

## Strategy

The fund has flexibility to invest across the fixed income universe, including but not limited to government bonds, inflation linked bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, emerging market debt and high yield bonds. The fund seeks to be a core bond fund aiming to deliver regular income, low volatility and some diversification to other asset classes including equity. Returns are predominately driven by asset allocation, yield curve positioning, sector allocation and security selection. With the corporate bond allocation, emphasis is put on bottom up issuer selection and ensuring adequate diversity due to the asymmetric nature of returns. The fund is managed according to Fidelity's active philosophy and approach to fixed income investing. This is team-based, but led by the Portfolio Manager to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns through combining multiple, diversified investment positions advised by in-house fundamental credit research, quantitative modelling and specialist traders.

## Objectives & Investment Policy

**Objective:** The fund aims to achieve capital growth over time and provide income.

**Investment Policy:** The fund invests at least 70% of its assets, in a broad range of debt securities from anywhere in the world, including emerging markets denominated in GBP or other currencies. The fund may also invest in money market instruments on an ancillary basis.

The fund invests at least 50% of its assets in securities of issuers with favourable environmental, social and governance (ESG) characteristics.

The fund may invest in the following assets classes according to the percentages indicated:

below investment grade or unrated bonds: up to 50%

Listed China onshore bonds (directly and/or indirectly): less than 30% (in aggregate) hybrids and contingent convertible bonds (CoCo): less than 30%, with less than 20% in CoCos

The fund's exposure to distressed securities is limited to 10% of its assets.

Exposure to non-GBP investments will be largely hedged back to GBP.

The fund may invest in subordinated financial debt and preference shares.

**Investment Process:** In actively managing the fund, the Investment Manager uses in-house research and investment capabilities to identify suitable opportunities across bond issuers, sectors, geographies, and security types. This may include an assessment of bond issuers' creditworthiness, macroeconomic factors, and valuations.

The Investment Manager also considers ESG characteristics when assessing investment risks and opportunities. In determining favourable ESG characteristics, the Investment Manager takes into account ESG ratings provided by Fidelity or external agencies.

Through the investment management process, the Investment Manager aims to ensure that investee issuers follow good governance practices.

The fund adheres to the Fidelity Sustainable Investing Framework standards. For more information, see "Sustainable Investing and ESG Integration" and the Sustainability Annex.

**Derivatives and Techniques:** The fund may use derivatives for hedging, efficient portfolio management and investment purposes. The fund may use long or short positions.

**Benchmark:** ICE BofA Q880 Custom Index (a custom blend of government, investment grade and high yield corporate bond indices), an index that does not take into account ESG characteristics. Used for: performance comparison only.

## Fund Facts

**Launch date:** 12.11.90

**Portfolio manager:** Claudio Ferrarese, Tim Foster

**Appointed to fund:** 01.04.17, 16.02.15

**Years at Fidelity:** 18, 21

**Fund size:** £ 121m

**Fund reference currency:** UK Sterling (GBP)

**Fund domicile:** Luxembourg

**Fund legal structure:** SICAV

**Management company:** FIL Investment Management (Luxembourg) S.A.

**Capital guarantee:** No

## Share Class Facts

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

**Launch date:** 12.11.90

**NAV price in share class currency:** 0.302

**ISIN:** LU0048620586

**SEDOL:** 4341385

**WKN:** 973286

**Bloomberg:** FIDSTBI LX

**Distribution type:** Income

**Distribution frequency:** Quarterly

**Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) per year:** 1.44% (30.04.23)

**OCF takes into account annual management charge per year:** 1.00%

## Share Class Risk and Reward Profile



This risk indicator is taken from the key information document at the relevant month-end. 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

The value of your investment may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than you originally invested. The use of financial derivative instruments may result in increased gains or losses within the fund. There is a risk that the issuers of bonds may not be able to repay the money they have borrowed or make interest payments. When interest rates rise, bonds may fall in value. Rising interest rates may cause the value of your investment to fall. The investment policy of this fund means it can be more than 35% invested in Government and public securities. These can be issued or guaranteed by other countries and Governments. For a full list please refer to the fund's prospectus. The Investment Manager's focus on securities of issuers which maintain favourable ESG characteristics or that are sustainable investments may affect the fund's investment performance favourably or unfavourably in comparison to similar funds without such focus. When referring to sustainability - related aspects of the promoted fund, the decision to invest should take into account all characteristics or objectives of the promoted fund as detailed in the Prospectus. Information on sustainability-related aspects is provided pursuant to SFDR at <https://www.fidelity.lu/sfdr-entity-disclosures>.

