

## Strategy

The fund invests primarily in high yield and investment grade corporate bonds denominated in sterling and euro. By combining two distinct asset classes, the fund can lower its volatility while simultaneously offering high return/income potential. Currency is hedged back to sterling and the manager has flexibility to invest in out-of-index strategies as a means of adding performance but adherence to the investment objective remains imperative. 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's main aim is to pay you an income.

**Investment Policy:** The fund also has the potential to increase the value of your investment. The fund will be at least 70% exposed to sterling denominated (or hedged back to sterling) investment grade debt instruments (e.g. bonds with a rating of BBB-/Baa or higher from an internationally recognised rating agency). Investments may be made in relation to debt instruments issued in currencies other than sterling. Hedging back to sterling aims to reduce the risk of exposure to other currencies. The remainder will be invested in other investment types such as cash and derivatives. The Investment Manager will, when selecting investments for the fund and for the purposes of monitoring risk, consider a custom blend of indices\*.

\*Please refer to the Investment Policy set out for the fund in the Prospectus for details on the blended index.

**Investment Process:** The fund is actively managed. The Investment Manager identifies suitable opportunities for the fund utilising in-house research and investment capabilities. The Investment Manager has a wide degree of freedom relative to the index and may invest in issuers, sectors, countries and security types not included in the index in order to take advantage of investment opportunities. This means the fund's investments and therefore performance may vary significantly from the index.

**Derivatives and Techniques:** Derivatives are investments whose value is linked to another investment, or to the performance of a stock exchange or to some other variable factor, such as interest rates and used to reduce risk or transaction costs and/or to generate extra income or further increase the value of your investment. The fund may also use derivatives with the aim of achieving the investment objective.

**Additional information:** Income from the fund is either paid out to you or it is used to buy you more shares in the fund. As the fund's primary aim is to generate an income, some charges will be taken from the fund rather than the income generated by the fund. This means the amount payable as income may be increased and the potential to increase the value of your investment may be reduced. Shares can usually be bought and sold each business day of the fund. The fund's performance can be compared to the ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch Q409 Custom (GBP Hedged) Index.

## Fund Facts

**Launch date:** 25.02.99

**Portfolio manager:** Kris Atkinson, James Durance, Peter Khan, Shamil Gohil

**Appointed to fund:** 01.03.23, 01.07.20, 01.01.19, 01.03.23

**Years at Fidelity:** 24, 11, 24, 1

**Fund size:** £ 280m

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

**Fund domicile:** United Kingdom

**Fund legal structure:** OEIC

**Management company:** FIL Investment Services (UK) Limited

**Capital guarantee:** No

## Share Class Facts

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

**Launch date:** 05.10.09

**NAV price in share class currency:** 1.079

**ISIN:** GB00B469P257

**SEDOL:** B469P25

**Bloomberg:** FDEINAY LN

**Distribution type:** Income

**Distribution frequency:** Monthly

**Charges made to income or capital:** Capital

**Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) per year:** 0.61% (28.02.23)

**OCF takes into account annual management charge per year:** 0.6%

## Independent Assessment

Information is the latest available at date of publication. See Glossary for further details. As some ratings agencies may use past performance to produce their assessments, these are not a reliable indicator of future results.

**Morningstar Rating:** \*\*\*\*

The rating measures how well a fund has balanced risk and reward relative to its peers. Star ratings are strictly based on past performance and Morningstar suggests investors use them to identify funds that are worthy for further research. The top 10% of funds in a category will receive a 5-star rating and the next 22.5% receive a 4-star rating. Only ratings of 4 or 5 stars are displayed on the factsheet.

## 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. 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)**

**Peer Group Universe** Morningstar IA GBP Strategic Bond  
**Market index from 01.05.17** ICE BofA Q409 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)**

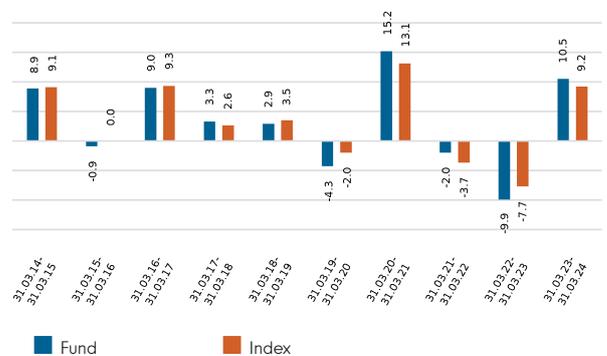


Performance is shown for the last five years (or since launch for funds launched within that period).

