

**MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT:** 30 APRIL 2021

REPORTING CLASS: Man GLG Strategic Bond Fund Professional Acc C

#### **FUND DESCRIPTION**

The Fund seeks to achieve a total return (a combination of income and capital growth) by investing primarily in government and corporate bonds globally. 80% of the fund's assets will be in Sterling denominated securities or non-Sterling denominated securities hedged back to Sterling (currency hedging being the process of reducing or eliminating a fund's exposure to the movement of foreign currencies) or in any combination of both. These securities will be of "investment grade" (perceived to carry a low to medium risk) as determined by the Investment Manager, or held in cash and cash equivalents (investment securities that have high credit quality and are highly liquid).

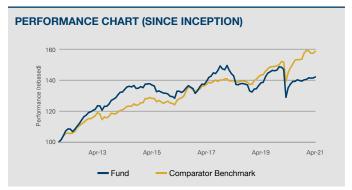
A complete description of fund aims is set out in the fund's prospectus.

#### **FUND RISKS**

The value of your investment and the income from it may rise as well as fall and you may not get back the amount originally invested. Prior to investing in the Fund investors should carefully consider the risks associated with investing, whether the Fund suits their investment requirements and whether they have sufficient resources to bear any losses which may result from an investment in the Fund. Investors should only invest if they understand the terms on which the Fund is offered. Investors should consider the following risks and where appropriate seek professional advice before investing: Market Risk, Counterparty Risk, Currency Risk, Liquidity Risk, Financial Derivatives Instruments, Leverage Risk, Emerging Markets, Non-Investment Grade Securities. More details can be found in the risk clossary.

Prior to making investments investors should read and consider the fund's offering documents.

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Source: Man Group plc (30 April 2021) Benchmark represented by: IA Sterling Strategic Bond

PERFORMANCE STATISTICS (SINCE INCEPTION)						
	Reporting Shareclass	Comparator Benchmark	Relative			
Annualised Return	3.83%	4.84%	-1.01%			
Annualised Volatility	6.11%	4.46%	1.65%			
Sharpe Ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.53	0.96	-0.42			
Correlation	0.85	N/A	N/A			
Beta	1.17	N/A	N/A			
Information Ratio	-0.31	N/A	N/A			
Tracking Error	3.27%	N/A	N/A			

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Sharpe ratio is an absolute measure of risk-adjusted return, negative Sharpe ratios are not shown as they can be misleading.

SYNTHETIC RISK & REWARD INDICATOR (SRRI)  Lower Risk  Higher Risk						
Typically Lo	ower Rewards	3		7	ypically High	er Rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
See Glossary for an explanation of the SRRI Calculation						

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Inception Date <sup>1</sup>	09 November 2011
Fund Size	GBP 69,128,545
Portfolio Manager(s)	Craig Veysey, Francois Kotze
Structure	UCITS
Domicile	United Kingdom
Comparator Benchmark	IA Sterling Strategic Bond
IA Sector/Comparator BM	£ Strategic Bond
Valuation Frequency	Daily
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Subscriptions	Before 12:00 (London) on dealing date
Redemptions	Before 12:00 (London) on dealing date
Investment Type	Accumulating
Distribution Yield	3.14%
Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) <sup>1</sup>	0.65%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refers to the reporting share class only. Other classes may differ.

The Authorised Corporate Director has selected the Investment Association's Sterling Strategic Bond sector average as a comparator benchmark on the basis that it considers it provide an appropriate comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

Past Performance is not indicative of future performance. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Performance data is shown net of the reporting class Ongoing Charge Figure (or TER), performance fees and transaction costs and gross of taxes with gross dividend income reinvested, and does not take into account sales and redemption charges where such costs are applicable. Other share classes may charge different fees. This material is of a promotional nature.



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#### COMMENTARY

The Man GLG Strategic Bond Fund ('Fund') returned 0.5% in April and 1.1% year to date.

