.03
		R <sup>2</sup>	0.95

Calculated using month-end data points. Definitions of these terms can be found in the Glossary section of this factsheet

## Performance to 31.05.24 in GBP (%)

	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since 02.06.03*
Fund cumulative growth	-0.1	0.2	-3.8	3.2	-22.8	-18.4	90.0
Index cumulative growth	0.8	-0.4	-3.7	3.0	-23.0	-20.2	77.7
Fund annualised growth	=	=	=	3.2	-8.3	-4.0	3.1
Index annualised growth	-	-	-	3.0	-8.3	-4.4	2.8
Ranking within Peer Group Universe							
Total number of funds	=	=	=	=	=	=	
Quartile ranking**	=	=	=	=	=	=	

Source of fund performance and volatility and risk measures is Fidelity. Performance is excluding initial charge. Basis: bid-bid with income reinvested, in GBP, net of fees.

Market indices are sourced from RIMES and Peer Group data is sourced from Morningstar.

\*Performance commencement date.

\*\*Quartile rank is for the fund's primary share class as identified by Morningstar, which may be different than the share class detailed in this factsheet and refers to performance over time rated on a scale of 1-4. A ranking of 1 indicates that the item being ranked is in the top 25% of the sample and so on. Rankings are based on a performance record that is included in the Peer Group Universe. In line with Investment Association methodology, this record may include a track record extension from a legacy share class and the record may not be the same class of this factsheet. Quartile ranking is an internal Fidelity International calculation. Ranking may vary by share class.

# Introduction

This factsheet contains information about the composition of the fund at a particular point in time. It aims to help you understand how the manager has positioned the fund to meet its objectives. Each table shows a different breakdown of the fund's investments. The index used in the positioning tables is the index defined in the Performance Comparator(s) section on page 2 of this factsheet.

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## **Portfolio Characteristics**

	runa	maex	Relative
Distribution Yield (%)	2.9	-	-
Effective Duration	8.5	8.5	0.0
Running Yield (%)	3.5	3.0	0.6
Yield to Maturity (%)	4.5	4.5	0.0
Average Maturity (years)	13.1	12.0	1.1
Average Coupon (%)	3.0	2.7	0.4
Spread Duration	0.0	0.0	0.0
Option Adjusted Spread (Basis Points)	2	0	3
Duration Times Spread (DTS)	27	-2	29
Number of Holdings	21	=	=
Number of Names	1	-	-
Average Credit Rating (Exponential)	AA-	AA-	n / a
Average Credit Rating (Linear)	AA-	AA-	n / a

Definitions of these characteristics can be found in the Glossary section of this factsheet.

### **Derivatives Exposure**

	Long %	Short %	Net %	Gross %
Bond / Interest Rate Futures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Rate Swaps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inflation Indexed Swaps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Credit Default Swaps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Index Credit Default Swaps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mortgage To Be Announced	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL				0.00

Exposure as a percent of total net assets. Excludes FX forwards.

This fund currently holds no derivatives.

## **Asset Allocation**

	Security Holdings (excl. Derivatives)				Contribution to Duration (incl. Derivatives)			Contribution to Duration Times Spread (incl. Derivatives)		
	Fund	Index	Relative	Fund	Index	Relative	Fund	Index	Relative	
Treasury	99.22	100.00	-0.78	8.5	8.5	0.0	27	-2	29	
Index Linked	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
Investment Grade - Sovs Supras & Agencies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
Investment Grade - Financials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
Investment Grade - Non-Financials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
Investment Grade - ABS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
Investment Grade - Emerging Markets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
High Yield	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
Index Credit Default Swaps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
FX / Derivative P&L	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
Cash	0.78	0.00	0.78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	-	8.5	8.5	0.0	27	-2	29	

Security Holdings as a percent of total net assets. Contribution to duration (CTD) and contribution to duration-times-spread (DTS) are in the appropriate units of measure. CTD and DTS include the effect of derivatives. 'FX / Derivative P&L' includes collateral balances with counterparties arising from derivatives used in the fund (this can lead to a negative balance). 'Index linked' includes non-government index linked bonds.