**Performance for calendar years in GBP (%)**



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



**Volatility & Risk**

<b>Annualised Volatility: fund (%)</b>	8.31	<b>Annualised Alpha</b>	0.23
<b>Relative Volatility</b>	1.02	<b>Beta</b>	1.01
<b>Sharpe Ratio: fund</b>	-0.10	<b>Annualised Tracking Error (%)</b>	1.43
<b>Sharpe Ratio: index</b>	-0.13	<b>Information Ratio</b>	0.14
		<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	0.97

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

**Performance to 31.03.24 in GBP (%)**

	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since 05.10.09*
<b>Fund cumulative growth</b>	2.1	2.5	2.5	10.5	-2.5	7.5	93.6
<b>Index cumulative growth</b>	1.2	1.0	1.0	9.2	-3.0	7.6	102.1
<b>Fund annualised growth</b>	-	-	-	10.5	-0.8	1.5	4.7
<b>Index annualised growth</b>	-	-	-	9.2	-1.0	1.5	5.0
<b>Ranking within Peer Group Universe</b>							
<b>W Income Shares</b>	20	10	10	15	46	41	
<b>Total number of funds</b>	88	87	87	86	80	70	
<b>Quartile ranking**</b>	1	1	1	1	3	3	

Source of fund performance and volatility and risk measures is Fidelity. Performance is excluding initial charge. Basis: bid-bid with income reinvested, in GBP, net of fees. Market indices are sourced from RIMES and other data is sourced from third-party providers such as Morningstar.

\*Performance commencement date.

\*\*Quartile rank is for the fund's primary share class as identified by Morningstar, which may be different than the share class detailed in this factsheet and refers to performance over time rated on a scale of 1-4. A ranking of 1 indicates that the item being ranked is in the top 25% of the sample and so on. Rankings are based on a performance record that is included in the Peer Group Universe. In line with Investment Association methodology, this record may include a track record extension from a legacy share class and the record may not be the same class of this factsheet. Quartile ranking is an internal Fidelity International calculation. Ranking may vary by share class.

## 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. The index used in the positioning tables is the index defined in the Performance Comparator(s) section on page 2 of this factsheet. 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	Index	Relative
<b>Distribution Yield (%)</b>	6.1	-	-
<b>Effective Duration</b>	4.9	4.6	0.3
<b>Average Coupon (%)</b>	5.5	4.2	1.2
<b>Number of Holdings</b>	201	-	-
<b>Number of Names</b>	150	-	-

### 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 mid-market unit price of the fund as at the date shown and is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. It includes the fund's ongoing charges but does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on distributions.

### 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-

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	Index	Relative
AAA/Aaa	0.00	12.42	-12.42
AA/Aa	4.58	7.49	-2.91
A	10.06	17.73	-7.67
BBB/Baa	42.87	23.11	19.76
BB/Ba	21.56	21.85	-0.28
B	9.28	15.68	-6.41
CCC and Below	1.78	1.69	0.09
Not Rated	5.65	0.03	5.62
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.00	0.00	0.00
FX / Derivative P&L	-0.16	0.00	-0.16
Cash	4.38	0.00	4.38
Rounding adjustment	0.00	0.00	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-</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	Index	Relative
(MTROFN) Intu Metrocentre Finance	2.40	0.00	2.40
(UKT) United Kingdom of Great Britai	2.34	0.00	2.34
(HSBC) Hsbc Holdings Plc	2.33	1.11	1.22
(THAMES) THAMES WATER 4.625% 5/26 RGS	2.23	0.53	1.70
(TELSEC) Telereal Securitisation	1.96	0.10	1.86
(ASSDLN) BELLIS ACQUISIT 3.25% 2/26 RGS	1.84	1.89	-0.05
(NBHA) Places For People Home	1.69	0.14	1.54
(BACR) Barclays Plc	1.51	0.73	0.78
(DIGFIN) Dignity Finance Plc	1.42	0.00	1.42
(NWX) Natwest Markets Plc	1.26	0.66	0.61

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.

## Currency Exposure (% TNA)

	Before Hedging	After Hedging	Index
GBP	77.61	99.78	84.99
EUR	17.10	0.23	15.01
USD	5.29	-0.01	0.00
JPY	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAD	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

This table shows the currency exposure and hedging of the fund's investments.

