

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.



BNY MELLON
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

BNY Mellon Global Absolute Return Fund

STERLING INCOME SHARES (ISIN: GB00B8HFDY84)

a sub-fund of BNY Mellon Investment Funds. This Fund is managed by BNY Mellon Fund Managers Limited

Objectives and Investment Policy

OBJECTIVE

To deliver positive returns on an annual basis. The Fund aims to deliver cash (SONIA (90-day compounded)) before fees on an annual basis and cash (SONIA (90-day compounded)) +4% p.a. before fees on a rolling annualised five year basis (meaning a period of five years, no matter which day you start on). However, a positive return is not guaranteed and a capital loss may occur.

POLICY

The Fund will:

- gain exposure to a wide range of asset classes such as company shares (i.e. equities) and similar investments, bonds and similar debt investments and cash including investing in collective investment schemes that themselves invest anywhere in the world;
- invest in derivatives (financial instruments whose value is derived from other assets) to help achieve the Fund's investment objective. The Fund will also use derivatives with the aim of risk or cost reduction or to generate additional capital or income; and
- gain exposure to commodities (e.g. gold) and property through stock exchange listed investments and/or derivatives.

The Fund may:

- directly invest in a wide range of asset classes;
- employ strategies known as 'long/short' strategies which means that it will increase exposure (i.e. go long) to an investment it favours and short (using derivatives) other investments which it does not favour. These strategies may result in the Fund being leveraged. Leverage magnifies the exposure of the Fund to greater than the underlying investments. In such situations, returns may rise or fall more than they would have done otherwise, reflecting such additional exposure;

- invest significantly in cash and cash-like investments; and
- invest up to 10% of its assets in collective investment schemes, including those which are managed or operated by the authorised corporate director (ACD) or an associate of the ACD.

Benchmark: The Fund will measure its performance before fees against SONIA (90-day compounded) on an annual basis (the "12 month Benchmark") and SONIA (90-day compounded) + 4% per annum on a rolling annualised five year basis (the "5 year Benchmark") as target benchmarks.

SONIA is a nearly risk-free rate meaning no bank credit risk is included, the rate can rise or fall as a result of central bank policy decisions or changing economic conditions. The Fund will use the 12 month Benchmark as a target for the Fund's performance to match or exceed over a rolling 12 month period as it is representative of cash; and the 5 year Benchmark as a target for its performance to match or exceed over a rolling annualised 5 year basis as it is consistent with the risk taken in the Fund.

The Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has discretion over the selection of investments, subject to the investment objective and policies as disclosed in the Prospectus.

OTHER INFORMATION

Treatment of income: income from investments will be paid to shareholders annually on or before 31 August.

Dealing: you can buy and sell your shares in the Fund between 9:00 and 17:00 (UK time) on each business day in England and Wales. Instructions received before 12:00 will receive the price quoted on that day. The minimum initial investment for this share class is GBP 1,000.

Risk and Reward Profile

Lower risk
Potentially lower reward

Higher risk
Potentially higher reward

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We have calculated the risk and reward category, as shown above, using a method of calculation derived from EU rules. It is based on the rate at which the value of the Fund has moved up and down in the past (i.e. volatility) and is not a guide to the future risk and reward category of the Fund. The category shown is not a target or guarantee and may shift over time. Even the lowest category 1 does not mean a risk-free investment.

This Fund is in category 4 because its historical value has shown moderate volatility. With a Fund of category 4, you have a moderate risk of losing money but your chance for gains is also moderate.

THE FOLLOWING RISKS MAY NOT BE FULLY CAPTURED BY THE RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR:

- **Objective/Performance Risk:** There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objectives.
- **Performance Aim Risk:** The performance aim is not a guarantee, may not be achieved and a capital loss may occur. Funds which have a higher performance aim generally take more risk to achieve this and so have a greater potential for returns to vary significantly.
- **Currency Risk:** This Fund invests in international markets which means it is exposed to changes in currency rates which could affect the value of the Fund.
- **Derivatives Risk:** Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset from which their value is derived. A small

movement in the value of the underlying asset can cause a large movement in the value of the derivative. This can increase the sizes of losses and gains, causing the value of your investment to fluctuate. When using derivatives, the Fund can lose significantly more than the amount it has invested in derivatives.

- **Credit Ratings and Unrated Securities Risk:** Bonds with a low credit rating or unrated bonds have a greater risk of default. These investments may negatively affect the value of the Fund.
- **Changes in Interest Rates & Inflation Risk:** Investments in bonds/money market securities are affected by interest rates and inflation trends which may negatively affect the value of the Fund.
- **Credit Risk:** The issuer of a security held by the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
- **Concentration Risk:** A fall in the value of a single investment may have a significant impact on the value of the Fund because it typically invests in a limited number of investments.
- **CoCo's Risk:** Contingent Convertible Securities (CoCo's) convert from debt to equity when the issuer's capital drops below a pre-defined level. This may result in the security converting into equities at a discounted share price, the value of the security being written down, temporarily or permanently, and/or coupon payments ceasing or being deferred.
- **Counterparty Risk:** The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as custody of assets or acting as a counterparty to derivatives or other contractual arrangements, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

A complete description of risk factors is set out in the Prospectus in the section entitled "Risk Factors".

