



Investing in credit

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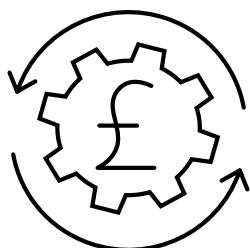


Unlock the potential of global credit markets

Thanks to our wide range of investment strategies, global research platform and disciplined approach, we're well placed to uncover a diverse range of global credit market opportunities for your client.

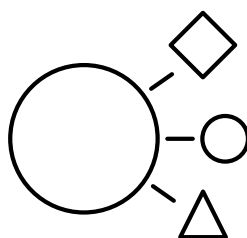
We invest across public and private credit markets, targeting high-income, attractive risk-adjusted returns. Our team manages portfolios to meet client objectives and priorities such as income generation, and capital preservation.

Access our credit opportunities through your third-party investment platform.



Cashflow generation

Target stable income streams with cashflow investment strategies



Diversification

Access the global credit opportunity set in search of attractive returns



Global presence

Build a portfolio to suit your client's needs with the help of our 140 investment professionals



What is credit?

Credit is another word for corporate bonds. These are debt securities issued by corporations to raise capital. When a company needs to borrow money to invest in its business, it may issue corporate bonds to investors. Like government bonds, credit can be bought and sold in secondary markets, as well as at issue. By purchasing corporate bonds, investors effectively lend money to the issuing company.

Corporate bonds offer holders with a fixed income stream and are seen as relatively stable investments compared to equities. However, corporate bond prices on the open market are subject to fluctuations. Perceptions of the financial health and creditworthiness of the issuing company can affect prices.

Our goal is to generate the best long-term return we can for our investors, mitigate risk and unlock opportunities. Consideration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors is embedded into our research process alongside our credit valuation metrics.

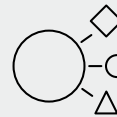


Reasons to invest:

Why is credit right for your client?

Investors often include corporate bonds in their portfolios to provide income, diversify their holdings and to increase portfolio stability by providing a counterbalance to higher risk investments.

We focus on these main areas:



Diversification:

The global corporate bond market is large and diverse, with a wide range of issuer types across different industry sectors and different risk levels. Owning corporate bonds as part of a portfolio of other asset classes can help to improve diversification and reduce overall risk.



Portfolio stability:

A credit allocation can contribute to the stability of a portfolio by serving as a counterbalance to other higher-risk investments. While equities and other riskier assets can be subject to significant market volatility, the returns of corporate bonds, especially higher quality corporate bonds, tend to be more stable.



Income generation:

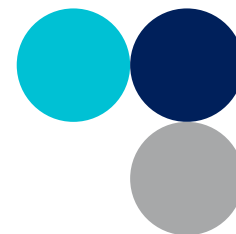
Corporate bonds offer a regular fixed income stream through periodic interest payments. Some clients prefer to receive a regular income via a distribution share class. Others prefer us to reinvest cashflows on their behalf.



Regular maturity:

Corporate bonds have specified maturity dates, after which the issuer is obligated to repay the principal (i.e. the full borrowed amount) back to bondholders. This feature can be advantageous for investors with specific time horizons or those seeking to match their investment duration to their financial goals.