Risk appetite continued to pick-up in April, with monetary and fiscal stimulus being particularly supportive of improving growth expectations this year and next. While inflation expectations rose, government bond yields were mixed as US treasuries rallied whilst European government bonds were moderately weaker.

Global investment grade bonds returned 0.74% while global high yield was up 1.46%. The Fund's investment grade credit outperformed, contributing 1.04%, while high yield added a further 0.23%.

Aviva was the best performing credit in April, as there was strong demand for yield from their high income, subordinated debt.

The Fund's energy sector credits continue to benefit from a tailwind in commodity prices, with Energy Transfer being the standout performer.

Dell lit up headline screens again by announcing the sale of Boomi for \$4 billion. Ratings agencies, already on positive watch following the VMware spinoff, are sure to take notice again as Dell strives to regain investment grade status.

Tactical positioning detracted -0.78% in April.

The Fund's duration position continued to be actively managed, typically reducing duration through short US, and to a lesser extent, UK bond futures, as April saw a moderate backtrack in the rising yield trend seen year to date.

Portfolio duration was then raised mid-month, as Treasury auctions ran smoothly indicating a potential period of consolidation in the previous yield up-trend through monthend, adding US 10-year and 30-year bonds.

In contrast, German bund yields took another leg higher. The Fund benefitted moderately from this with short 10 and 30-year Bund futures held in the latter half of the month.

In cash government bonds, the Australian 10-year also contributed modestly, following a hiatus in its move higher in yields, with futures hedges taken off mid-month.

As key support levels in the positive dollar trend seen in March broke down, the Fund's short Swiss franc and yen positions detracted and were scaled back through April. A smaller exposure in long Australian and Canada dollar versus US dollar was held, which contributed positively before currency exposure was taken completely flat into monthend

The Fund held no CDS credit hedges in April.

## Market Outlook

Equity markets rallied to new highs in April, and credit spreads remain very well contained, as reflected in high yield credit recording a record low yield. Already significantly higher government bond yields in 2021, may reflect much of the near-term reflationary concerns, but it remains possible that inflation risks could lead to a summer overshoot in bond yields. As such, we guard against these risks through an on average more defensive stance towards government bonds and corporate bonds with greater interest rate sensitivity.

Further anecdotal evidence fuelling inflation concerns continue to emerge. Disruptions from chip shortages in the auto's sector continue to worsen, with Ford expecting to produce 1.1 million fewer vehicles this year as a result. Lumber prices are four times higher over the past year, due to strong demand from US home construction, set against an inelastic supply, with spruce trees taking 40-60 years from planting to harvest.

The Bank of Canada surprised most in April announcing that it will begin tapering the pace of its asset purchases. Compared to the US however, there are notable differences in the labour market backdrops in the two countries. Canada has recovered much more strongly, with only 1.5% of jobs lost from pre-pandemic levels versus 5.5% in the US. Hence, the Fed's continued suggestion for the timing of tapering being when the economy makes "substantial further progress".

Credit markets, with spreads relatively tight, are likely to remain contained in the near term. Investment grade bonds remain supported by central bank buying, in Europe in particular, but also by the strengthening global economy that should support the credit upgrade cycle. Unfortunately valuations are not what they were a year ago, and the best value is found in more idiosyncratic type credit opportunities that are less interest rate sensitive.

There remains some near-term risk that US yields could potentially overshoot rate expectations further due to some of the key inflation, demand and supply drivers, as well as tapering concerns.

However, should Treasury yields rise further in the near term, towards 1.75%, we would still view this level as a medium-term buying opportunity that will be supported by longer term asset allocators. Other government bond markets, Europe in particular, are also likely to see yields capped by ongoing demand from central bank purchases and pension fund investors.

## Positioning

The Fund has tempered its constructive stance on credit slightly by trimming credit risk throughout the month, increasing its exposure to government bonds and cash.