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)

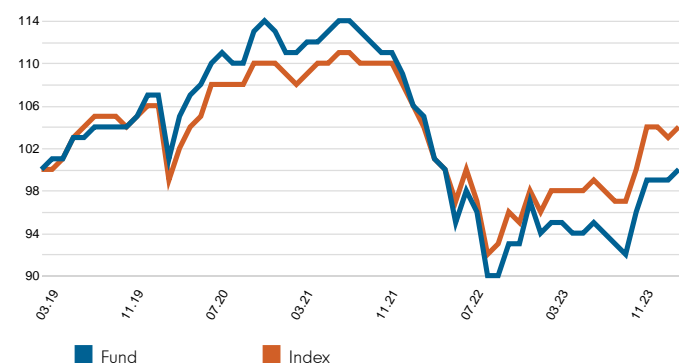
Market index from 01.01.19

ICE BofA Q880 Custom Index Hedged to GBP

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 factsheet.

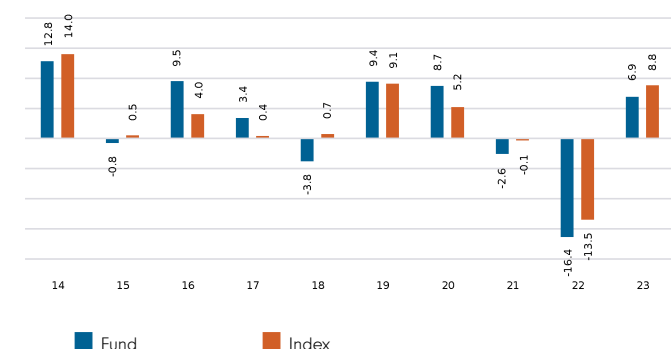
Where the effective date for the current market index is after the share class launch date, full history is available from Fidelity.

## Cumulative performance in GBP (rebased to 100)



Performance is shown for the last five years (or since launch for funds launched within that period).

## Performance for calendar years in GBP (%)



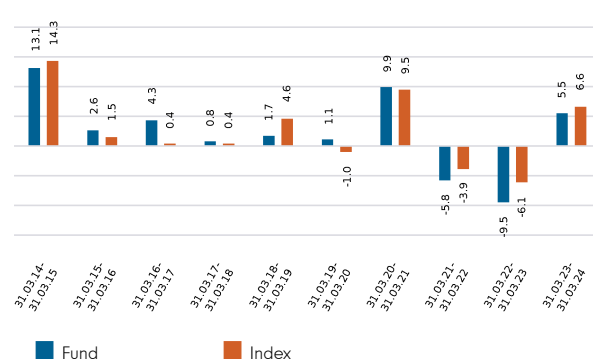
## Performance to 31.03.24 in GBP (%)

	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since 12.11.90*
Fund cumulative growth	1.3	0.4	0.4	5.5	-10.1	-0.1	493.2
Index cumulative growth	1.2	0.5	0.5	6.6	-3.8	4.2	641.1
Fund annualised growth	-	-	-	5.5	-3.5	0.0	5.5
Index annualised growth	-	-	-	6.6	-1.3	0.8	6.2

Source of fund performance and volatility and risk measures is Fidelity. Performance is excluding initial charge. Basis: nav-nav with income reinvested, in GBP, net of fees. If you took an initial charge of 5.25% from an investment, this is the equivalent of reducing a growth rate of 6% per annum over 5 years to 4.9%. This is the highest initial charge applicable, if the initial charge you pay is less than 5.25%, the impact on the overall performance will be less. Market indices are sourced from RIMES and other data is sourced from third-party providers such as Morningstar.

\*Performance commencement date.