The "After Hedging" column shows the currency exposure relevant to the investor.

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

	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Index</b>	<b>Relative</b>
Treasury	2.34	0.02	2.32
Quasi / Sov / Supra / Agncy	1.86	17.76	-15.90
Agency Mortgages	0.00	0.00	0.00
Banks & Brokers	18.13	17.42	0.72
Insurance	3.66	3.76	-0.10
Property	4.42	2.93	1.49
Other Financials	8.45	6.16	2.29
Basic Industry	0.28	0.99	-0.71
Capital Goods	0.62	2.55	-1.93
Consumer Cyclical	8.70	10.66	-1.96
Consumer Non Cyclical	2.78	8.57	-5.79
Energy	2.74	1.33	1.41
Transportation	4.83	3.52	1.31
Technology	2.15	1.36	0.79
Communications	3.54	9.22	-5.68
Industrial Other	0.11	0.94	-0.83
Utility	11.66	10.26	1.40
Covered	0.00	0.75	-0.75
Non Agency	8.73	0.74	7.99
ABS / MBS	10.79	1.07	9.72
Unclassified	0.00	0.00	0.00
Index Credit Default Swaps	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.00	0.00	0.00
FX / Derivative P&L	-0.16	0.00	-0.16
Cash	4.38	0.00	4.38
Rounding adjustment	-0.01	-0.01	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-</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>	<b>Index</b>	<b>Relative</b>
Multinational	0.00	6.86	-6.86
United States (& Other Amer.)	3.25	10.44	-7.19
Canada	0.20	1.40	-1.20
United Kingdom (& Ire.)	67.40	45.94	21.46
France	2.34	8.92	-6.58
Germany (& Aust.)	8.02	7.44	0.58
Benelux	4.82	4.15	0.67
Scandinavia	3.14	3.11	0.03
Mediterranean	2.69	6.45	-3.76
Switzerland	0.22	0.74	-0.52
Other Europe	0.27	0.38	-0.11
Japan	0.00	0.61	-0.61
Australia & N.Z.	0.00	0.74	-0.74
Asia ex Japan ex Aus.	0.71	0.19	0.52
C.I.S / Eastern Europe	1.74	0.69	1.05
Latin America	0.62	1.53	-0.91
Middle East / N Africa	0.00	0.37	-0.37
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.37	0.04	0.32
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unclassified	0.00	0.00	0.00
FX / Derivative P&L	-0.16	0.00	-0.16
Index Credit Default Swaps	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash	4.38	0.00	4.38
Rounding adjustment	-0.01	0.00	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-</b>

## ESG Metrics

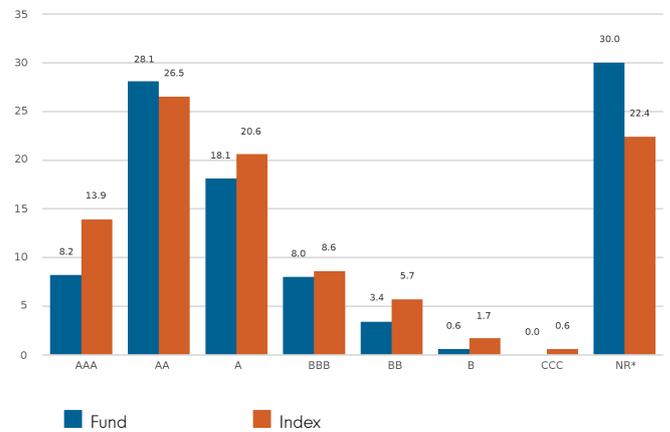
The factsheet is a snapshot of the portfolio at the date indicated above. ESG ratings distribution may vary over time. Representation of this data is for informational purposes only. If the SFDR classification is shown as 6 below then this fund does not promote environmental or social characteristics 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>AA</b>	<b>N/R</b>
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tCo2e/\$M Revenue)	<b>92.7</b>	<b>79.1</b>
SFDR Classification	<b>N/A</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 64.1% security coverage. Carbon intensity data based on holdings as at 31.03.24 with 59.1% 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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**MSCI Ratings Distribution:** This shows the percentage distribution of ESG ratings in the fund, based on the Net Asset Value of holdings excluding cash, liquidity funds, derivatives and Exchange Traded Funds.

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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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