Profits have been taken in the portfolio's subordinated bank exposure in April, such as Lloyds AT1s and Yorkshire Building Society cocos, following several months of strong performance and significant spread compression.

The Fund further trimmed its subordinated credit risk by selling its exposure to Enbridge and AT&T hybrid bonds and trimming its exposure in BP and Legal & General hybrids.

The Fund maintains a conviction credit portfolio, containing catalyst driven attractively valued credits, which we believe can continue to perform regardless of the credit market or interest rate environment.

The Fund held no CDS credit hedges at the end of April or early May. We will continue to monitor for risk-off periods carefully and apply caution when warranted.

The overall duration of the Fund was 8.1 at month-end. Following still lower Treasury yields early in May and rising inflation risk, we began reducing portfolio duration again in order to more defensively position the portfolio ahead of anticipated strong economic data and further US treasury auctions.

The FX positioning remained neutral at the start of May, before a small position in Sterling was added following early UK election results versus the Japanese Yen.

The portfolio's yield to maturity was 3.4% at the end of April, with the Fund's corporate exposure yielding 4.1%. The income yield of 4.1% can potentially act as a key foundation to expected Fund returns.



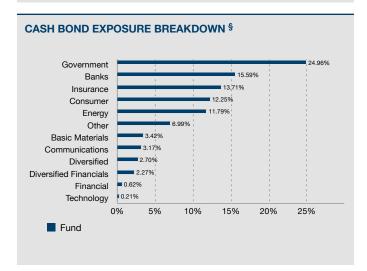
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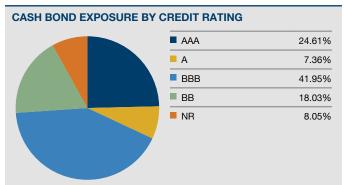
CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE					
	Fund	Comparator Benchmark	Relative	Comparator Sector Rank	Quartile
1 Month	0.49%	0.81%	-0.32%	73/192	4
3 Months	0.42%	-0.14%	0.56%	31/188	2
6 Months	1.93%	3.28%	-1.35%	61/186	3
YTD	1.13%	-0.25%	1.38%	23/187	1
1 Year	5.23%	9.47%	-4.23%	72/182	4
3 Years	-0.42%	13.70%	-14.12%	75/160	4
5 Years	7.05%	24.16%	-17.11%	66/139	4
Since Inception	42.80%	56.55%	-13.75%	42/90	4

## **EXPOSURE AND RISK ANALYSIS**

PORTFOLIO STATISTICS	
Yield	3.36%
Running Yield	4.11%
Duration	8.13
Cash/FX Forward	2.32%



TOP 10 HOLDINGS <sup>^</sup>	
	(Net)
US TREASURY (15-Nov-2026 , 2.000%)	5.64%
US TREASURY (15-Feb-2050 , 2.000%)	5.04%
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT (21-Dec-2030 , 1.000%)	4.92%
US TREASURY (15-Feb-2030 , 1.500%)	4.29%
AABOND 6.269 07/31/25 EMTN (31-Jul-2025 , 6.269%)	3.26%
US TREASURY (15-Nov-2029 , 1.750%)	3.11%
NWIDE 10 1/4 06/29/49 CCDS (29-Jun-2049 , 10.250%)	2.91%
VIVION 3 08/08/24 (08-Aug-2024 , 3.000%)	2.76%
COOPWH 11 12/20/25 (18-Dec-2025 , 11.000%)	2.70%
LGEN 5 5/8 12/31/49 (31-Dec-2049 , 5.625%)	2.54%







