# IFSL Marlborough Bond Income Fund

Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the six month period ended 30 November 2022





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### **AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT**

for the six month period ended 30 November 2022

#### Performance to 30 November 2022

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>5 years</u>
IFSL Marlborough Bond Income Fund	(7.56)%	(16.55)%	(12.20)%	(6.11)%
IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector	(6.68)%	(15.67)%	(10.14)%	(2.38)%

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (P Income - quoted price to quoted price, gross income reinvested).

Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and takes account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges. The past performance of this unit class is calculated in sterling.

#### Investment commentary

The P Income unit class of the Fund returned -7.56% over the period. Government Bond yields ended the period significantly higher and credit spreads widened as central banks around the world increased interest rates in an attempt to tame sharply higher inflation.

Against a backdrop of domestic political upheaval and a volatile global environment, UK Gilts underperformed their counterparts in the other major developed bond markets. This market weakness culminated in a rapid sell-off of longer-dated gilts towards the end of September in response to the mini-budget delivered by the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kwasi Kwarteng, following the selection of Liz Truss as Prime Minister (PM). When the Bank of England (BoE) was forced to step in to support the gilt market, to protect the viability of the Liability Driven Investment (LDI) pensions sector, those long-dated bonds recovered strongly, and the yield curve inverted sharply. This volatility led to some temporary underperformance for the Fund because of its strategic underweight position in long-dated bonds. As the yield curve returned to a more conventional shape over the remainder of the year, this underperformance has been reversed and the Fund's second quartile position was restored for the calendar year.

From a starting point of around 2.1% at the end of May, the 10-year gilt yield rose as high as 4.5% amidst the late September chaos before falling to 3.16% by the end of November after Liz Truss was replaced as PM by Rishi Sunak, following an accelerated selection process. The BoE Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) raised interest rates from 1% to 3% over the period under review, with a further 0.5% increase for December and around 1% more priced into the money markets as we look out into 2023. However, the BoE Governor, Andrew Bailey, has indicated that the committee does not currently expect to have to meet market expectations in order to bring inflation back to their 2% target over the medium-term, given the prolonged recession that they are forecasting.

Credit spreads widened throughout most of the period, reaching a peak in early October after LDI pension funds had been forced to liquidate some of their non-gilt holdings at fire sale levels to enable them to meet margin calls on their interest rate derivative positions. As this surfeit of corporate bonds was absorbed over the following weeks, spreads on sterling bonds regained some lost ground but still finished wider over the period having underperformed their global counterparts.

With underlying government bond yields now back at levels last seen in the aftermath of the global financial crisis of 2007/2008, the medium-term risk-return profile for bond investors is now more evenly balanced than it has been during most of the past decade. The additional yield on offer from relatively attractive credit spreads on corporate bonds, means that investors are once again being paid a reasonable all-in yield to compensate for the now reduced risk of further capital losses. A return to more historically normal investment valuations means that bonds can now offer the prospect of fulfilling their traditional role in a diversified portfolio, as recent high correlations between asset classes begin to decline.

Marlborough Investment Management Limited 5 January 2023

### **Distributions**

	Year 2023	Year 2022	Year 2021	Year 2020	Year 2019
A Income (pence per unit)					
Net income paid 31 January	0.269450	0.239330	0.296863	0.300048	0.316028
Net income paid 30 April		0.239562	0.286509	0.296454	0.348535
Net income paid 31 July		0.262800	0.301684	0.313984	0.312981
Net income paid 31 October		0.262106	0.274948	0.303292	0.300149
P Income (pence per unit)					
Net income paid 31 January	0.318700	0.296996	0.356194	0.357190	0.370995
Net income paid 30 April		0.295901	0.345586	0.354128	0.404015
Net income paid 31 July		0.318144	0.361508	0.371209	0.369633
Net income paid 31 October		0.315240	0.334942	0.362801	0.357597

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 November 2022

# Portfolio changes

<u>Purchases</u>	Cost (£)
Church Commissioners for England 3.25% 14.07.32	498,265
UK Treasury 1% 31.01.32	483,829
La Banque Postale 5.625% 21.09.28	199,076
Enel Finance International 5% 15.06.32	157,443
Svenska Handelsbanken 4.625% 23.08.32	132,912
UK Treasury 4.5% 07.09.34	123,478
United Utilities Water 5% 28.02.35	113,200
AA Bond Co 3.25% 31.07.50	85,486
Total purchases for the period	1,793,689
<u>Largest sales</u>	Proceeds (£)
UK Treasury 1% 31.01.32	627,633
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### **AUTHORISED STATUS**

IFSL Marlborough Bond Income Fund (the Fund) is an authorised unit trust scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and is a UCITS scheme under the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) as issued by the Financial Conduct Authority.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### Investment objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide income, that is, money paid out from an investment as interest, with the potential for some capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment. The Fund aims to outperform the average of the IA Sterling Corporate Bond sector over any 5 year period, after any charges have been taken out of the Fund. However, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

#### Investment policy

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in bonds issued by companies and institutions. These will be investment grade bonds which are loans issued by entities that have a high capacity to repay the debt.