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



## Volatility & Risk

Annualised Volatility: fund (%)	8.16	Annualised Alpha	-2.01
Relative Volatility	1.16	Beta	1.13
Sharpe Ratio: fund	-0.43	Annualised Tracking Error (%)	1.95
Sharpe Ratio: index	-0.19	Information Ratio	-1.13
		R <sup>2</sup>	0.96

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

## 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. Where data is presented as a percentage of TNA, this stands for Total Net Assets (the value of all the fund's assets after the deduction of any liabilities).

## Portfolio Characteristics

	Fund
Distribution Yield (%)	3.0
Effective Duration	5.8
Average Coupon (%)	4.9
Number of Holdings	324
Number of Names	225

### Effective Duration

Effective Duration is a measure of sensitivity of the fund value to changes in interest rates. It takes into account all investments in the fund, including derivatives.

### Average Coupon (%)

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.

### Number of Holdings

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 (% TNA) (including derivatives)

Average Credit Rating (Linear)	BBB+
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This is the weighted average of all the bond credit ratings in the fund, expressed using the industry standard letter system. The system is shown in the credit rating table on the right and is ranked in descending order of credit quality. 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.

## Credit Rating (% TNA) (excluding derivatives)

	Fund
AAA/Aaa	7.72
AA/Aa	20.20
A	11.04
BBB/Baa	32.81
BB/Ba	14.09
B	10.39
CCC and Below	1.80
Not Rated	0.83
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.00
FX / Derivative P&L	-1.05
Cash	2.18
Rounding adjustment	-0.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>

For each bond in the fund, Fidelity looks at the rating given by three rating agencies (S&P, Moody's and Fitch) and applies the worst of the two best ratings (commonly known as the Basel method). The AAA/Aaa rating is the highest and indicates the borrower has the lowest probability of defaulting on its debt.

The table above is a categorisation of the fund's individual bonds into their credit ratings. If any derivatives are being used to adjust the credit quality of the fund, these are reflected in the Average Credit Rating on the left.

Interest Rate Derivatives are used to adjust the fund's sensitivity to interest rate changes.

FX / Derivatives P&L (Profit & Loss) is the category that accounts for the collateral required by counterparty companies issuing derivatives held by the fund.

## Top Long Exposures By Issuer (% TNA)

	Fund
(T) United States of America	5.65
(UKTB) UK GILT 0% 05/07/24	5.47
(TII) United States of America	4.86
(KFW) KFW (UNGTD) 0% 06/15/26 RGS	3.74
(NZGB) New Zealand Government	3.68
(UKT) United Kingdom of Great Britain	1.62
(MBONO) United Mexican States	1.52
(VW) VOLKSWAGEN LEAS 4% 4/11/31 RGS	1.08
(IBM) IBM INTERNAT CA 4.9% 02/05/34	0.99
(HSBC) Hsbc Bank Funding Ster	0.91

Long positions are created through purchases of bonds or derivatives. Investors benefit if these long positions rise in value.

Credit derivatives relating to any specific issuer are included, but derivatives relating to government bonds and to bond indices 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.

### Sector Positioning (% TNA) (excluding derivatives)

	<b>Fund</b>
Treasury	23.61
Quasi / Sov / Supra / Agncy	12.49
Agency Mortgages	0.00
Banks & Brokers	14.92
Insurance	1.90
Property	0.79
Other Financials	4.48
Basic Industry	1.55
Capital Goods	1.68
Consumer Cyclical	8.99
Consumer Non Cyclical	5.68
Energy	3.46
Transportation	2.93
Technology	3.39
Communications	4.17
Industrial Other	0.25
Utility	4.26
Covered	0.00
Non Agency	1.16
ABS / MBS	3.16
Unclassified	0.00
Index Credit Default Swaps	0.00
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.00
FX / Derivative P&L	-1.05
Cash	2.18
Rounding adjustment	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Quasi / Sov / Supra / Agncy are bonds issued by institutions like the European Investment Bank. Covered bonds are backed by cash flows from mortgages or public sector loans. ABS (Asset-backed Securities) / MBS (Mortgage-backed Securities) are backed by specific assets. Index Credit Default swaps can be used to increase or decrease the credit quality of the fund.

