

# **FUND OVERVIEW**



Fund Manager(s) Paola Binns Fund Size £2,504,71m **Fund Type** OEIC **United Kingdom Domicile** ISA Eligible Duration 5.9 years Benchmark Duration 5.5 years Benchmark Index Markit iBoxx GBP Non

Investment Association Sector Bond
Currency GBP
Initial Charge 0.0%
Fund Management Fee (FMF): M Acc: 0.53%
M Inc: 0.53%

Z Inc: 0.35%

Share Class M (Accumulation)

Unit Launch Date26.11.12SEDOLB8GJ8S0Mid Price146.50pDistribution Yield5.62%Underlying Yield5.09%

Share Class M (Income)

Unit Launch Date01.05.12SEDOLB6X6GB9Mid Price102.60pDistribution Yield5.62%Underlying Yield5.09%

Share Class Z (Income)

Unit Launch Date 01.09.08
SEDOL B4W1ZT2
Mid Price 119.60p
Distribution Yield 5.62%
Underlying Yield 5.27%

Share Class 7 (Accumulation)

Unit Launch Date 01.10.19
SEDOL BKLJX95
Mid Price 100.70p
Distribution Yield 5.62%
Underlying Yield 5.27%

# ROYAL LONDON STERLING CREDIT FUND

30.04.24



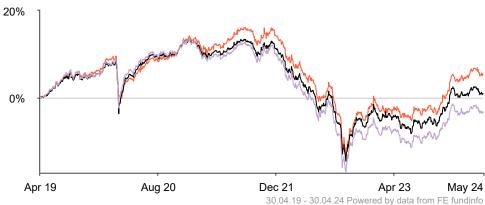
## **Overview**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a total return over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3-5 years, by investing predominantly in sterling-denominated corporate bonds. The Fund's performance target is to outperform, after the deduction of charges, the Markit iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts Total Return GBP Index (the "Index") over a rolling 5-year period. The Index is regarded as a good measure of the performance of investment grade corporate bonds denominated in sterling. The Index is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance, as the Fund's potential investments will predominantly be included in the Index. In addition to the benchmark for the Fund's performance as noted above (the "Index"), the IA Sterling Corporate Bond sector is considered an appropriate benchmark for performance comparison.

Year-on-year performance						
	31.03.23 to 31.03.24	31.03.22 to 31.03.23	31.03.21 to 31.03.22	31.03.20 to 31.03.21	31.03.19 to 31.03.20	
Share Class M (Accumulation)	10.5%	-10.2%	-3.0%	10.6%	0.6%	
Share Class M (Income)	10.6%	-10.3%	-3.0%	10.5%	0.6%	
Share Class Z (Income)	10.8%	-10.1%	-2.9%	10.8%	0.8%	
Share Class Z (Accumulation)	10.8%	-10.1%	-2.9%	10.9%	-	

Cumulative Performance (as at 30.04.24)					
	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Share Class M (Accumulation)	0.6%	8.2%	7.6%	-6.0%	5.3%
Share Class M (Income)	0.6%	8.2%	7.6%	-6.0%	5.2%
Share Class Z (Income)	0.6%	8.3%	7.7%	-5.4%	6.2%
Share Class Z (Accumulation)	0.6%	8.3%	7.7%	-5.5%	
IA Sector Average	-0.1%	6.4%	5.5%	-8.6%	0.9%
Markit iBoxx GBP Non Gilts	-0.8%	5.6%	4.3%	-11.8%	-3.5%
Quartile Ranking	1	1	1	2	1

## **Performance Chart**



Fund IA Sector Average Markit iBoxx GBP Non Gilts

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.

Source: RLAM and FE fundinfo as at 30.04.24. 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.

Distribution History (Net)				
	28/03/2024	29/12/2023	29/09/2023	30/06/2023
Share Class M (Income)	1.4174p	1.4060p	1.3345p	1.2343p
Share Class Z (Income)	1.6514p	1.6373p	1.5535p	1.4361p

Table above shows figures as at payment date.