The Fund may also invest in sub-investment grade bonds which can be more vulnerable to changing economic conditions, bonds issued by governments, shares (including preference shares and permanent interest bearing shares), bonds which may be converted into shares (known as convertible bonds) and money market instruments (which are shorter term loans).

The Fund is actively managed which means the Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. The Manager's principal aim is to buy bonds and hold them to maturity in order to maximise the income generated, although some investments may be sold prior to maturity.

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of securities and has no constraints in relation to industry.

The Manager uses derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) and forward transactions, for the purposes of efficient portfolio management in order to reduce currency risk in the Fund, also known as hedging.

From time to time, the Fund may also use derivative instruments to gain exposure to certain currencies or manage interest rate risk in the Fund.

The Fund may hold up to 20% in cash to enable the ready settlement of liabilities, for the efficient management of the Fund and in pursuit of the Fund's objectives.

#### Performance target

The performance target is the level of performance the Fund aims to deliver however there is no certainty this will be achieved.

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors' as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics. The Fund will be in the IA Sterling Corporate Bond sector. This Fund aims to be in the top half of all funds included in this sector, as published by Morningstar.

### Rights and terms attaching to each unit class

A unit of each class represents a proportional entitlement to the assets of the Fund. The allocation of income and taxation and the rights of each unit in the event the Fund is wound up are on the same proportional basis.

### Changes in prospectus

No significant changes have been made since the last report.

Up to date Key Investor Information Documents, Prospectus and Long Reports and Financial Statements for any fund within the AFM's range, can be requested by the investor at any time.

# **DIRECTORS' STATEMENT**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Allan Hamer Director

Investment Fund Services Limited 30 January 2023

Helen Redmond Director

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# **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

A Income units Change in net assets per unit	Period to 30.11.2022	Year to 31.05.2022	Year to 31.05.2021	Year to 31.05.2020
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Opening net asset value per unit	45.28	50.96	50.34	50.53
Return before operating charges*	(3.27)	(3.86)	2.64	1.84
Operating charges	(0.35)	(0.80)	(0.83)	(0.82)
Return after operating charges*	(3.62)	(4.66)	1.81	1.02
Distributions on income units	(0.53)	(1.02)	(1.19)	(1.21)
Closing net asset value per unit	41.13	45.28	50.96	50.34
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	(7.99)%	(9.14)%	3.60%	2.02%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	9,340,299	12,196,188	18,735,794	27,383,106
Closing number of units	22,706,741	26,937,833	36,769,112	54,395,413
Operating charges	1.64% <sup>B</sup>	1.60%	1.60%	1.59%
Direct transaction costs	0.00% <sup>B</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices (pence per unit)				
Highest unit price	45.46	52.46	53.26	52.46
Lowest unit price	36.95	45.40	50.41	46.82
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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm A}\!$  The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each unit class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the Fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average units in issue for the pence per unit figures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> These figures have been annualised.

# SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (all unit classes)

Lower risk						Higher risk
<b>←</b>						
Typically lower rew	vards				Туріс	cally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the Fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The Fund has been measured as 4 because its investments have experienced moderate volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has changed from 3 to 4.