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HISTO	RICAL PER	RFORMAN	NCE										
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.40%	1.49%	1.90%
2012	2.75%	2.77%	1.12%	-0.09%	-1.47%	1.40%	1.84%	1.63%	2.14%	1.83%	0.86%	1.36%	17.27%
2013	0.50%	0.67%	0.66%	1.81%	0.00%	-2.26%	2.06%	0.00%	1.13%	1.92%	0.63%	0.78%	8.12%
2014	1.55%	1.14%	0.15%	1.28%	1.19%	0.29%	-0.29%	0.66%	-1.39%	0.15%	0.74%	-0.51%	5.03%
2015	1.77%	0.07%	0.14%	-0.72%	-0.44%	-2.70%	0.38%	-0.52%	-0.53%	-0.08%	-0.38%	-1.14%	-4.13%
2016	-0.15%	-0.77%	3.49%	0.00%	-0.60%	0.75%	1.42%	1.11%	-0.73%	-0.66%	-2.29%	1.29%	2.77%
2017	1.87%	1.32%	-0.14%	1.45%	1.86%	0.63%	1.47%	-0.28%	1.38%	1.97%	-1.27%	-0.34%	10.32%
2018	1.83%	-2.00%	-1.56%	-1.04%	-3.91%	-0.15%	0.58%	0.07%	-0.29%	-0.43%	-2.84%	-0.52%	-9.90%
2019	1.43%	0.15%	1.56%	1.31%	0.29%	2.51%	1.68%	0.62%	0.62%	-0.14%	0.27%	1.43%	12.34%
2020	-0.13%	-0.94%	-12.32%	4.79%	1.84%	1.16%	0.07%	0.71%	-0.35%	-0.21%	0.57%	0.21%	-5.43%
2021	0.71%	-0.14%	0.07%	0.49%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.13%

<b>NAV TABLE</b>											
Class	NAV	2018	2019	2020	ISIN	Minimum Initial	Minimum Additional	Entry Charge‡	Redemption Fee (Up to)	OCF	Performance Fee
C GBP	142.80	-9.90%	12.34%	-5.43%	GB00B581V620	500,000	1,000	N/A	N/A	0.65%	N/A
A GBP	134.90	-10.44%	11.50%	-6.18%	GB00B6Y0WT01	500,000	250	N/A	N/A	1.40%	N/A
B GBP	106.20	-10.42%	11.49%	-6.15%	GB00B731HR48	500,000	250	N/A	N/A	1.40%	N/A
CG GBP	106.80	-9.84%	12.32%	-5.46%	GB00BQV0MX70	500,000	1,000	N/A	N/A	0.65%	N/A
D GBP	106.30	-9.88%	12.36%	-5.49%	GB00B6Y0Z240	500,000	1,000	N/A	N/A	0.65%	N/A
DG GBP	85.92	-9.85%	12.33%	-5.44%	GB00BQV0MW63	500,000	1,000	N/A	N/A	0.65%	N/A

Model calculation (net): an investor wishes to purchase shares for Euro 1,000. With a maximum issue surcharge of 5.00%, he has to spend a one-off amount of Euro 50.00 when making the purchase. In addition, there may be custodian costs that reduce performance. The custodian costs are decided by your bank's price list and service charges.

†Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for further details.

^The organisations and/or financial instruments mentioned are for reference purposes only. The content of this material should not be construed as a recommendation for their purchase or sale.

## RISK GLOSSARY

Market Risk - The Fund is subject to normal market fluctuations and the risks associated with investing in international securities markets. Therefore, the value of

your investment and the income from it may rise as well as fall and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Counterparty Risk - The Fund will be exposed to credit risk on counterparties with which it trades in relation to on-exchange traded instruments such as futures and options and where applicable, 'over-the-counter' ("OTC", "non-exchange") transactions. OTC instruments may also be less liquid and are not afforded the same

protections that may apply to participants trading instruments on an organised exchange.

Currency Risk - The value of investments designated in another currency may rise and fall due to exchange rate fluctuations. Adverse movements in currency exchange rates may result in a decrease in return and a loss of capital. It may not be possible or practicable to successfully hedge against the currency risk exposure

Liquidity Risk -The Fund may make investments or hold trading positions in markets that are volatile and which may become illiquid. Timely and cost efficient sale of trading positions can be impaired by decreased trading volume and/or increased price volatility.

