# 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.

# Aegon Strategic Bond Fund

## a sub-fund of Aegon Asset Management UK ICVC

## Sterling Class A - Accumulation shares (ISIN: GB0033988543)

This fund is managed by Aegon Asset Management UK plc ("the authorised corporate director (ACD)").

## Objectives and investment policy

**Objective:** to provide a combination of income and capital growth over any 7 year period.

**Policy:** At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in a diverse portfolio of corporate bonds and government and public securities issued anywhere in the world and denominated in any currency, with proportions being flexibly adjusted at different stages of the economic and market cycle.

The Fund may invest in aggregate a maximum of 40% of its Net Asset Value in high yield bonds and emerging market bonds.

*High yield corporate bonds*are considered by the investment manager to be bonds issued by companies whose credit rating is defined as Ba1 or below by Moody's or BB+ or below by Standard and Poor's or BB+ or below by Fitch or their respective successors or equivalents. High yield bonds also include non-rated instruments.

*Emerging market bonds.* An "emerging market bond" is defined as a bond which is issued by:

(1) a country, jurisdiction or territory comprised within, or a constituent of, any of the following indices: (a) J.P. Morgan Emerging Market Bond Index; (b) J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index; or (c) J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index - Emerging Markets; or
(2) any other country which the ACD deems to be an Emerging Market based on the ACD's evaluation of economic fundamentals such as economic growth rate, inflation rate and unemployment rate in a particular market, political developments and other specific factors the ACD believes to be relevant.

The Fund will seek to achieve diversification across individual issuers, geographies and sectors when constructing the portfolio. The Fund is actively managed, and the ACD adjusts the Fund's credit exposure and duration (interest rate risk) based on an analysis of the prevailing economic and market conditions.

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in the main asset classes listed above, the Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, collective investment schemes (up to 10% of Net Asset Value and which may include schemes managed by the ACD or its affiliates), money market instruments, deposits and cash and near cash. It is intended that investment in any other collective investment schemes will be predominately in approved money market instruments.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes, for example exposure to assets may be gained through the use of derivatives. Derivatives may also be used for efficient portfolio management (including hedging to reduce currency risk).

Non-Sterling exposure will typically be hedged back to Sterling to reduce currency risk but the Fund is permitted to take active non-Sterling exposure.

### Other information

You can buy, sell or exchange the Fund's shares on any business day (see 'Dealing Day' in the Prospectus Definitions for more information).

Income the Fund receives will be reinvested and automatically reflected in the value of your shares.

The Fund is not managed in reference to any index or benchmark

It is expected that the Fund will be held as part of a diversified portfolio which may include other assets such as bonds, equities, property and cash.

## Risk and reward profile

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**Lower risk / potentially lower rewards** — **Higher risk / potentially higher rewards**

The risk/reward profile shows the risk of investing in the Fund, based on the rate at which its value has changed in the past. This Fund has the above risk/reward rating because bond prices can be affected by political or economic events, changes in exchange rates, and changes in interest rates.

The Fund's category is not guaranteed and may change over time. It is calculated using historical data, which may not be a reliable indication for the future. Category 1 does not mean 'risk free'.

The following risks, which are not, or are not fully, reflected in the risk/reward profile are also relevant to the Fund:

**Credit:** An issuer of bonds may be unable to make payments due to the Fund (known as a default). The value of bonds may fall as default becomes more likely. Both default and expected default may cause the Fund's value to fall. High yield bonds generally offer higher returns because of their higher default risk and investment grade bonds generally offer lower returns because of their lower default risk.

**Liquidity:** The Fund's value may fall if bonds become more difficult to trade or value due to market conditions or a lack of supply and demand. This risk increases where the Fund invests in high yield bonds.

**Counterparty:** Investments such as derivatives are made using financial contracts with third parties. Those third parties may fail to meet their obligations to the Fund due to events beyond our control. The Fund's value could fall because of: (i) loss of monies owed by the counterparty; and/or (ii) the cost of replacement financial contracts.

**Other markets:** The Fund may invest in countries which have less developed political, economic and legal systems and which provide fewer investor protections. Difficulties in buying, selling, safekeeping or valuing investments in such countries may reduce the value of the Fund.

**Concentration risk:** The Fund may invest more than 35% of its value in securities issued by a single Government or other Public issuer. Holding a limited number of underlying investments means a change in the value of any one investment has more impact on the Fund's value. This increases potential gain but also potential loss.