**Paola Binns** Lead Manager Fund Manager tenure: 01.09.08

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The distribution yield reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed over the next 12 months. The underlying yield reflects the annualised income net of expenses of the Fund as a percentage (calculated in accordance with the relevant accounting standards). Both these yields are calculated as a percentage of the mid-price of the Fund as at the date shown and are month end snap shots of the portfolio on that day and do not include any preliminary charges. Investors may be subject to tax on distributions. Reported yields reflect RLAM's current perception of market conventions around timing of bond cash flows.

Unrated bonds are not rated by a credit rating agency. RLAM ascribes internal ratings for these bonds which will vary for each asset.

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Please note that the impact of Futures is not considered as part of the overall fund Duration calculation; Fund level Duration is based on long only physical assets (incl cash).

Source: RLAM, FE fundinfo and HSBC as at 30.04.24, unless otherwise stated. Yield definitions are shown above.

Our ref: FS RLAM PD 0127 Breakdowns exclude cash and futures.

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	Initial Charge	Minimum Investment
Share Class M (Accumulation)		£100,000
Share Class M (Income)		£100,000
Share Class Z (Income)		£3,000,000
Share Class Z (Accumulation)		£3,000,000

# **Credit Breakdown**

	Fund	Index
AAA	0.5%	20.8%
AA	4.6%	12.5%
A	18.9%	27.0%
BBB	57.1%	39.6%
BB and below	14.1%	0.1%
Unrated	4.8%	0.0%

### **Sector Breakdown Maturity Profile** Fund Fund Banks and financial services 30.9% o - 5 years 37.8% Consumer goods 1.3% 5 - 10 years 27.1% Consumer services 2.6% 10 - 15 years 14.9% General industrials 1.7% 15+ years 20.2% 19.0% Insurance Maturity classifications reflect issue maturity date, 4.7% not market interpretation of redemptions. Real estate Social housing

2.0%

 $6.5\%\,$  Totals may not equal 100% as they do not include 26.2% the impact of cash and foreign exchange. 5.2%

Index

53.4%

22.1%

10.1%

14.3%

# **Top 10 Holdings as at 30.04.24**

Structured

Utilities Other

	Fund
LEGAL & GENERAL GROUP PLC 5.5% 27/06/2064	1.7%
AVIVA PLC 6.875% 20/05/2058	1.4%
HSBC HOLDINGS PLC 8.201% 16/11/2034	1.4%
BARCLAYS BANK PLC 6.278% 31/12/2079	1.1%
CO-OPERATIVE BANK FINANCE PLC 6% 06/04/2027	1.1%
M&G PLC 6.34% 19/12/2063	1.0%
ASSICURAZIONI GENERALI SPA 6.269% 31/12/2079	1.0%
ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE SA 6% 23/01/2114	1.0%
UBS GROUP AG 7.375% 07/09/2033	0.9%
THAMES WATER UTILITIES FINANCE PLC 7.75% 30/04/2044	0.8%
Total	11.4%
No of Holdings	376

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## **Key Concepts to Understand**

**Bonds:** Bonds are defined as fixed-income investments issued as debt by companies and public bodies to raise finance. Investors in bonds receive a previously agreed, non-variable interest payment until the investment matures. Corporate bonds are those issued by companies to raise finance.

**Total Return:** A total return is a combination of capital growth and income. Capital growth is defined as the rise in an investment's value over time and income as the payment an investment generates, such as dividends or bond coupons.

**Rolling 5 Year Period:** A rolling 5-year period is any period of five years, no matter which day you start on.

**Hedged:** Hedging reduces risk by protecting an investment with another related investment. **Efficient Portfolio Management:** A list of approved investment techniques, including the use of derivatives, used to protect against excessive risk, reduce cost or generate extra income or growth.

## **Fund Risks**

**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.

**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. **EPM Techniques:** 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.

**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.

**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. **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. **Charges from Capital Risk:** Charges are taken from the capital of the Fund. Whilst this increases the yield, it also has the effect of reducing the potential for capital growth.