

# COIF Charities Short Duration Bond Fund

Fund fact sheet – 31 March 2024

## Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to generate a total return (income plus capital growth) of cash (represented by the Sterling Overnight Index Average) plus 1.75% per year (after fees and expenses are deducted), when measured over a rolling three-year period.

The fund will invest in a range of fixed-interest and variable-rate debt securities (also known as bonds) and other debt-related instruments issued in a range of currencies by companies (known as corporate bonds) and governments, including loans, inflation-linked securities, money-market instruments, and asset-backed or other securitised products (financial instruments backed by assets that generate an income, for example, mortgages or student loans). The fund will be managed to ensure its duration is less than 3.5 years, with the aim of reducing the effect of changes in interest rates on the fund's value. The fund's duration measures the sensitivity of the value of the fund to a change in interest rates (the lower the duration the less impact a change in interest rates will have on the fund's value). The fund may invest in instruments that are either investment grade or non-investment grade (up to a maximum of 20% of the fund) as rated by at least one of the following: S&P Global Ratings, Fitch Rating Services, Moody's Investors Service. For more details of the restrictions that apply to the fund, please see the scheme particulars. The fund uses derivatives (financial instruments whose value is linked to that of another asset) for investment purposes and efficient portfolio management (for example, hedging to reduce currency risk). The fund is managed in line with the manager's ethical investment exclusions policy, which you can read in the policies and reports section on our website.

## Target investors

The fund is designed for charities who want to invest for at least 3 years and who are looking for a return that is better than holding cash.

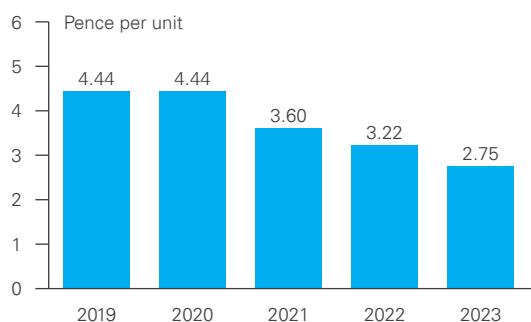
## Who can invest?

Any charitable organisation, as defined in the Charities Act 2011, can invest in the fund, provided that its powers permit.

## Gross redemption yield

Current gross redemption yield (see note 1) 5.16%

## Past distributions



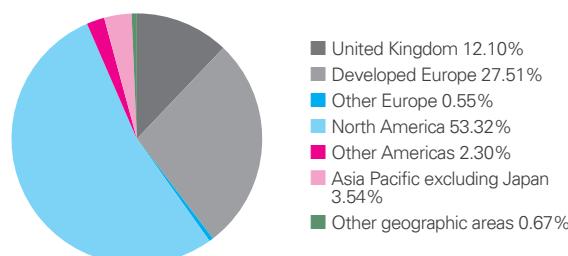
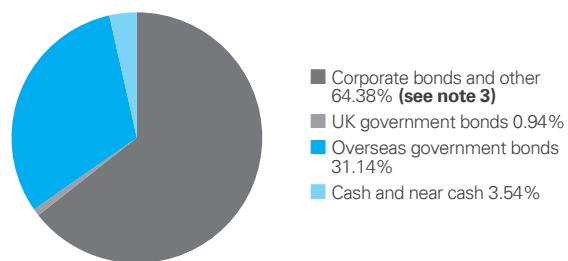
## Fund update

A sizeable proportion of the portfolio is held in US government bonds which are delivering attractive yields at low risk. For the Fund's holdings in individual corporate bonds the emphasis remains on high quality businesses whose progress is not dependent on wider economic growth. However over the latest quarter positions in the more economically sensitive sectors such as banks, insurance companies and basic materials were among the positive contributors to the fund's performance relative to the benchmark. Meanwhile the policy of hedging against the effects of currency movement, along with relative weakness in bonds issued by healthcare businesses, detracted from relative returns over the latest quarter.

## Total return from 31/03/14 (see note 2)



## Allocation of assets and bonds by region at 31/03/24



Note 1: The gross redemption yield indicates what the total annualised return would be if the fund's investments were held until they mature.  
Note 2: Source: CCLA – Performance shown after management fees and other expenses, with the gross income reinvested. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.  
Note 3: Includes investments in derivatives.

## Total return performance by year

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
12 months to 31 March	+3.69%	+1.64%	-4.55%	-3.48%	+6.91%
COIF Charities Short Duration Bond Fund	+6.06%	+0.46%	-5.24%	-2.86%	+6.79%
Target benchmark					

## Annualised total return performance

Performance to 31 March 2024	1 year	3 years	5 years
COIF Charities Short Duration Bond Fund	+6.91%	-0.51%	+0.75%
Target benchmark	+6.79%	-0.57%	+0.93%

Performance shown after management fees and other expenses, with the gross income reinvested. From 27 July 2022, the target benchmark is the Sterling Overnight Index Average plus 1.75% a year. Before 27 July 2022, the target benchmark was 50% Markit iBoxx £ Gilts Index and 50% Markit iBoxx £ Non Gilts Index. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The fund's investment objective, investment policy and target benchmark changed from 27 July 2022. This means that performance before then was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply.** Source: CCLA

## Portfolio breakdown at 31 March 2024

### By credit rating

Rating category	% fund
AAA	17.83%
AA	18.35%
A	10.58%
BBB	40.89%
Non-investment grade	11.92%
Not rated	0.43%
Number of issues	333

### By term to maturity

Period	% fund
0 to 5 years	63.69%
5 to 10 years	28.68%
10 to 15 years	2.21%
Over 15 years	5.42%
Duration (years)	2.14
Average term to maturity (years)	8.62
Fund size	£204.23m

## Key facts

Manager  
Investment manager  
Sub-investment manager

CCLA Fund Managers Limited  
CCLA Investment Management Limited  
Hermes Investment Management Limited

Price

Income units  
122.97 pence

Accumulation units  
915.53 pence

Launch date	April 1990
Unit types	Income and accumulation
Minimum initial investment	£1,000
Minimum subsequent investment	No minimum
Dealing day	Each business day (see note 4)
SEDOL	0187787 (income units), 0187873 (accumulation units)
ISIN	GB0001877876 (income units), GB0001878734 (accumulation units)
Dividend payment dates	Last business day of February, May, August, and November
Annual management charge (taken from income)	0.22%
Fund management fee (FMF)	0.29% (see note 5)
PRIIPs other ongoing costs	0.29% (see note 6)

Note 4: Dealing instructions must be received by 11:59am on a dealing day.

Note 5: The FMF includes the annual management charge and other costs and expenses of operating and administering the fund, such as depositary, custody, audit, and regulatory fees.

Note 6: The packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs) other ongoing costs include the FMF and, where relevant, synthetic charges. Synthetic charges are the effect that costs suffered as a result of investment in relevant underlying funds or similar investments have on the fund. The PRIIPs other ongoing costs do not include transaction costs. For more information on costs, including transaction costs, please see the fund's key information document.

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