## **Sector Positioning**

	Security Holdi	ngs (excl. D	erivatives)	Contribution to Spread (inc		
	Fund	Index	Relative	Fund	Index	Relative
Treasury	99.22	100.00	-0.78	27	-2	29
Quasi / Sov / Supra / Agncy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Agency Mortgages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Banks & Brokers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Other Financials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Basic Industry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Capital Goods	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Consumer Cyclical	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Consumer Non Cyclical	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Energy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Technology	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Communications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Industrial Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Utility	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Covered	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Non Agency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
ABS / MBS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Unclassified	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Index Credit Default Swaps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
FX / Derivative P&L	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Cash	0.78	0.00	0.78	0	0	0
Total	100.00	100.00	-	27	-2	29

Security Holdings as a percent of total net assets. Contribution to duration-times-spread (DTS) in the appropriate unit of measure. DTS includes the effect of derivatives. 'FX / Derivative P&L' includes collateral balances with counterparties arising from derivatives used in the fund (this can lead to a negative balance).

## Financial Sector Exposure By Capital Structure

	Security Holdin	Security Holdings (excl. Derivatives)			Contribution to Duration Times Spread (incl. Derivatives)			
	Fund	Index	Relative	Fund	Index	Relative		
Govt Guaranteed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Covered	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Senior	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Tier 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Tier 2 CoCo	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Tier 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Additional Tier 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Insurance Corp Hybrids	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Total	0.00	0.00		0	0	0		

Security Holdings as a percent of total net assets. Contribution to duration-times-spread (DTS) in the appropriate unit of measure. DTS includes the effect of derivatives. 'FX / Derivative P&L' includes collateral balances with counterparties arising from derivatives used in the fund (this can lead to a negative balance). The Financials sector includes the following sub-sectors: Banks & Brokers, Insurance & Covered.

## Duration Breakdown (By Currency)

		Fund			
-	Nominal	Real	TOTAL	Index	Relative
GBP	8.49	0.00	8.49	8.54	-0.05
USD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
JPY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rounding adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.04	0.05
TOTAL	8.49	0.00	8.49	8.54	-0.05

Duration includes the effect of interest rate derivatives such as government bond futures, inflation swaps and interest rate swaps. Nominal Fund refers to the sensitivity to nominal yields, whereas Real Fund refers to the sensitivity to inflation-linked / real yields.

## **Credit Rating**

	Security Holdi	Security Holdings (excl. Derivatives)			Contribution to Duration Times Spread (incl. Derivatives)			
	Fund	Index	Relative	Fund	Index	Relative		
AAA/Aaa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
AA/Aa	99.22	100.00	-0.78	27	-2	29		
A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
BBB/Baa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
BB/Ba	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
В	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
CCC and Below	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Not Rated	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
FX / Derivative P&L	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0		
Cash	0.78	0.00	0.78	0	0	0		
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	-	27	-2	29		

Exposure as a percent of total net assets and contribution to duration-times-spread (DTS). 'FX / Derivative P&L' includes collateral balances with counterparties arising from derivatives used in the fund (this can lead to a negative balance). DTS includes the effect of derivatives. For ratings breakdown, worst of the two best ratings from across S&P, Moody's and Fitch is applied (commonly known as the Basel method).

## Maturity Profile (Contribution to Duration)

	Fund	Index	Relative
0 to 1 years	0.0	0.0	0.0
1 to 3 years	0.3	0.3	0.0
3 to 5 years	0.4	0.5	-0.1
5 to 10 years	0.8	1.4	-0.6
10 to 15 years	1.5	1.2	0.3
15 to 20 years	1.6	1.1	0.4
20 to 25 years	0.0	0.9	-0.9
25 to 30 years	1.9	1.2	0.8
30 to 40 years	1.7	1.3	0.4
40 + years	0.3	0.6	-0.3
Rounding adjustment	0.0	0.0	-0.0
TOTAL	8.5	8.5	0.0

Includes the effect of interest rate derivatives such as government bond futures, inflation swaps and interest rate swaps.

## **Currency Exposure**

	Before Hedging	After Hedging	Index
GBP	99.95	99.95	100.00
USD	0.08	0.08	0.00
JPY	0.04	0.04	0.00
CHF	-0.07	-0.07	0.00
EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00

Exposure as a percent of total net assets.

This table shows the currency exposure and hedging of the fund's investments.

The "After Hedging" column shows the currency exposure relevant to the investor.

