

# STRATEGIC BOND FUND

A Inc ISIN GB0007495293

## Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide a return, from a combination of income and capital growth over the long term. Performance target: To outperform the IA Sterling Strategic Bond sector average, after the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

For the fund's investment policy, refer to the Additional fund information on page 3.

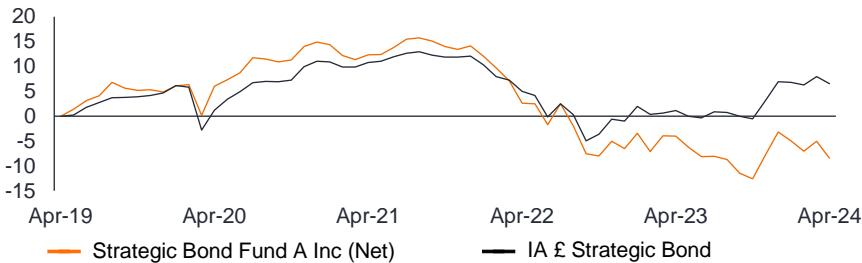
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## Performance (%)

Returns	Cumulative				Annualised			
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since inception (25/11/03)
A Inc (Net)	-3.61	-3.70	-5.47	-4.63	-6.59	-1.75	0.54	3.40
Peer Group	-1.28	-0.24	-0.32	5.38	-1.30	1.28	2.30	3.62

## Cumulative growth - GBP

30 Apr 2019 — 30 Apr 2024



## 12 month rolling

	Mar 2023- Mar 2024	Mar 2022- Mar 2023	Mar 2021- Mar 2022	Mar 2020- Mar 2021	Mar 2019- Mar 2020
A Inc (Net)	-1.12	-10.35	-3.81	11.14	-0.05
Peer Group	7.27	-6.20	-2.39	13.04	-2.13

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## Fund details

Inception date	11 October 1986
Total net assets	2.34bn
Asset class	Fixed Income
Domicile	United Kingdom
Structure	OEIC
Base currency	GBP
Peer group	IA Sterling Strategic Bond sector

For benchmark/usage description, refer to Additional fund information on page 3.

## Share class information

Inception date	31 January 1995
Distribution type	Income Gross
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
Distribution yield	3.60%
Underlying yield	2.40%
Currency	GBP
Minimum initial investment	1,000

The Distribution and Underlying Yields are based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. The yield does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on distributions.

## Portfolio management

John Pattullo, ASIP	Manager since 1999
Jenna Barnard, CFA	Manager since 2006

## Ratings

Morningstar Medalist Rating™  
Effective 25/08/2023



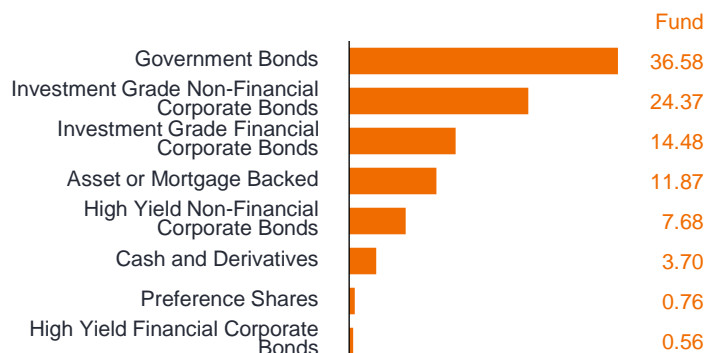
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For more information, refer to page 3.

