

# Key Investor Information

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

## M&G Strategic Corporate Bond Fund

Sterling Class I – Accumulation shares ISIN no. GB00B7J4YT87

Managed by M&G Securities Limited

### Objective and investment policy

**Objective:** The fund aims to provide a combination of capital growth and income, net of the Ongoing Charge Figure, that is higher than the average return of the the iBoxx Sterling Corporates GBP Index over any five-year period.

**Core investment:** At least 70% of the fund is invested, directly or through derivatives, in investment grade bonds and investment grade asset-backed securities, issued by companies from anywhere in the world, including emerging markets. These securities can be denominated in any currency.

The fund aims to hedge any non-sterling assets back to sterling.

Investments in asset-backed securities are limited to 20% of the fund.

**Other investments:** The fund may invest in bonds issued by governments, high yield bonds, high yield and unrated asset-backed securities, other funds (including funds managed by M&G) and cash or assets that can be turned into cash quickly.

**Derivatives usage:** For investment purposes and to reduce risk and cost.

**Strategy in brief:** The fund manager selects investments based on an assessment of a combination of macroeconomic, asset, sector, geographic and stock-level factors. The fund manager can take a high-conviction approach when selecting bonds. Spreading investments across issuers and industries is an essential element of the strategy.

**Benchmark:** the iBoxx Sterling Corporates GBP Index

The benchmark is a target which the fund seeks to outperform. The index has been chosen as the fund's benchmark as it best reflects the scope of the fund's investment policy. The benchmark is used solely to measure the fund's performance and does not constrain the fund's portfolio construction. The fund is actively managed. The fund manager has complete freedom in choosing which investments to buy, hold and sell in the fund. The benchmark is shown in the share class currency.

**Additional information can be found on the M&G website, including:**

- a [glossary](#) providing an explanation of some terms used in this document.
- the Prospectus including the fund's objective and investment policy.

#### Other information

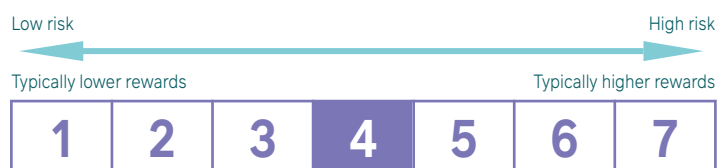
You can buy and sell shares in the fund on any business day. Instructions received before 12 noon will be dealt at that day's price.

Any income from the fund will be rolled up into the value of your investment.

In addition to the charges set out in the charges section, the fund will incur portfolio transaction costs which are paid from the assets of the fund. These can be higher when investing outside Europe.

**Recommendation:** This fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

### Risk and reward profile



■ The above risk and reward indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this share class. This Share Class is categorised in risk class 4 because its Net Asset Value has shown medium rises and falls in value historically.

- The risk number shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest risk number does not mean risk free.

#### The main risks that could affect performance are set out below:

- The value and income from the fund's assets will go down as well as up. This will cause the value of your investment to fall as well as rise. There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective and you may get back less than you originally invested.
- Investments in bonds are affected by interest rates, inflation and credit ratings. It is possible that bond issuers will not pay interest or return the capital. All of these events can reduce the value of bonds held by the fund.
- High yield bonds usually carry greater risk that the bond issuers may not be able to pay interest or return the capital.
- The fund may use derivatives to profit from an expected rise or fall in the value of an asset. Should the asset's value vary in an unexpected way, the fund will incur a loss. The fund's use of derivatives may be extensive and exceed the value of its assets (leverage). This has the effect of magnifying the size of losses and gains, resulting in greater fluctuations in the value of the fund.
- Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss due to greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks, among other factors. There may be difficulties in buying, selling, safekeeping or valuing investments in such countries.
- The fund can be exposed to different currencies. Movements in currency exchange rates may adversely affect the value of your investment.
- In exceptional circumstances where assets cannot be fairly valued, or have to be sold at a large discount to raise cash, we may temporarily suspend the fund in the best interest of all investors.
- The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to repay money owed to the fund.
- Operational risks arising from a failure or delay in operational processes and systems, or the failure of a third party provider may affect the value of your investments. Where this results in compensation needing to be paid, this may be paid some time after the original loss is experienced.

Further details of the risks that apply to the fund can be found in the fund's Prospectus at [www.mandg.co.uk/literature](http://www.mandg.co.uk/literature)

## Charges

The charges shown in the table are used to pay the costs of running the fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

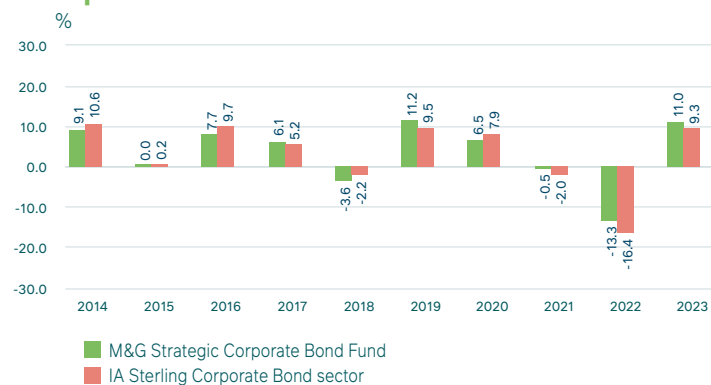
One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	0.00%
Exit charge	0.00%
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.	
Charges taken from the fund over a year	
Ongoing charge	0.43%
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	None

The entry and exit charges shown are the maximum figures and, in some cases, you may pay less. You can find out the exact charges which apply to your investment by contacting your financial adviser or distributor or, if you have invested directly with us, you can contact us using the details given in the practical information section.

The ongoing charge is based on expenses for the period/year ending 31 August 2023. This figure may change from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs. This figure includes extraordinary expenses and underlying charges for closed-ended-funds, such as investment trusts and Real Estate investment trusts.

**For more information on charges, please see the relevant sections of the Prospectus at [www.mandg.co.uk/literature](http://www.mandg.co.uk/literature)**

## Past performance



- Past performance is not a guide to future performance.
- Performance calculation excludes UK taxes from 01 December 2016. It does not take into account the entry and exit charges but does take into account the ongoing charge, as shown in the charges section.
- The fund launched on 20 February 2004 and the Sterling Class I Accumulation share class launched on 03 August 2012.
- Performance is calculated using Sterling Class I Accumulation shares.
- Benchmark performance has been calculated in GBP.
- With effect from 06 March 2023 the benchmark will be iBoxx Sterling Corporates GBP Index.

## Practical information

The depositary is NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited.

For more information about this fund, please visit [www.mandg.co.uk/literature](http://www.mandg.co.uk/literature) where you will find a copy of the Prospectus, Instrument of Incorporation and the latest annual or interim Investment Report and Financial Statements. These documents are in English and are available free of charge. Our website also provides other information such as share prices.

UK tax laws apply to the fund, and this may affect your personal tax position. Please speak to an adviser for more information.

M&G Securities Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for the fund.

Other share classes may exist for the fund as set out in the relevant Prospectus.

For up-to-date details of the staff remuneration policy that applies to M&G Securities Limited, including a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the make-up of the remuneration committee, and the identities of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, please visit [www.mandg.co.uk/remuneration](http://www.mandg.co.uk/remuneration). We will provide a paper copy of this information, free of charge, if you require one.

This Fund is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. M&G Securities Limited is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

This key investor information is accurate as at 12 February 2024.