## Regional Exposure - Domicile Of Issuer

	Security Holdings (excl. Derivatives)			tion to Durat Derivatives)			n to Duration (incl. Derivati		
	Fund	Index	Relative	Fund	Index	Relative	Fund	Index	Relative
Multinational	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
United States (& Other Amer.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Canada	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
United Kingdom (& Ire.)	99.22	100.00	-0.78	8.5	8.5	0.0	27	-2	29
France	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Germany (& Aust.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Benelux	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Scandinavia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Mediterranean	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Switzerland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Other Europe	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Japan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Australia & N.Z.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Asia ex Japan ex Aus.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
C.I.S / Eastern Europe	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Latin America	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Middle East / N Africa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Unclassified	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
FX / Derivative P&L	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Index Credit Default Swaps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Cash	0.78	0.00	0.78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	-	8.5	8.5	0.0	27	-2	29

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## Top 10 Long Exposures By Issuer

	Fund	Index	Relative	
(UKT) UNITED KINGDOM GILT	99.22	100.00	-0.78	

Top long exposures are those bond issuers that reflect the largest percentage of the fund's total net assets. The effect of credit derivatives is included where the reference entity is a specific bond issuer. Government bond futures and index credit default swaps are excluded.

Where bonds are issued by different entities within the same corporate group/complex, the aggregated exposure may not be reflected in the data above.

## Top Overweights By Issuer

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		Fund	Index	Relative				Fund	Index	Relative

Top overweights and underweights are those bond issuers that have the largest active positions relative to the index holding. The effect of credit derivatives is included where the reference entity is a specific bond issuer. Government bond futures and index credit default swaps are excluded.

## Glossary

### **Volatility & Risk**

Annualised volatility: a measure of how variable returns for a fund or comparative market index have been around their historical average (also known as "standard deviation" Two funds may produce the same return over a period. The fund whose monthly returns have varied less will have a lower annualised volatility and will be considered to have achieved its returns with less risk. The calculation is the standard deviation of 36 monthly returns presented as an annualised number. Volatility for funds and indices are calculated independently of

Relative volatility: a ratio calculated by comparing the annualised volatility of a fund to the annualised volatility of a comparative market index. A value greater than 1 indicates the fund has been more volatile than the index. A value less than 1 shows the fund has been less volatile than the index. A relative volatility of 1.2 means the fund has been 20% more volatile than the index, while a measure of 0.8 would mean the fund has been 20% less volatile than the index

**Sharpe ratio:** a measure of a fund's risk-adjusted performance, taking into account the return on a risk-free investment. The ratio allows an investor to assess whether the fund is generating adequate returns for the level of risk it is taking. The higher the ratio, the better the risk-adjusted performance has been. If the ratio is negative, the fund has returned less than the risk-free rate. The ratio is calculated by subtracting the risk-free return (such as cash) in the relevant currency from the fund's return, then dividing the result by the fund's volatility. It is calculated using annualised numbers.

Annualised alpha: the difference between a fund's expected return (based on its beta) and the fund's actual return. A fund with a positive alpha has delivered more return than would

**Beta:** a measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements (as represented by a market index). The beta of the market is 1.00 by definition. A beta of 1.10 shows that the fund could be expected to perform 10% better than the index in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant. Conversely, a beta of 0.85 indicates that the fund could be expected to perform 15% worse than the market return during up markets and 15% better during down markets.

**Annualised tracking error:** a measure showing how closely a fund follows the index to which it is being compared. It is the standard deviation of the fund's excess returns. The higher the fund's tracking error, the higher the variability of fund returns around the market index.

Information ratio: a measure of a fund's effectiveness in generating excess return for the level of risk taken. An information ratio of 0.5 shows the fund has delivered an annualised excess return equivalent to half the value of the tracking error. The ratio is calculated by taking the fund's annualised excess return and dividing it by the fund's tracking error.

R<sup>2</sup>: a measure representing the degree to which a fund's return can be explained by the returns of a comparative market index. A value of 1 signifies the fund and index are perfectly correlated. A measure of 0.5 means only 50% of the fund's performance can be explained by the index. If the R2 is 0.5 or lower, the fund's beta (and therefore its alpha too) is not a reliable measure (due to a low correlation between fund and index).

## Ongoing charges

The ongoing charges figure represents the charges taken from the fund over a year. It is calculated at the fund's financial year end and may vary from year to year. For classes of funds with fixed ongoing charges, this may not vary from year to year. For new classes of funds or classes undergoing corporate actions (eg amendment to annual management charge), the ongoing charges figure is estimated until the criteria are met for an actual ongoing charges figure to be published.

The types of charges included in the ongoing charges figure are management fees, administration fees, custodian and depositary fees and transaction charges, shareholder reporting costs, regulatory registration fees, Directors fees (where applicable) and bank charges.