## Characteristics

Number of holdings: Debt issues	190
Duration (years)	10.11
Weighted average life (years)	12.18
Yield to worst (%)	4.62

## Top sectors (%)



## Credit quality of fixed income holdings (%)

	Fund
AAA	13.74
AA	36.17
A	13.05
BBB	24.33
BB	7.28
B	0.96
Not Rated	0.76

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## Maturity of fixed income holdings (%)

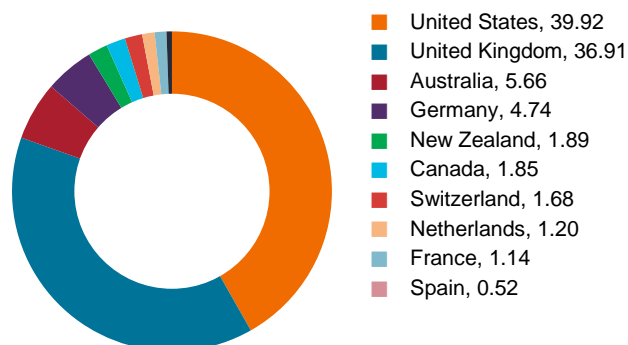
	Fund
0-3 years	19.91
3-5 years	16.45
5-7 years	10.56
7-10 years	24.08
10-15 years	3.64
15+ years	21.66

## Top holdings (%)

	Fund
United Kingdom Gilt 4.25% 2032	8.36
United Kingdom Gilt 3.50% 2025	4.50
Fannie Mae Pool 3.00% 2052	3.77
United Kingdom Gilt 3.25% 2033	3.60
United Kingdom Gilt 1.625% 2028	2.96
Australia Government Bond 4.50% 2033	2.49
United Kingdom Gilt 0.625% 2050	2.26
Australia Government Bond 2.75% 2041	2.24
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe 2.60% 2033	1.93
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe 2050	1.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>33.68</b>

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## Top countries (%)



## Codes

ISIN	GB0007495293
Bloomberg	HEOSEII
Cusip	0749529
SEDOL	0749529
WKN	797016
Valoren	1126346

## Fees & charges (%)

<b>Annual management charge (AMC)</b>	1.15
<b>Estimated ongoing charge (OCF)</b>	1.33

All ongoing charges stated are as per latest published report and accounts.

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## Ratings & Awards



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## Additional fund information

Tax assumptions and reliefs depend upon an investor's particular circumstances and may be subject to change. Since inception performance relates to the period from Nov 2003. Performance achieved prior to this date is not representative of the fund's current strategy. Sector Breakdown: Preference Shares value includes Nationwide CCDS (core capital deferred share) and Cash includes the present value of FX contracts. Fund size at 12pm on last business day of month. 100% of the Annual Management Charge is taken from capital. Please note: due to rounding the figures in the holdings breakdowns may not add up to 100%. Performance for the share class is calculated at 12pm and performance of the index is calculated as at close of business. Note that any differences among portfolio securities currencies, share class currencies and costs to be paid or represented in currencies other than your home currency will expose you to currency risk. Costs and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations. The month-end duration of the fund (in years) is shown on page 2. Duration measures the sensitivity of a bond fund to interest rate changes; the larger the figure, the more sensitive is the bond fund to a movement in interest rates. Investment into the fund will acquire units/shares of the fund itself and not the underlying assets owned by the fund. Cash balances and exposures are based on settled and unsettled trades as at the reporting date. The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The Fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) forms the basis of the Fund's performance target and can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

### Investment policy

The Fund invests in a global portfolio of bonds of any quality, including high yield (non-investment grade) bonds, issued by governments or companies. Where investments are made in assets in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund, the Fund will seek to hedge those assets back to the base currency to remove the risk of currency exchange rate movements. The Fund may also hold other assets including bonds of other types from any issuer, preference shares, cash and money market instruments. In certain market conditions, the Fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in government bonds issued by any one body. The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments), including total return swaps, with the aim of making investment gains in line with the Fund's objective, to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the IA Sterling Strategic Bond sector average, which is based on a peer group of broadly similar funds, as this forms the basis of the Fund's performance target. The Investment Manager has complete freedom to choose individual investments for the Fund and to vary allocations between different types of bonds.

