

# 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.

# Virgin Money Bond Fund

Income Units: ISIN GB0009301291 GBP

This fund is managed by Virgin Money Unit Trust Managers Limited, Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4PL.

## **Investment Objective and Policy**

The fund aims to provide a total return (income and capital growth) over the longer term (5 years or more) by investing mainly in sterling denominated bonds. The fund aims to match or beat the performance of its benchmark (50% the FTSE 5-15 Year Gilt Index and 50% the ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch 5-15 Year Non-Gilt Index), after charges, measured over periods of three years or more.

The fund will invest in:

- > corporate bonds;
- > bonds issued by governments and government agencies; and
- > bonds issued by supranational organisations, such as the European Investment Bank.

At least 80% of the fund's assets will be denominated in sterling or hedged back to sterling. Investment will mainly be directly in individual bonds, but the fund can also invest up to 20% in other investment funds, which themselves invest in bonds.

The Investment Advisor has discretion over which bonds to invest in, including investing in bonds which are not part of the benchmark. However, the fund is expected to have relatively low tracking error of 1-3%, meaning returns are not expected to differ from the benchmark by a large amount.

One way in which the fund will differ from the benchmark is due to some exclusions and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations. The fund will not invest in companies that make money from tobacco manufacturing, unconventional fossil fuels (such as oil sands), controversial weapons, or companies in violation of the UN Global Compact principles on human rights, labour, the environment or corruption.

## Designed for investors who:

- > are looking for a regular income (which can be reinvested as required) from a portfolio of bonds;
- > prefer an investment with a mainly 'passive' approach, rather than active stock picking, but are comfortable with some active management, including the use of Environmental, Social and Governance criteria to select which bonds to invest in;
- > are prepared to accept a degree of risk in return for the potential of higher returns than more secure cash deposits.

Income earned by the fund can be reinvested or you can choose to have it paid to you as an income. You can buy and sell units on any business day.

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# Risk and Reward Profile



When it comes to investing, potential return and risk are linked. Over the longer term, investors who are prepared to accept greater risk can typically look forward to greater returns.

The risk indicator above shows the fund's risk and reward profile based on how much the investment types the fund invests in have moved up and down in the past.

Risk level 1 means a low (but not zero) risk of losing money but typically offers limited potential rewards. Risk level 7 means the risk of losing money is much higher, but the potential rewards can be much greater.

The fund is in category 4 because it invests mainly in medium-term bonds. These typically provide moderate rewards but carry a lower level of risk than other investments such as company shares.

Beyond the general risk of investing reflected in the rating shown on the previous page, there are some specific risks most relevant to this fund:

**Interest rate risk:** many bonds pay a fixed rate of income and when interest rates rise, or when markets expect rates to rise, the value of the bonds may fall as the fixed rate of income becomes less attractive.

**Credit risk:** the issuer of a bond may not be able to keep up interest payments or return the full value when the bond matures, which would mean the bond becomes less valuable. This risk is most relevant to the corporate bonds held by the fund.

# Charges

There are charges associated with managing the fund.

The "Ongoing Charge" (shown to the right) is deducted directly from the unit price and paid to us, so it will reduce the return you receive.

There will also be transaction costs for the buying and selling of bonds. These costs vary over the course of the year in line with market conditions and how much trading the fund does. They are also accounted for in the unit price, so the return/change in value you see is after these have been deducted.

We do not charge an entry or exit charge when you buy or sell units in the fund.

For more information about charges including when we may apply a 'Dilution Levy' such as on large deals, and estimated costs, please refer to the fund's Prospectus and also the annual report and accounts which will include detail on the exact charges made over the previous financial year. This is available from our website – virginmoney.com/myinvestments.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry Charge	0%
Exit Charge	0%

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

Charges taken from the fund over a year		
Ongoing Charge	0.30%	
Charges taken from the fund under specific conditions		
Performance Fee	0%	

## Past Performance



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

The fund and this share class was launched on 29 September 1995. The fund changed its investment strategy and benchmark on 1 December 2022. Performance shown up until that date relates to the previous strategy and benchmark.

The ongoing charge changed from 0.60% to 0.30% on 6 January 2024. The performance shown is based on the current annual charge, with adjustments made to previous years to reflect the current charging structure for this share class.

Past performance is calculated in GBP and represents the percentage change in the unit price, with an assumption of income reinvested into additional units following each distribution.

Source: Lipper, bid to bid with net income reinvested

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## **Practical Information**

Trustee: Citibank UK Limited.

#### **Further Information:**

Visit **virginmoney.com/myinvestments** for more details about the fund. This includes the fund's Prospectus, unit price and latest financial report and accounts. All fund documentation is in English and free of charge.

#### **Tax Legislation:**

The fund is subject to UK tax law which may have an impact on your personal tax position. If you are at all unclear about your individual tax situation please speak to a Financial Adviser.

## How we're paid (Remuneration):

You can check our UCITS V Remuneration Policy, including details of our Remuneration Committee at **virginmoney.com/remuneration**. If you'd prefer it on paper, just ask us for a free copy.

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