**Derivatives:** The value of derivatives depends on the performance of an underlying asset. Small changes in the price of that asset can cause larger changes in the value of the derivative. This increases potential gain but also potential loss.

**Interest Rate Risk:** Bond values are affected by changes in interest rates. When interest rates rise, the value of the Fund is likely to fall.

Full details of risks are disclosed in the section 'Risk Factors' in the Prospectus.

## Charges

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 growth of your investment.

| One-off charges taken before or after you invest | |
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| Entry charge | 1.50% |
| Exit charge | 0.00% |
| This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested / before the proceeds of your investment are paid out. | |
| **Charges taken from the fund over a year** | |
| Ongoing charges | 1.30% |
| **Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions** | |
| Performance fee | None |

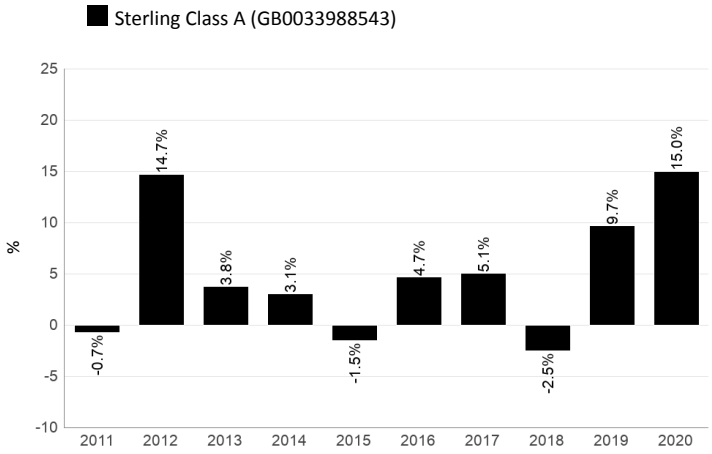
The entry and exit charges shown are the maximum figures, and in some cases you may pay less. You can find out specific charges which apply to your investment by contacting your financial adviser, distributor, or by contacting us using the details given in the Practical Information section.

The ongoing charge is based on expenses for the year to 31 December 2020. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes any portfolio transaction costs (except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying and selling shares in another fund).

Switches or Conversion: 1st 4 in any calendar year are free, and subject to a charge of 1.5% on each transaction thereafter.

More detailed information on charges can be found in the 'Fees and Expenses' section of the Prospectus.

## Past performance




Source: Lipper

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Fund launch date: 16 December 2003
Share class launch date: 16 December 2003

Performance is calculated in GBP.

The past performance calculation does not take into account the entry and exit charges but does take into account the ongoing charge, as shown in the 'Charges' section.

Note: On 7th September 2020 the name of the Fund changed from Kames Strategic Bond Fund to Aegon Strategic Bond Fund.

Source: Lipper

### Practical information

Aegon Asset Management UK ICVC is a UK UCITS scheme structured as an umbrella company with various sub-funds, with segregated liability between sub-funds. This document describes one sub-fund of the UK UCITS; the Prospectus and the Report and Accounts are prepared for the entire UK UCITS.

You can exchange your holdings into another share class of the Fund, or another sub-fund of the UK UCITS, at any time. More detailed information on exchanging can be found in the 'Buying, Redeeming, Switching and Conversion of Shares' section of the Prospectus.

The assets and liabilities of the Fund are segregated by law. Accordingly, the assets of this Fund belong exclusively to it and may not be used to meet the liabilities of, or claims against, any other fund within the Aegon Asset Management UK ICVC. Any liability incurred on behalf of, or attributable to, the Fund shall be discharged solely out of the assets of the Fund.

The depositary is Citibank Europe plc, UK Branch.

The prices of shares will be published daily on our website (www.aegonam.com).

Further information about the Fund and copies of the Prospectus and the latest Annual and Semi-Annual Report and Accounts can be obtained, free of charge, on our website (www.aegonam.com) or by calling 0800 358 3009. These documents are available in English.

You should be aware that tax legislation in the UK (where the Fund is authorised) may have an impact on your personal tax position.

Aegon Asset Management UK plc 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.

Details of the up to date remuneration policy of Aegon Asset Management UK plc (“the Company”) including but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, are available at www.aegonam.com. A paper copy will be available free of charge upon request at the registered office of the Company.