### Investment strategy

The Investment Manager follows a flexible strategy that seeks to deliver total returns (capital appreciation and income) from investments across the entire spectrum of fixed income assets. Using careful macroeconomic research and credit analysis, the portfolio managers actively vary the allocation to different types of bonds to suit the prevailing economic environment.

### Fund specific risks

When the Fund, or a share/unit class, seeks to mitigate exchange rate movements of a currency relative to the base currency (hedge), the hedging strategy itself may positively or negatively impact the value of the Fund due to differences in short-term interest rates between the currencies. The Fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the Fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider. CoCos can fall sharply in value if the financial strength of an issuer weakens and a predetermined trigger event causes the bonds to be converted into shares/units of the issuer or to be partly or wholly written off. An issuer of a bond (or money market instrument) may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or repay capital to the Fund. If this happens or the market perceives this may happen, the value of the bond will fall. When interest rates rise (or fall), the prices of different securities will be affected differently. In particular, bond values generally fall when interest rates rise (or are expected to rise). This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment. The Fund invests in high yield (non-investment grade) bonds and while these generally offer higher rates of interest than investment grade bonds, they are more speculative and more sensitive to adverse changes in market conditions. If a Fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a Fund which is more broadly diversified. The Fund may use derivatives to help achieve its investment objective. This can result in leverage (higher levels of debt), which can magnify an investment outcome. Gains or losses to the Fund may therefore be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations. Securities within the Fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses. Some or all of the ongoing charges may be taken from capital, which may erode capital or reduce potential for capital growth.

### Source for fund ratings/awards

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## Glossary

### Discount

When the market price of a security is thought to be less than its underlying value, it is said to be 'trading at a discount'. Within investment trusts, this is the amount by which the price per share of an investment trust is lower than the value of its underlying net asset value. The opposite of trading at a premium.

### Distribution Yield

The Distribution Yield reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed over the next 12 months as a percentage of the mid-market share price of the fund at the date shown.

### Duration

How far a fixed income security or portfolio is sensitive to a change in interest rates, measured in terms of the weighted average of all the security/portfolio's remaining cash flows (both coupons and principal). It is expressed as a number of years. The larger the figure, the more sensitive it is to a movement in interest rates. 'Going short duration' refers to reducing the average duration of a portfolio. Alternatively, 'going long duration' refers to extending a portfolio's average duration.

### Future

A contract between two parties to buy or sell a tradable asset, such as shares, bonds, commodities or currencies, at a specified future date at a price agreed today. A future is a form of derivative.

### Gilts

British government bonds sold by the Bank of England, done to finance the British national debt.

### High yield bond

A bond which has a lower credit rating below an investment grade bond. It is sometimes known as a sub-investment grade bond. These bonds usually carry a higher risk of the issuer defaulting on their payments, so they are typically issued with a higher coupon to compensate for the additional risk.

### Option

A derivative instrument where one party pays/receives the total return of the underlying asset or market index, in exchange for payments typically linked to LIBOR.

### Swaps

A derivative contract between two parties where pre-determined cash flows of two financial instruments are exchanged. Swaps can help to hedge risk and minimise uncertainty; for example currency swaps can be used to minimise foreign currency exposure.

### Tracking error

This measures how far a portfolio's actual performance differs from its benchmark index. The lower the number, the more closely it resembles the index.

### Underlying Yield

The Underlying Yield reflects the annualised income net of expenses of the fund (calculated in accordance with relevant accounting standards) as a percentage of the mid-market share price of the fund at the date shown.

### Weighted Average Life (WAL)

The average time taken (in years) for the principal to be repaid for securitised assets, or the probable time to maturity for non-securitised assets. Securitised assets, also known as 'asset backed' securities, represent a pool of other interest bearing assets such as loans and mortgages. The value is based on the cash flows of the underlying assets.

### Yield to worst

If a bond has special features, such as a call (ie, the issuer can call the bond back at a date specified in advance), the yield to worst is the lowest yield the bond can achieve provided the issuer does not default.

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