It excludes: performance fees (where applicable); portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the fund when buying or selling units in another collective investment undertaking.

For more information about charges (including details of the fund's financial year end), please consult the charges section in the most recent Prospectus.

#### **Independent Assessment**

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## Glossary

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

The Distribution Yield reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed over the next twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market unit price of the fund as at the date shown and is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. It includes the fund's ongoing charges but does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on

#### **Effective Duration**

Duration is a measure of sensitivity of the fund value to changes in interest rates.

Effective duration is a duration calculation for bonds with embedded options (such as a call or a put option). It takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates

The effective duration of a fund is calculated by a market weighted sum of the effective duration of each individual instrument. The effect of derivatives such as bond futures and interest rate swaps are included in the calculation.

### Running Yield (%)

Describes the income investors get from their portfolio as a percentage of market value of the securities, incorporating the effect of derivatives. It should not be relied on as a measure of expected fund return (or distribution). Bonds with high probability of default are excluded from the calculation. The running yield does not reflect the total return over the life of the bond and takes no account of reinvestment risk (the uncertainty about the rate at which future cash flows can be reinvested) or the fact that bonds usually mature at par value, which can be an important component of a bond's return. The running yield does not include the impact of fees.

The Yield to Maturity (also known as the Redemption Yield) is the aggregate of all anticipated returns on each individual bond within the portfolio expressed as an annual rate based on market value as at date shown, coupon rate and time to maturity of each bond. It is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that date. The redemption yield is gross of the fund's charges and gross of tax

### Average Maturity (Years)

The market-weighted average maturity of bonds held in the portfolio. Perpetual bonds are assigned a maturity of 31 December 2049. Derivatives are excluded from the calculation.

The coupon is the interest rate stated on a bond when it is issued. Average Coupon is the weighted average coupon of bonds held in the portfolio. Derivatives are excluded from the calculation.

### **Spread Duration**

The sensitivity of the price of a bond to a change in its Option Adjusted Spread

Option Adjusted Spread (Basis Points)
Option Adjusted Spread (OAS) measures the yield spread that is not directly attributable to the bond's characteristics. OAS is a measurement tool for evaluating price differences between similar bonds with different embedded options. A larger OAS implies a greater return for greater risks.

#### **Duration Times Spread (DTS)**

DTS is a measure of credit risk sensitivity that utilises credit spread and credit spread duration based on current market valuations. It is superior to spread duration as a standalone measure of credit risk because it recognises that securities with a higher spread tend to experience greater spread changes. The portfolio's DTS is the value weighted sum of the DTS of each individual instrument.

The number of bonds and derivatives held in the fund. Where the fund invests in another fund, it is counted as one holding. FX (foreign exchange) forwards are excluded. These are forward contracts that allow currency to be bought or sold at an agreed price on a future date.

## **Number of Names**

The total number of individual issuers whose bonds are held in the fund. Since the fund will often hold more than one bond from an issuer, this figure is generally lower than the number of holdings.

## **Average Credit Rating**

This is the weighted average of all the bond credit ratings in the fund, expressed using the industry standard letter system (ie AAA, BBB). It takes into account all investments in the fund, including derivatives. This measure gives an idea of how risky the fund's bonds are overall: the lower the average credit rating, the riskier the fund. With a Linear weighted average, the weight assigned to each issue is equal to its market value weight. With an Exponential weighted average, the weight gets proportionally higher for lower-quality credit. In both calculations, the final value is the S&P-equivalent rating nearest to the calculated average.

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Weighted Average Life: The weighted average life (WAL) is the average length of time that each euro of unpaid principal on a loan, a mortgage or an amortizing bond remains

Discount Margin: A discount margin (DM) is the average expected return earned in addition to the index underlying, or reference rate of, the floating rate security.

Portfolio Turnover Rate (PTR) and Portfolio Turnover Cost (PTC), where shown: SRDII does not define a methodology for these values; ours is as follows: PTR = (purchases of securities + sales of securities) minus (subscriptions of units + redemptions of units), divided by average fund value over the prior 12 months multiplied by 100. Any funds' trading in Fidelity Institutional Liquidity Funds is excluded from the PTR calculation. PTC = PTR (capped at 100%) x transaction cost, where transaction cost is calculated as ex-post (i.e. prior 12 months) MiFID disclosure of portfolio transaction costs minus implicit costs.

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