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2022

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	<b>STERLING</b> (31 May 2022 - 94.15%)	£	70
101.000	AA Bond Co 3.25% 31.07.28	76,048	0.57
	Aberdeen 5.25% Perp	155,250	1.16
	ABP Finance 6.25% 14.12.26	102,741	0.77
·	Amgen 5.5% 07.12.26	114,206	0.86
	Anglian Water (Osprey) Financing 2% 31.07.28	76,978	0.58
	Anglian Water Services Financing 2.625% 15.06.27	136,551	1.02
100,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.85% 25.05.37	82,005	0.61
100,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 4% 24.09.25	98,901	0.74
200,000	Annington Funding 2.308% 06.10.32	148,876	1.12
	AP Moller-Maersk 4% 04.04.25	96,943	0.73
	Aspire Defence Finance 4.674% 31.03.40	192,713	1.44
	Assura Financing 1.625% 30.06.33	69,207	0.52
	Aster Treasury 4.5% 18.12.43	96,262	0.72
,	Aviva 6.125% 14.11.36	100,000	0.75
	AXA 5.453% Perp	96,375	0.72
,	Bank of America 8.125% 02.06.28 Barclays 3% 08.05.26	272,372	2.04
·	BNP Paribas 2% 24.05.31	181,774 170,000	1.36 1.27
·	BP Capital Markets 4.25% Perp	132,000	0.99
	Cadent Finance 2.625% 22.09.38	142,296	1.07
·	Church Commissioners for England 3.25% 14.07.32	232,470	1.74
	Close Brothers Group 2% 11.09.31	165,278	1.24
	Coöperatieve Rabobank 4.625% 23.05.29	275,250	2.06
	Coventry Building Society 12.125% PIBS	148,912	1.12
	CPUK Finance 3.69% 28.08.28	87,585	0.66
	CRH Finance (UK) 4.125% 02.12.29	92,606	0.69
	Derwent London 1.875% 17.11.31	87,268	0.65
160,000	Deutsche Bahn Finance 3.125% 24.07.26	154,394	1.16
200,000	Deutsche Bank 2.625% 16.12.24	184,848	1.38
251,000	Diageo Finance 1.25% 28.03.33	188,601	1.41
	Dwr Cymru (Financing) 2.5% 31.03.36	158,046	1.18
	Electricity North West 8.875% 25.03.26	167,812	1.26
	Equinor 6.875% 11.03.31	175,075	1.31
	General Motors Financial Co 2.25% 06.09.24	94,899	0.71
	GlaxoSmithKline Capital 1.625% 12.05.35	73,962	0.55
	Goldman Sachs Group 6.875% 18.01.38	55,341	0.41
	Great Places Housing Group 4.75% 22.10.42	146,921	1.10
	Heathrow Funding 6.45% 10.12.33 Holcim Sterling Finance (Netherlands) 2.25% 04.04.34	105,627 70,881	0.79 0.53
•	HSBC Holdings 7% 07.04.38	207,332	1.55
·	IG Group Holdings 3.125% 18.11.28	152,814	1.15
	Imperial Brands Finance 5.5% 28.09.26	99,144	0.74
	InterContinental Hotels Group 3.375% 08.10.28	87,020	0.65
·	Investec 1.875% 16.07.28	78,534	0.59
300,000	JP Morgan Chase & Co 0.991% 28.04.26	271,146	2.03
200,000	KBC Group 1.25% 21.09.27	171,000	1.28
200,000	Kraft Heinz Foods 4.125% 01.07.27	193,442	1.45
200,000	La Banque Postale 5.625% 21.09.28	197,226	1.48
400,000	Lambay Capital Securities 6.25% Perp	4,860	0.04
200,000	Legal & General Group 5.125% 14.11.48	186,752	1.40
	M&G 5% 20.07.55	96,424	0.72
	McDonald's 5.875% 23.04.32	110,764	0.83
	Motability Operations Group 1.5% 20.01.41	64,381	0.48
•	Motability Operations Group 3.625% 10.03.36	91,805	0.69
•	National Westminster Bank 11.5% Perp	102,050	0.76
	Nationwide Building Society 5.75% Perp	178,454	1.34
	Natwest Group 2.105% 28.11.31	164,790	1.23
	Next 3.625% 18.05.28 NGC Finance 5.625% 18.06.73	88,353 187,750	0.66
	NGG Finance 5.625% 18.06.73 Northern Gas Networks Finance 4.875% 15.11.35	187,750 116,654	1.41 0.87
121,000	Notthern Gas Networks Finance 4.07070 10.11.30	110,054	0.07