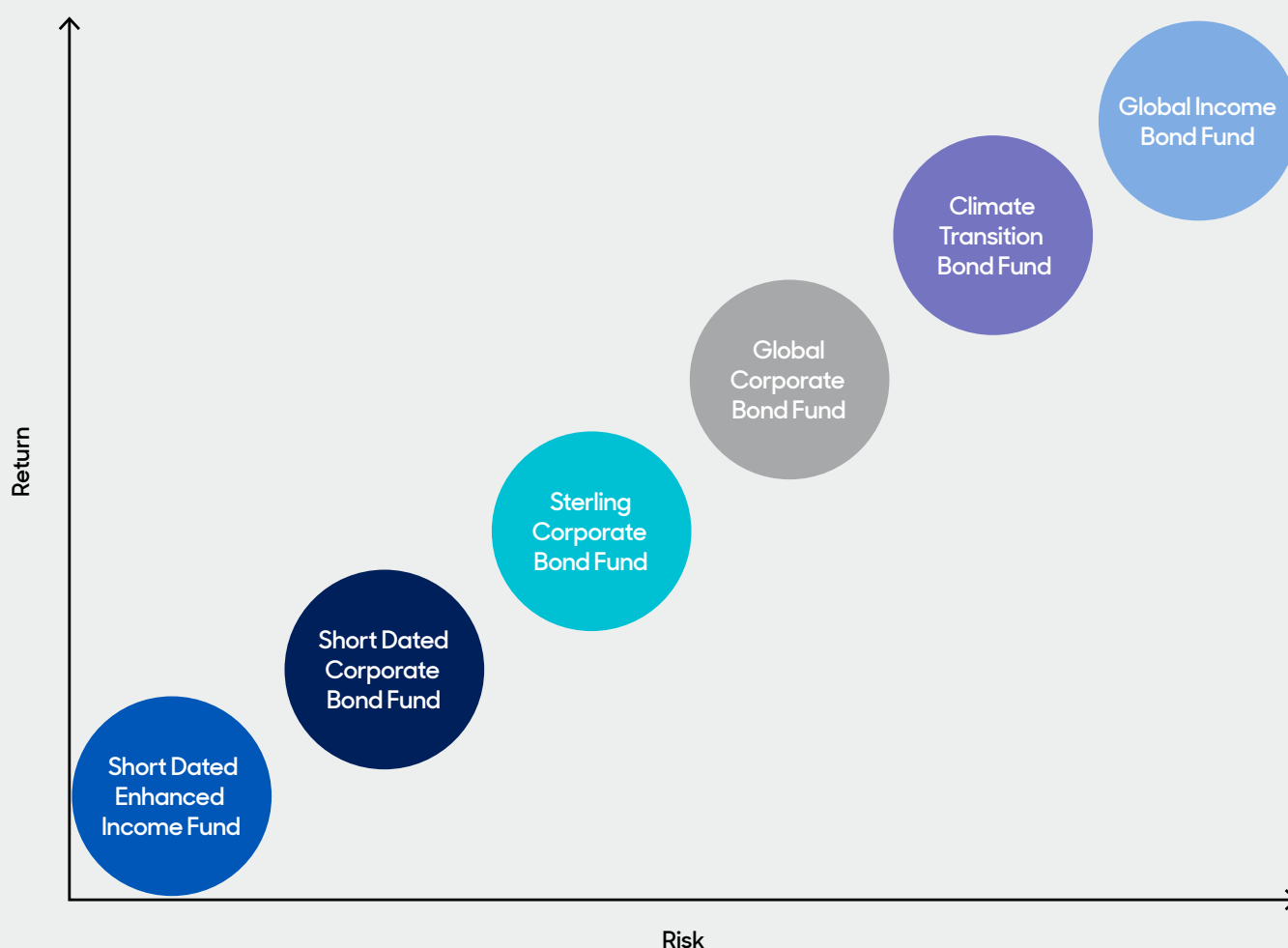
Our credit strategies



At Aberdeen, our philosophy and approach are designed to deliver risk-adjusted returns to help investors achieve their investment goals. Our solutions span a broad range of sectors and geographies, enabling us to meet client needs. We are committed to providing a solution to help your client, no matter which area of the credit market suits their requirements.

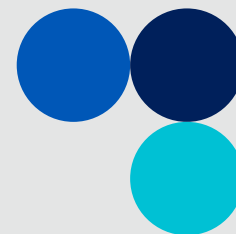
Credit strategies across the risk spectrum

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When constructing a fixed income portfolio, investors should consider their risk tolerance, investment goals, and time horizon. Diversification across different types of fixed income securities can help manage risk and achieve a balance between income generation and capital preservation.

Our funds in focus



Features	Short Dated Enhanced Income	Short Dated	Sterling Corporate	Global Corporate Bond	Climate Transition	Global Income Bond
Fund managers	Mark Munro and Joyce Bing	Jamie Irvine	Adam Walker	Global IG and Aggregate Team	Samuel Grantham	Mark Munro
Objective	The Fund aims to achieve a combination of income and growth, whilst also aiming to provide liquidity and avoid loss of capital, by investing in bonds with a maturity of up to 5 years.	To generate income and some growth over the medium to long term (3 to 5 years) by investing in Sterling-denominated investment grade corporate bonds, with a maturity of up to 5 years.	To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in sterlingdenominated investment grade corporate bonds.	The Fund aims to provide long term growth by investing in bonds (which are like loans that can pay a fixed or variable interest rate) issued by companies, governments or other bodies anywhere in the world.	The Fund aims to achieve a combination of income and growth by investing at least 90% in bonds (loans to governments and companies) issued worldwide, including in Emerging Market countries, which follow the Investment Manager's "Climate Transition Bond Investment Approach".	The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of debt and debt-related securities that are listed or traded anywhere in the world (including in Emerging Markets).
Return target¹	To outyield money markets and global short dated credit indices. Over the market cycle the fund is expected to achieve a yield in excess of money markets plus 1.75% per annum.	To achieve the return of the Markit iBoxx Sterling Corporates (1-5 Year) Index, plus 0.5% per annum (before charges).	To exceed the Investment Association Sterling Corporate Bond Sector Average return (after charges) over 1 year and be top quartile over rolling three year periods.	The Fund aims to outperform the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index (Hedged to USD) benchmark (before charges).	60% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporates Index (Hedged to GBP), 20% Bloomberg Global High Yield Corporates Index (Hedged to GBP), 20% JP Morgan Corporate Emerging Market Bond Index (Hedged to GBP).	The Fund aims to outperform the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate BBB Index (Hedged to USD) with a yield greater than the index over rolling three-year periods (before charges).
Investment horizon	3 years or more	5 years or more	5 years or more	5 years or more	5 years or more	5 years or more
Minimum Investment	USD 1,000 or currency equivalent	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	USD 1,000,000	USD 1,000 or currency equivalent	USD 1,000,000
Distribution Frequency²	Monthly	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly
Risk profile	2	3	4	4	4	4
Annual management	0.25%	0.25%	0.50%	0.50%	0.40%	0.40%
Ongoing charge figure³	0.42%	0.40%	0.64%	0.62%	0.56%	0.52%

¹ This is an internal performance target which the Investment Manager aims to achieve as at the date of this document. This target is not based on past performance, may be subject to change and cannot be guaranteed. Investors should always refer to the investment objective and restrictions as stated in the latest prospectus.

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³ 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) 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.



Do you have any questions?

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Important information

Investment involves risk. The value of investments, and the income from them, can go down as well as up and an investor may get back less than the amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

To help you understand the funds and for a full explanation of the risks and the overall risk profile of each fund and the shareclasses within it, please refer to the Key Investor Information Documents and Prospectus which are available on our website.

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