Charges

The charges cover the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and selling. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

ONE-OFF CHARGES TAKEN BEFORE OR AFTER YOU INVEST

Entry charge **0.00%**

Exit charge **None**

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested and before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.

CHARGES TAKEN FROM THE FUND OVER A YEAR

Ongoing charge **1.66%**

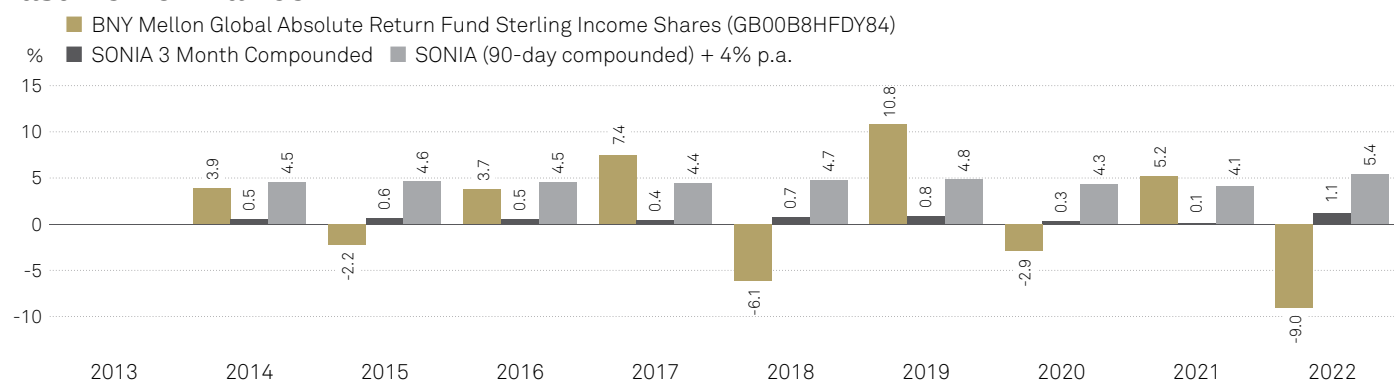
CHARGES TAKEN FROM THE FUND UNDER CERTAIN SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Performance fee **None**

The ongoing charge is based on expenses calculated on 31 December 2022. This may vary from year to year. It excludes performance fees and portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid when buying or selling units in another mutual fund.

More information about charges is available in the "Fees and Expenses" section of the Prospectus.

Past Performance



The chart includes all charges except entry charges.

Fund launch date - 9 February 2013.

Share class launch date - 11 February 2013.

Performance of this share class is shown in GBP.

Performance of the Benchmark is shown in GBP.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

* Please note that the Fund's performance is shown on an annual basis on this chart. The Fund aims to deliver SONIA (90-day compounded) + 4% p.a. before fees on a rolling annualised 5 year basis. Effective 1st October 2021, the benchmark changed from the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) to the Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA). All benchmark past performance prior to this date was calculated against LIBOR.

Practical Information

Documents: The Fund is a sub-fund (part) of BNY Mellon Investment Funds ("BNY MIF"), an umbrella structure comprising different sub-funds. This document is specific to the Fund and share class stated at the beginning of this document. Copies of the Prospectus, annual and semi-annual reports which are prepared for the umbrella may be obtained free of charge from www.bnymellonim.com or from BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Limited, BNY Mellon Centre, 160 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4LA. These documents are available in English, German and Spanish.

Share price: The latest share price and other information, including how to buy or sell shares, are available from the website and address given above. Other share classes are offered by the Fund as set out in the Prospectus.

Switching: Investors may switch shares in the Fund for shares in other sub-funds of BNY MIF provided they satisfy the criteria applicable to investment in other sub-funds. Further information on switching is contained in the "Switching" section of the Prospectus.

Legal status: The assets of the Fund belong exclusively to that sub-fund and may not be used to discharge the liabilities of or claims

against any other person or body, including BNY MIF or any other sub-fund within the umbrella.

Liability statement: BNY Mellon Fund Managers 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.

Depositary: NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited.

Tax: The tax legislation of the Fund's domicile may have an impact on your personal tax position. For further details, please speak to an adviser.

Remuneration Policy: Details of the up-to-date remuneration policy of BNY Mellon Fund Managers Limited including, but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits are available on www.bnymellonim.com. A paper copy will be made available free of charge upon request.

Index Providers: Further information about the index providers is set out under 'Benchmark Provider Disclaimers' in the Prospectus.

This Fund is authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. BNY Mellon Fund Managers Limited is authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. This key investor information is accurate as at 15 February 2023.