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2022

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets
	STERLING (continued)	~	70
100,000	Northumbrian Water Finance 2.375% 05.10.27	88,432	0.66
150,000	Optivo Finance 3.283% 22.03.48	111,462	0.84
	Ørsted 4.875% 12.01.32	151,707	1.14
200,000	Pension Insurance 4.625% 07.05.31	167,352	1.25
100,000	Places for People Treasury 2.875% 17.08.26	92,545	0.69
100,000	Platform HG Financing 1.926% 15.09.41	65,569	0.49
100,000	Porterbrook Rail Finance 4.625% 04.04.29	94,105	0.70
100,000	Reckitt Benckiser Treasury Services 1.75% 19.05.32	80,594	0.60
140,000	Rothschilds Continuation Finance (CI) 9% Perp	145,600	1.09
100,000	Sage Group 1.625% 25.02.31	76,521	0.57
100,000	Santander UK 5.875% 14.08.31	100,411	0.75
100,000	Scottish Widows 5.5% 16.06.23	99,941	0.75
100,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 4.875% 24.01.42	99,664	0.75
111,000	Sky 4% 26.11.29	107,205	0.80
180,000	Society of Lloyds (The) 4.875% 07.02.47	167,596	1.26
	South Eastern Power Networks 5.625% 30.09.30	104,454	0.78
90,000	Southern Electric Power Distribution 5.5% 07.06.32	94,091	0.71
100,000	SP Distribution 5.875% 17.07.26	102,831	0.77
	Svenska Handelsbanken 4.625% 23.08.32	124,521	0.93
88,285	Tesco Property Finance 1 7.6227% 13.07.39	98,341	0.74
150,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 4.375% 03.07.34	137,657	1.03
·	THFC (Funding No. 3) 5.2% 11.10.43	100,603	0.75
	Time Warner Cable 5.25% 15.07.42	146,233	1.10
	UK Treasury 4.5% 07.09.34	111,772	0.84
	United Utilities Water 5% 28.02.35	102,453	0.77
·	Vattenfall 6.875% 15.04.39	121,136	0.91
·	Verizon Communications 1.875% 19.09.30	81,312	0.61
·	Verizon Communications 3.375% 27.10.36	84,986	0.64
	Vodafone Group 3% 12.08.56	65,976	0.49
	Volkswagen International Finance 4.125% 17.11.31	182,454	1.37
	Walgreens Boots Alliance 3.6% 20.11.25	95,397	0.71
	Wells Fargo & Co 4.625% 02.11.35	189,974	1.42
	Wells Fargo Bank 5.25% 01.08.23	50,007	0.38
	Welltower 4.5% 01.12.34	87,108	0.65
	Yorkshire Power Finance 7.25% 04.08.28	109,876	0.82
,	Yorkshire Water Finance 3.75% 22.03.46	247,813	1.86
	Total Sterling	12,145,668	90.96
	UNITED STATES DOLLAR (31 May 2022 - 3.01%)		
200 000	Amazon.com 4.95% 05.12.44	168,594	1.26
,	America Movil 6.125% 30.03.40	170,410	1.28
,	Avangardco Investments Public 10% 29.10.18	478	0.00
	Enel Finance International 5% 15.06.32	151,349	1.13
200,000	Total United States Dollar	490,831	3.67
	Double to deale investments	12.626.400	04.62
	Portfolio of stock investments	12,636,499	94.63
Counterparty	Foreign Currency Hedges	4E 700	0.42
HSBC	Sell USD 550,000 for GBP 472,946 - 12 January 2023  Net value of all derivative positions	15,733 15,733	0.12 0.12
	·		
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions	12,652,232	94.75
	Net other assets (excluding derivative positions)	700,942	5.25
	Total net assets	13,353,174	100.00

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2022

# Portfolio split by investment grade

Investments of investment grade		10,434,169	78.13
Investments bel	low investment grade:	512,437	3.84
Unrated		1,689,893	12.66
	Portfolio of stock investments	12,636,499	94.63
	Net value of all derivative positions	15,733	0.12
	Net other assets (excluding derivative positions)	700,942	5.25
	Total net assets	13,353,174	100.00
	RANSACTIONS h period ended 30 November 2022		£
Total purchases	s costs, including transaction charges		1,793,689
Total sales prod	ceeds, net of transaction charges		3,950,595

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 30 November 2022

		30 November 2022		30 Novem	ber 2021
		£	£	£	£
Income:					
	Net capital (losses)/gains		(1,508,337)		78,486
	Revenue	252,384		319,721	
Expenses		(105,992)		(160,619)	
Net revenu	e before taxation	146,392		159,102	
Taxation					
Net revenu	e after taxation		146,392		159,102
Total return	n before distributions		(1,361,945)		237,588
Distribution	ns		(194,190)		(234,161)
Change in investment	net assets attributable to unitholders from activities		(1,556,135)		3,427

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 30 November 2022

	30 November 2022		30 Novemb	er 2021
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders	А	16,807,646		23,698,021
Amounts receivable on issue of units Amounts payable on cancellation of units	513,639 (2,418,458)	(1,904,819)	995,069 (3,263,118)	(2,268,049)
Dilution adjustment		6,081		4,321
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(1,556,135)		3,427
Unclaimed distributions		401		-
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		13,353,174	A	21,437,720

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> These figures are not the same as the comparatives are taken from the preceding interim period and not the last final accounts.

### **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2022

	30 November 2022 £	31 May 2022 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investment assets	12,652,232	16,342,846
Current Assets:		
Debtors	246,118	284,641
Cash and bank balances	568,784_	408,446
Total assets	13,467,134	17,035,933
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Distribution payable	91,133	102,067
Other creditors	22,827	126,220
Total liabilities	113,960	228,287
Net assets attributable to unitholders	13,353,174	16,807,646

### NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the six month period ended 30 November 2022

## **Basis for preparation**

The interim financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (renamed to the Investment Association) in May 2014, and amended in June 2017.

The interim financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Fund. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investments and certain financial instruments at fair value.

### **Accounting policies**

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2022 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The investments of the Fund have been valued at their fair value at 12 noon on 30 November 2022.

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