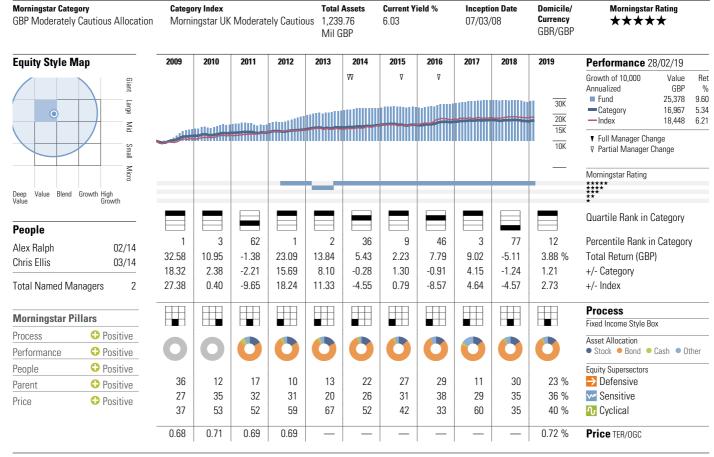
# **Artemis High Income Fund I Inc**

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**Morningstar Analyst Rating** 😨 Silver

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# **Analyst View**

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# We retain our conviction here despite some changes to the fund's equity portion.

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26 Jun, 2018 | Alex Ralph took over as lead manager here in July 2015 having been named a comanager in March 2014 in light of her increasing involvement with the strategy since joining Artemis in 2005. She is responsible for the fixedincome investments and, since May 2018, is supported by Ed Leggett and Paul Casson on the fund's equity allocation. The duo replaced Artemis' Income team, led by experienced UK equity investor Adrian Frost, which had been involved here since 2002. The change was driven by Ralph's intention to diversify the equity sleeve to a more balanced combination of all-cap, growth, and income names across the UK and Europe, whereas the Income team had a UK large-cap, income focus. We are comforted by Leggett and Casson's longer-term results on funds they respectively managed at previous firms. More importantly, the fixed-income team, responsible for the fund's 80%-plus exposure to bonds, remains intact. We are also reassured by Ralph's experience in the space, having successfully comanaged Artemis Strategic Bond (with a Morningstar Analyst Rating of Silver) since its launch in June 2005.

The fund is managed primarily to sustain an enhanced running yield. The managers employ

a largely bottom-up approach looking for issuers offering high yields but with a high probability of meeting their coupon/principal/dividend payments as well. Within fixed income, this leads to a bias towards high yield and subordinated bonds, especially within financials. The equity allocation is driven primarily by the relative attractiveness of cash flow yields offered by equities against the bond portfolio.

The fund's long-term performance has been remarkable. Its absolute and risk-adjusted returns ranked in its category's top quintile for the trailing three, five, and 10 years as at May 2018. But its bias towards higher-yielding assets also entails higher risk, reflected in the fund's aboveaverage volatility and maximum drawdown. Although the team is small compared with some peers, the combination of experienced managers, an approach apt for the fund's income objective, and below-median fees drive our faith in the fund's long-term outperformance potential. It retains its Silver rating.



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