Financial Derivatives Instruments - The Fund will invest financial derivative instruments ("FDI") (instruments whose prices are dependent on one or more underlying asset) to achieve its investment objective. The use of FDI involves additional risks such as high sensitivity to price movements of the asset on which it is based. The extensive use of FDI may significantly multiply the gains or losses.

Leverage Risk -The Fund's use of FDI may result in increased leverage which may lead to significant losses.

Emerging Markets - The Fund may invest a significant proportion of its assets in securities with exposure to emerging markets which involve additional risks relating to matters such as the illiquidity of securities and the potentially volatile nature of markets not typically associated with investing in other more established economies

Non-Investment Grade Securities - The Fund may invest a significant proportion of its assets in non-investment grade securities (such as "high yield" securities) are considered higher risk investments that may cause income and principal losses for the Fund. They are instruments which credit agencies have given a rating which indicates a higher risk of default. The market values for high yield bonds and other instruments tend to be volatile and they are less liquid than investment grade securities.

A complete description of risks is set out in the Fund's prospectus.

<sup>‡</sup>Entry Charge is up to the rate indicated.

<sup>§</sup> Please note that the Fund will, from time to time, assume exposure to equity indices for efficient portfolio management purposes.



## **GLOSSARY**

(OCF)

Sector (ii)

Annualised Return An annualised total return is an average amount of money earned by an investment each year over a given time period. It is calculated to show what an

investor would earn over a period of time if the annual return was compounded.

Volatility is the rate and extent at which the price of a portfolio, security or index, moves up and down. If the price swings up and down with large movements, it has high volatility. If the price moves more slowly and to a lesser extent, it has lower volatility. It is used as a measure of the riskiness of an investment. Annualised volatility is an average annual amount of volatility over a given time period. **Annualised Volatility** 

A measure of how sensitive an investment portfolio is to market movements. The sign of the beta (+/-) indicates whether, on average, the portfolio's returns move in line with (+), or in the opposite direction (-), to the market. The market has a beta of 1. If the portfolio has a beta of less (more) than 1, it means that the security is theoretically less (more) volatile than the market.

Comparator Benchmark

An index or similar factor against which a fund manager invites investors to compare a fund's performance

A measure of the interdependence or strength of the relationship between two investments. A correlation of 1 means that the two investments are perfectly synchronised, -1 implies that they move in symmetrically opposite directions and 0 means no relationship between them. Correlation

A score awarded by S&P, Moody's or Fitch to indicate the financial strength of the issuer of a bond, and the potential for a default on interest and principal payments. For example, according to the S&P rating scheme the top credit rating is 'AAA'. The lowest rating to be considered 'investment grade' is 'BBB-'. Below 'BBB-', bonds are termed 'sub investment grade' or 'high yield'. If more than one rating agency awards a score, the best rating will be chosen. If no official score is awarded by S&P, Moody's or Fitch a rating for the issuer will be used if available. Credit Rating (quality)

**Distribution Yield** The distribution yield reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed over the next twelve months as a percentage of the fund's net asset value per share as at the date shown, and may be estimated. It does not include any initial charge and investors may be subject to tax on distributions.

Duration Expressed in years and measures the sensitivity of a bond's price to a change in interest rates. There is an inverse relationship between bond prices and

**Entry Charge** The entry charge shown is a maximum figure and in some cases you might pay less. Please refer to your financial advisor or the distributor for the actual

This refers to the part of a portfolio that is subject to the price movements of a specific security, sector, market or economic variable. It is typically expressed as a percentage of the total portfolio, e.g. the portfolio has 10% exposure to the mining sector.

**FX Forward** An FX forward contract is an agreement to purchase or sell a set amount of a foreign currency at a specified price for settlement at a predetermined time

Information Ratio A ratio of portfolio returns above the excess returns of a benchmark (usually an index) to the volatility of those returns. The ratio measures a portfolio manager's ability to generate excess returns relative to a benchmark. Volatility is measured using tracking error.

