



## FUND OVERVIEW



Fund Manager(s)	Azhar Hussain, Stephen Tapley
Fund Size	£1,326.89m
Fund Type	ICVC
Domicile	Ireland
ISA	Eligible
Duration to worst	1.2 years
Benchmark Index	Bank Of England Sterling Overnight Index Average
Investment Association Sector	IA Sterling High Yield
Currency	GBP
Initial Charge	0.0%
Fund Management Fee (FMF):	M Inc: 0.59% A Inc: 0.99% Z Inc: 0.48% M Acc: 0.59% Z Acc: 0.48%
SFDR Classification	Article 8

### Share Class M (Income)

Unit Launch Date	09.04.13
Minimum Investment	£100,000
SEDOL	B9BQGL2
Mid Price	£0.76
Distribution Yield	4.25%

### Share Class A (Income)

Unit Launch Date	09.04.13
Minimum Investment	£1,000
SEDOL	B991KN9
Mid Price	£0.76
Distribution Yield	3.85%

### Share Class Z (Income)

Unit Launch Date	15.02.13
Minimum Investment	£3,000,000
SEDOL	B979BF4
Mid Price	£0.77
Distribution Yield	4.36%

### Share Class M (Accumulation)

Unit Launch Date	19.01.17
Minimum Investment	£100,000
SEDOL	BDoNHK8
Mid Price	£1.17
Distribution Yield	4.25%

### Share Class Z (Accumulation)

Unit Launch Date	20.12.16
Minimum Investment	£3,000,000
SEDOL	BDoND11
Mid Price	£1.18
Distribution Yield	4.36%

## Overview

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide 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, SONIA (the "Benchmark") by 2% 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. While the Fund may invest in investments which are constituents of the Benchmark, the Fund will be actively managed and its portfolio will not be constrained by reference to any index, and the Investment Manager may use its discretion to invest in instruments which are not included in the Benchmark.

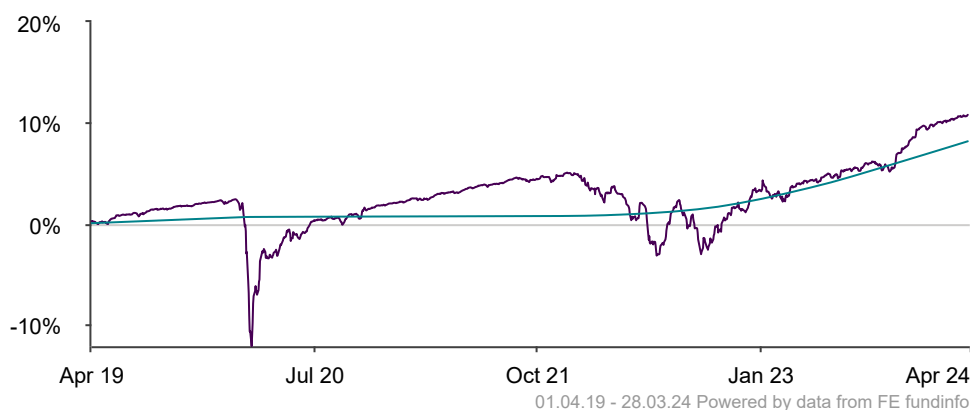
## Year-on-year performance

	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 (Income)	7.0%	-0.1%	0.9%	9.5%	-6.1%
Share Class A (Income)	6.5%	-0.5%	0.5%	9.0%	-6.5%
Share Class Z (Income)	7.1%	0.0%	1.0%	9.6%	-6.0%
Share Class M (Accumulation)	7.0%	-0.1%	1.0%	9.5%	-6.1%
Share Class Z (Accumulation)	7.1%	0.0%	1.1%	9.6%	-6.0%

## Cumulative Performance (as at 31.03.24)

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Share Class M (Income)	1.0%	4.6%	7.0%	7.9%	10.9%
Share Class A (Income)	0.9%	4.4%	6.5%	6.6%	8.7%
Share Class Z (Income)	1.0%	4.7%	7.1%	8.2%	11.5%
Share Class M (Accumulation)	1.0%	4.6%	7.0%	7.9%	10.9%
Share Class Z (Accumulation)	1.0%	4.7%	7.1%	8.2%	11.5%
Bank Of England Sterling Overnight Index Average	1.3%	2.5%	4.9%	7.4%	8.2%

## Performance Chart



■ Fund ■ Bank Of England Sterling Overnight Index Average

**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 31.03.24. 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)

	29/02/2024	31/08/2023
Share Class M (Income)	1.6234p	1.6790p
Share Class A (Income)	1.4741p	1.5266p
Share Class Z (Income)	1.6831p	1.7392p

Table above shows figures as at payment date.