### Regional Exposure - Domicile Of Issuer (% TNA) (excluding derivatives)

	<b>Fund</b>
Multinational	0.00
United States (& Other Amer.)	27.16
Canada	2.33
United Kingdom (& Ire.)	20.68
France	3.46
Germany (& Aust.)	9.81
Benelux	3.48
Scandinavia	3.05
Mediterranean	10.09
Switzerland	0.77
Other Europe	0.20
Japan	0.29
Australia & N.Z.	3.68
Asia ex Japan ex Aus.	2.14
C.I.S / Eastern Europe	3.25
Latin America	3.81
Middle East / N Africa	2.20
Sub-Saharan Africa	2.48
Other	0.00
Unclassified	0.00
FX / Derivative P&L	-1.05
Index Credit Default Swaps	0.00
Cash	2.18
Rounding adjustment	-0.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## ESG Metrics

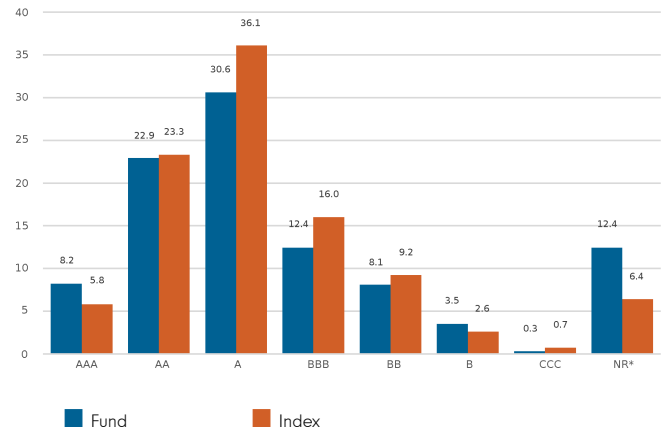
The factsheet is a snapshot of the portfolio at the date indicated above. ESG ratings distribution may vary over time. Representation of this data is for informational purposes only. If the SFDR classification is shown as 6 below then this fund does not promote environmental or social characteristics nor does it have a sustainable investment objective. If it is shown as 8, the fund promotes environmental or social characteristics. If it is shown as 9, the fund has a sustainable investment objective. Product-specific information can be found on our website at [www.fidelityinternational.com](http://www.fidelityinternational.com)

### Sustainability Characteristics (31.03.2024)

	Fund	Index
MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	<b>A</b>	<b>N/R</b>
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tCo2e/\$M Revenue)	<b>173.9</b>	<b>144.5</b>
SFDR Classification	<b>8</b>	<b>N/A</b>

N/A - Not Applicable  
 N/R - Not Rated

### MSCI Ratings Distribution % (31.03.2024)



ESG Fund rating based on holding as at 31.01.24 with 85.7% security coverage. Carbon intensity data based on holdings as at 31.03.24 with 57% security coverage.

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**MSCI ESG Fund Rating:** This shows the fund's ESG rating based on the Quality Scores given to the fund by MSCI. This ranges from AAA, AA (Leader), A, BBB, BB (Average) to B, CCC (Laggard). To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% of the fund's gross weight must come from covered securities (and excluding cash), the fund's holdings date must be less than one year old and the fund must have at least ten securities.

**Weighted Average Carbon Intensity:** is calculated as the sum of each portfolio weight multiplied by the Co2e per \$M of Revenue of each holding. This metric provides a snapshot of the fund's exposure to carbon-intensive companies and includes scope 1 and scope 2 carbon emissions. For carbon data, the coverage of underlying securities must be over 50% for data to be shown.

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## 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 each other.

**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 be expected given its beta.

**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 R<sup>2</sup> 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.

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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

**Primary share class:** is identified by Morningstar when the analysis calls for only one share class per fund to be in the peer group. It is the share class Morningstar recommends as the best proxy for the portfolio for the relevant market and category/GIF combination. In most cases the share class chosen will be the most retail version (based upon actual management charge, inception date, distribution status, currency and other factors) unless a share class that is less retailed focused has a much longer track record. It is different to the oldest share class data point in that it is on an available for sale level and not all markets will have the oldest share class for sale in that region. The Primary share class is also based on category so each available for sale/category combination for the fund will have its own primary share class.

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