

# abrdn Strategic Bond Fund

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## Objective

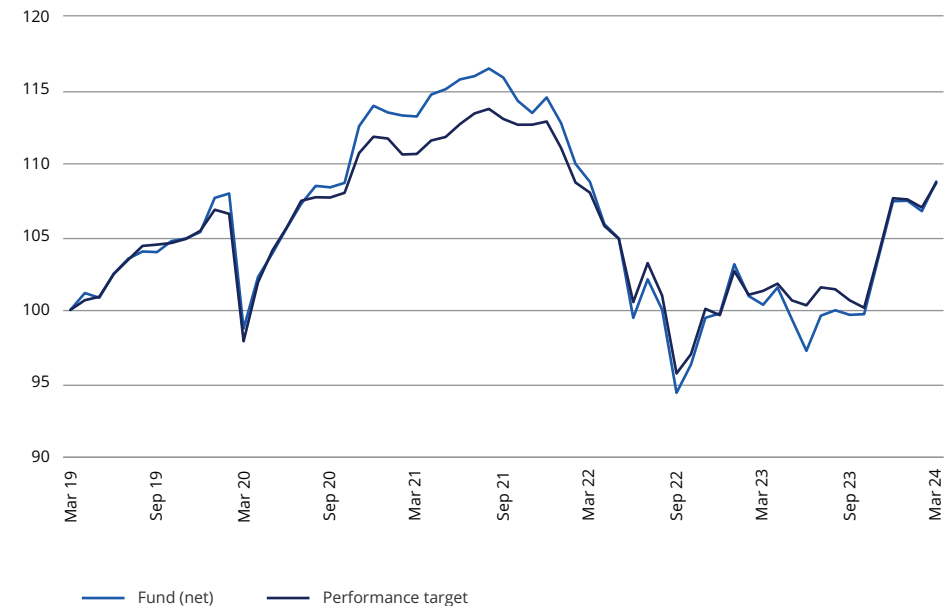
To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in government and corporate bonds issued anywhere in the world.

**Performance Target:** To exceed the IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector Average return over 1 year (after charges) and be top quartile over rolling three-year periods. There is no certainty or promise that the Performance Target will be achieved.  
The IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector (the Sector) is a representative group of funds with flexibility to invest across the fixed income universe.

## Portfolio securities

- The fund will invest at least 80% in bonds (which are like loans to companies or governments that pay interest) issued anywhere in the world, including in emerging markets.
- The fund may invest in both investment grade bonds (typically regarded as having a low default risk) and high yield bonds (that pay a high rate of interest but have a lower credit rating than investment grade bonds).
- At least 80% of the fund's investments will be in sterling or will be subjected to techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-sterling investments.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn), cash and assets that can be turned into cash quickly.

## Performance



## Cumulative and annualised performance

|                        | 1 month | 6 months | Year to date | 1 year | 3 years (p.a.) | 5 years (p.a.) |
|------------------------|---------|----------|--------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| Fund (net) (%)         | 1.90    | 9.12     | 1.25         | 8.25   | -1.36          | 1.67           |
| Performance target (%) | 1.57    | 7.96     | 0.97         | 7.27   | -0.60          | 1.68           |
| Sector ranking         | 25/88   | 18/87    | 30/87        | 33/86  | 49/80          | 28/70          |
| Quartile               | 2       | 1        | 2            | 2      | 3              | 2              |

## Discrete annual returns - year to 31/3

|                        | 2024  | 2023  | 2022  | 2021  | 2020  |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Fund (net) (%)         | 8.25  | -7.71 | -3.93 | 14.65 | -1.26 |
| Performance target (%) | 7.27  | -6.20 | -2.39 | 13.04 | -2.13 |
| Sector ranking         | 33/86 | 54/84 | 54/80 | 31/74 | 29/70 |
| Quartile               | 2     | 3     | 3     | 2     | 2     |

Performance Data: Share Class A Acc.

Benchmark history: Performance target – IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector Average

Source: Lipper (Fund)/Morningstar (Sector). Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net/Gross Income Reinvested.

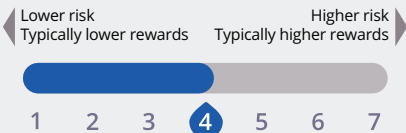
“Fund (Net)” refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; “Fund(Gross)” adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the performance target / performance comparator / portfolio constraining benchmark. These figures do not include the initial charge; if this is paid it will reduce performance from that shown.

**Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.**

## Key facts

|                                                |                                           |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Fund manager(s)                                | Roger Webb                                |
| Fund managers start date                       | 02 June 2015                              |
| Fund launch date                               | 11 September 2015                         |
| Share class launch date                        | 11 September 2015                         |
| Authorised corporate director (ACD)            | abrdn Fund Managers Limited               |
| Fund size                                      | £176.9m                                   |
| Number of holdings                             | 286                                       |
| Performance target                             | IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector Average |
| Yield to maturity exc derivatives <sup>1</sup> | 7.6%                                      |
| Distribution frequency                         | Quarterly                                 |
| Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>              | 0.00%                                     |
| Annual management charge                       | 0.95%                                     |
| Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>             | 1.05%                                     |
| Minimum initial investment                     | GBP 500                                   |
| Fund type                                      | OEIC                                      |
| Valuation point                                | 12:00 (UK time)                           |
| Base currency                                  | GBP                                       |
| Sedol                                          | BWK27X1                                   |
| ISIN                                           | GB00BWK27X12                              |
| Bloomberg                                      | STBDAAC LN                                |
| Citicode                                       | MOZE                                      |
| Reuters                                        | LP68332891                                |
| Domicile                                       | United Kingdom                            |

## Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price. See the relevant UCITS Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or PRIIPs Key Information Document (KID) for details

## Key risks

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- Credit Risk - The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- Interest Rate Risk - The fund invests in securities which can be subject to price fluctuation for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates or inflation expectations.

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Management process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify investments based on analysis of global economics along with analysis of an investment's prospects and creditworthiness (debt repayment ability) compared to that of the market.

- Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the Sector average over the long term.

Please Note: The fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Top Ten Holdings

|                                          |      |
|------------------------------------------|------|
| UK (Govt of) 0.25% 2025                  | 3.4  |
| UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2029                   | 2.5  |
| Ford Motor Credit 5.625% 2028            | 2.1  |
| Vodafone Group 4.875% 2078               | 2.1  |
| National Express Group 4.25% Perp        | 2.1  |
| Yorkshire Building Soc 5.8% 2027         | 2.1  |
| Electricite De France 5.875% PERP        | 2.0  |
| Cromwell Ereit Lu Finco Sarl 2.125% 2025 | 2.0  |
| ING Groep 6.75% Perp                     | 1.9  |
| Anglo American Capital 5% 2031           | 1.8  |
| Assets in top ten holdings               | 22.0 |

Country (%)

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| United Kingdom           | 52.8 |
| United States of America | 6.8  |
| Germany                  | 5.4  |
| France                   | 5.0  |
| Netherlands              | 3.5  |
| Australia                | 2.3  |
| South Africa             | 2.1  |
| Singapore                | 1.9  |
| Other                    | 15.5 |
| Cash                     | 4.6  |

Source : abrdn 31/03/2024

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

Credit rating (%)

|     |      |
|-----|------|
| AAA | 0.3  |
| AA  | 7.9  |
| A   | 5.6  |
| BBB | 51.9 |
| BB  | 26.1 |
| B   | 2.5  |
| N/R | 5.7  |

Composition by asset (%)

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Financials                 | 38.4 |
| Government                 | 12.5 |
| Utilities                  | 9.3  |
| Real Estate                | 7.0  |
| Consumer Discretionary     | 6.9  |
| Industrials                | 4.7  |
| Telecommunication Services | 4.1  |
| Quasi Sovereign            | 2.8  |
| Other                      | 9.6  |
| Cash                       | 4.6  |

- (d) Emerging Markets Risk - The fund may invest in emerging markets, where political, economic, legal and regulatory systems are less developed. As a result, investing in emerging markets may involve higher volatility and a greater risk of loss than investing in developed markets.
- (e) High Yield Credit Risk - The fund invests in high yield bonds which typically carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- (f) ABS / MBS Risk - Asset and mortgage backed securities are subject to prepayment and extension risk and additional liquidity and default risk compared to other credit securities.
- (g) Convertible Securities Risk - These investments can be changed into another form upon certain triggers as such they can exhibit risks typically associated with both bonds and equities. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid.
- (h) Derivatives Risk - The use of derivatives may involve additional liquidity, credit and counterparty risks and may lead to substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

Risk stats

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Fund Volatility (SD)^      | 7.66  |
| Sharpe Ratio^              | -0.39 |
| Effective duration (years) | 5.77  |

Source : abrdn. ^ Three year annualised.

Derivative usage

- The fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund.
- Derivatives are linked to the value of other assets. In other words, they derive their price from one or more underlying asset. They can generate returns when the value of these underlying assets rise (long positions) or fall (short positions).
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

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To help you understand this fund and for a full explanation of risks and the overall risk profile of this fund and the shareclasses within it, please refer to the Key Investor Information Documents and Prospectus which are available on our website [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) The Prospectus also contains a glossary of key terms used in this document.

<sup>1</sup>Yield to Maturity as at 31/03/2024 is the yield that would be realised on a bond or other debt instrument if the security was held until the maturity date.

<sup>2</sup>These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested. In some cases, the charges may be less and you should speak to your financial advisor about this.

<sup>3</sup>The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF), is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the fund. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 0.95% and other charges. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the fund. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different funds.

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