## Fund Manager(s)



### Azhar Hussain

Co-manager  
Fund Manager tenure:  
15.02.13



### Stephen Tapley

Co-manager  
Fund Manager tenure:  
15.02.13

## Yield Definitions

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

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

## Important Information

This is a financial promotion and is not investment advice.

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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 31.03.24, unless otherwise stated. Yield definitions are shown above.

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Breakdowns exclude cash and FX hedging.

More information on the sustainability factors for this fund can be found on our website at <https://www.rlam.com/intermediaries/policies-and-regulatory/>

## Fund Commentary

The monthly return was 0.47% on a gross basis, while the benchmark returned 0.43% in March. The global high yield market produced a GBP-hedged monthly return of 1.12% to continue the current streak of five months in a row with positive returns. This return came from carry and spread tightening as global high yield spreads (BB-B index) tightened 13bps during the month with the government yield curve tightening by 4bps during the month. The HY market is now yielding 6.95%(YTW) with a duration of 3.6 years. The fund's GBP-expected FX-adjusted yield increased by 7bps to 6.76% with an expected duration of 1.2 years. The month of March saw a continuation with the amount of global high yield new issuance at \$39.0bn, up \$900m from February and much higher than the average \$20.0bn issued each month over the past two years. In the US, \$27.6bn of high yield debt was issued with over 63% being BB rated. The US high yield default rate edged lower in March to 2.2% from 2.3% in February. The default rate in the US high yield market has not exceeded 3% since May 2021, and never topped 2.5% in all of 2023 and so far in 2024. 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 slipped to 2.7% from 2.8% and lower than the 3.3% seen in March 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. For the market, all regions produced positive returns during the month with the RoW and the US relatively outperforming. With respect to sectors, telecommunications produced negative returns. As occurred in February, real estate was the outperformer on a relative basis in March.

Decomposing the funds' assets: RoW and US assets outperformed on a relative basis, with European assets still producing a negative return. By rating, the fund's single B and BB rated assets produced similar returns with the funds CCC assets producing negative returns. All sectors saw positive returns with no specific relative outperformers. Asset composition by region and rating were both broadly unchanged on the month. Following the continued high amount of new issuance in the market in February, several companies used those proceeds to redeem outstanding debt. As a result, the fund's holdings in Clear Channel and Tenet Healthcare were redeemed during March. Cash was spent on adding to existing positions as well as adding new positions in Axalta, EQM, GEMS, Iliad, Paramount, Transdigm and Ziggo. Overall, the cash level was 1.9% at end of the month. Fund NAV was £1.33bn (+£9m on the month).

\*FX adjusted yield is the gross rate of return to the expected maturity adjusted for hedging and includes the impact of cash.

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## Credit Breakdown

	Fund	Index
BBB	13.0%	-
BB	53.7%	-
B	32.0%	-
CCC	1.3%	-

## Maturity Profile

	Fund	Index
0 - 3 months	4.4%	-
3 - 6 months	6.6%	-
6 - 9 months	17.2%	-
9 - 12 months	4.9%	-
12 - 18 months	37.5%	-
over 18 months	29.4%	-

Maturity classifications reflect market interpretation of redemptions.

Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.

## Top 10 Holdings as at 29.02.24

	Fund
HESS MIDSTREAM OPERATIONS LP 5.625 15-FEB-2026 144a (SENIOR)	1.6%
SIRIUS XM RADIO INC 3.125 01-SEP-2026 144a (SENIOR)	1.5%
TRANSDIGM INC 5.5 15-NOV-2027 (SENIOR SUB)	1.5%
ROLLS-ROYCE PLC 3.625 14-OCT-2025 144a (SENIOR)	1.5%
VERISURE HOLDING AB 3.875 15-JUL-2026 Reg-S (SECURED)	1.5%
TELECOM ITALIA SPA 5.303 30-MAY-2024 144a (SENIOR)	1.5%
ALTICE FINANCING SA 2.25 15-JAN-2025 Reg-S (SECURED)	1.5%
IRON MOUNTAIN (UK) PLC 3.875 15-NOV-2025 Reg-S (SENIOR)	1.5%
BERRY GLOBAL INC 4.875 15-JUL-2026 144a (SECURED)	1.5%
EIRCOM FINANCE DAC 3.5 15-MAY-2026 Reg-S (SECURED)	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.2%</b>
<b>No of Holdings</b>	<b>115</b>

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## 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.

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

**Efficient Portfolio Management:** An investment technique that allows the use of derivatives for at least one of the following purposes: to increase the value of the Fund; to protect the value of the Fund or to reduce the risks of certain investments.

## 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.

**Exchange Rate Risk:** Investing in assets denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund means the value of the investment can be affected by changes in exchange rates.

**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.

**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.

**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.