Long Position A security that is bought in expectation that it will rise in value.

Maturity Maturity is the length of time before a financial instrument ends, after which it must either be renewed or it will cease to exist.

NAV The Net Asset Value (NAV) represents the value per share. It is calculated by dividing the total net asset value of the fund (the value of the fund's assets

less its liabilities) by the number of shares outstanding

Net and Gross Exposure The amount of a portfolio's exposure to the market. Net exposure is calculated by subtracting the amount of the portfolio with short market exposure from the amount of the portfolio that is long. For example, if a portfolio is 100% long and 20% short, its net exposure is 80%. Gross exposure is calculated

by combining the absolute value of both long and short positions. For example, if a portfolio is 100% long and 20% short, its gross exposure is 120%. The OCF is estimated and based on expenses and may vary from year to year. It includes management fees but excludes performance fees (where applicable) and portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling units in another sub-fund. The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential Ongoing Charge Figure

Overweight/Underweight Refers to a fund's position in line with its chosen reference index. Overweight means a fund holds more of a certain security than the reference index and underweight means a fund holds less of a certain security compared to its reference index.

The payment made to an Investment Manager if certain performance levels are achieved (often over and above any levels set out in the investment objective) within a set time period. Please refer to the fund's prospectus for a complete description. Performance Fee

Redemption Fee This is the maximum amount by which your investment may be reduced prior to the proceeds being paid out.

At security level, running yield is the annual income on an investment divided by its current market value. At fund level, it is a weighted average of the contributing securities, based on absolute weights. **Running Yield** 

A sector is an area of the economy in which businesses share the same or a related product or service. It can also be thought of as an industry or market Sector (i) that shares common operating characteristics. Dividing an economy into different pieces allows for more in-depth analysis of the economy as a whole.

A peer group of funds which have a similar investment objective or invest in the same type of assets. These are organised by independent companies such as the Investment Management Association in the UK. The average performance of a sector is often used to compare with the performance of an individual fund in the sector.

Sharpe Ratio The Sharpe Ratio is a measure for calculating risk-adjusted return, and has become the industry standard for such calculations. The Sharpe Ratio is the

average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk. The higher the ratio the better, with a number greater than 1 usually considered good, a number greater than 2 considered very good and a ratio of 3 or higher considered excellent. As it is an absolute measure of risk-adjusted return, negative Sharpe Ratios can be misleading and are therefore shown as N/A.

Fund managers use this technique to borrow a security and then sell it with the intention of buying it back for less when the price falls. The position profits if the security falls in value. Within UCITS funds, derivatives – such as contracts for difference (CFDs) – can be used to simulate a short position. **Short Position** 

Synthetic Risk & Reward Featured on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), the SRRI is a measure of the overall risk and reward profile of a fund. Funds are categorised on a scale from 1 to 7 where 1 is the lowest risk and 7 is the highest. Typically, the SRRI is derived from the volatility of past returns over a 5-year period. Investors should be aware the indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The lowest

category does not mean risk free. Tracking Error Tracking error is a measure of the divergence between a portfolio's returns and the benchmark or index against which it is managed

Yield to maturity (YTM) is the total return anticipated on a bond if the bond is held until the end of its lifetime. Yield to maturity is considered a long-term Yield

bond yield expressed as an annual rate, coupons are assumed to be reinvested at the same rate. This takes into account the change in yield should the issuer have the desire and the ability to retire the debt prior to maturity.

YTD



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In order to fulfil the fund's objectives the Prospectus allows the manager the ability to invest principally in units of other collective investment schemes, bank deposits, derivatives contracts designed with the aim of gaining short term exposure to an underlying stock or index at a lower cost than owning the asset, or assets aiming to replicate a stock or debt securities index.

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Eurofima

European Investment Bank

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Inter-American Development Bank

International Financing Corp

KFW

World Bank

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