# **US LOAN FUND**

31 JULY 2020

## Strategy

The fund seeks to exploit market inefficiencies primarily via in-depth fundamental credit research, and to a lesser extent, sector shifts, and trading strategies. Since 2000, Fidelity Investments has actively managed dedicated leveraged loan portfolios, focusing on issuers' balance sheet strength, collateral values, covenant protections, management quality, and capital structure. With these inputs, we continuously monitor and review each position in relation to changes in the loan market and the macroeconomic environment

### **Fund Facts**

Launch date: 08.09.14

Portfolio manager: Eric Mollenhauer, Kevin Nielsen Appointed to fund: 08.09.14, 08.09.14

Years at Fidelity: 27, 14

Fund size: \$293m Fund reference currency: US Dollar (USD)

Fund domicile: Ireland Fund legal structure: ICVC

Management company: FIL Fund Management (Ireland) Limited

Capital guarantee: No

## **Objectives & Investment Policy**

- · The Fund aims to achieve attractive returns through high current income and capital appreciation.
- The Fund will invest primarily in a diversified portfolio of listed or unlisted leveraged loans and other fixed or floating rate securities issued by US domiciled companies or companies operating in the US.
- The Fund may invest globally in listed or unlisted high yield bonds and non-US debt and may also invest globally in listed or unlisted fixed income and equity instruments, loans and other fixed and floating rate securities, money market instruments, cash and deposits.
- For cash management purposes, the Fund may invest un-invested cash up to 15% of its Net Asset Value into a short-term money market fund domiciled in Ireland and managed by Fidelity and regulated by the Central Bank.
- The Fund may be leveraged through the use of borrowing and derivatives for the purpose of currency hedging as more particularly outlined in the relevant Fund Supplement of the Prospectus.

### **Share Class Facts**

Other share classes may be available. Please refer to the prospectus for more details.

Launch date: 08.09.14

NAV price in share class currency: 94.11709

Dealing cut-off: 15:00 UK time (normally 16:00 Central European Time)

Distribution type: Income Distribution frequency: Quarterly

Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) per year: 0.81% (31.07.19)

OCF takes into account annual management charge per year: 0.55%

Minimum investment: €1m

### Share Class Risk and Reward Profile



- The risk category was calculated using historical performance data.
  The risk category may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the
- fund, is not guaranteed and may change over time.

  The lowest category does not mean a "risk free" investment.
- The risk and reward profile is classified by the level of historical fluctuation of the Net Asset Values of the share class, and within this classification, categories 1-2 indicate a low level of historical fluctuations, 3-5 a medium level and 6-7 a high

## Important Information

The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested. The use of financial derivative instruments may result in increased gains or losses within the fund. There is a risk that the issuers of bonds may not be able to repay the money they have borrowed or make interest payments. When interest rates rise, bonds may fall in value. Rising interest rates may cause the value of your investment to fall.



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Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The fund's returns can be affected by fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

## Performance Comparator(s)

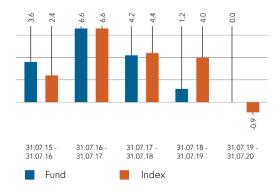
Market index from 08.09.14

S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index

Market index is for comparative purposes only unless specifically referenced in the Objectives & Investment Policy on page 1. The same index is used in the positioning tables on this factsheet. Where the effective date for the current market index is after the share class launch date, full history is available from Fidelity.

## Gross performance

## Performance for 12 month periods in USD (%)



## Cumulative performance in USD (rebased to 100)



Performance is shown for the last five years (or since launch for funds launched within that period).

## Performance to 31.07.20 in USD (%)

							Since
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	08.09.14*
Fund cumulative growth	1.8	5.6	-1.4	0.0	5.5	16.6	18.5
Index cumulative growth	2.0	7.0	-2.7	-0.9	7.7	17.6	19.6
Fund annualised growth	=	=	=	0.0	1.8	3.1	2.9
Index annualised growth	=	-	-	-0.9	2.5	3.3	3.1

Fund returns are quoted gross of fees with income reinvested, i.e. do not account for the charges shown on page 1 of this factsheet. Fund returns will be lower due to the

application of charges.

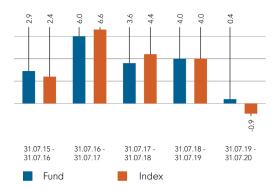
Basis: NAV-NAV, total return, in USD, gross of fees

The official valuation point for the fund is 17.00 UK time. However, the fund is revalued each month-end using closing prices for all securities so that fund performance is consistent with the valuation point used in the calculation of the index performance.

\*Performance commencement date.

### Net performance

## Performance for 12 month periods in USD (%)



Basis: NAV-NAV total return, in USD, net of fees.

Source of fund performance and volatility and risk measures is Fidelity. Performance is excluding initial charge. Market indices are sourced from RIMES.

## Introduction

This factsheet contains information about the composition of the fund at a particular point in time. It aims to help you understand how the manager has positioned the fund to meet its objectives. Each table shows a different breakdown of the fund's investments. The index used in the positioning tables is the index defined in the Performance Comparator(s) section on page 2 of this factsheet.

## Portfolio Characteristics

	Fund	Index
Yield to Maturity (%)	5.27	6.11
Duration (worst)	0.13	-
Average Maturity (years)	4.79	4.75
Number of Issues	453	1428
Number of Issuers	343	1154
Average Credit Quality	BB-	B+

Definitions of these characteristics can be found in the Glossary section of this factsheet.

## Rating Allocation (% TNA)

	Fund	Index
BB and above	27.77	30.26
В	59.37	54.76
CCC and below	3.05	7.40
NR	5.55	7.59
Cash	4.25	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

Credit ratings for a rated issuer are categorized using a methodology that takes the highest rating of the 3 primary ratings agencies, Moody's, Fitch, and S&P. If none of the 3 agencies publish a rating on the security, then it is categorized as Not Rated.

## Asset Allocation (% TNA)

	Fund	Index
Term & Revolving Loans	94.08	100.00
High Yield Bonds	1.67	0.00
Equity	0.00	0.00
Cash & Other	4.25	0.00
Total	100.00	100.00

## Sector Allocation (Top 10) (% TNA)

	Fund	Index
Business Equipment & Services	12.66	11.14
Electronics/Electrical	8.59	9.06
All Telecom	7.97	8.04
Lodging & Casinos	6.77	3.79
Health Care	5.75	9.73
Insurance	5.48	3.68
Cable & Satellite Television	5.40	3.78
Leisure Goods/Activities/Movies	4.60	4.04
Retailers (Except Food & Drug)	4.36	3.03
Containers & Glass Products	3.97	2.39

## Top 10 Issuers (% TNA)

	Fund	Index	
BASS PRO SHOPS LLC	2.54	0.38	
INTELSAT	2.29	0.22	
ASURION LLC	2.04	0.97	
CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT	1.57	0.43	
TRANSDIGM	1.41	0.64	
ALTICE FIN	1.35	0.69	
SS&C TECHNOLOGIES	1.22	0.44	
MA FINANCECO	1.16	0.31	
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	1.13	0.56	
ALMONDE	1.10	0.39	

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## Glossary / additional notes

### **Volatility & Risk**

Annualised volatility: a measure of how variable returns for a fund or comparative market index have been around their historical average (also known as "standard deviation"). Two funds may produce the same return over a period. The fund whose monthly returns have varied less will have a lower annualised volatility and will be considered to have achieved its returns with less risk. The calculation is the standard deviation of 36 monthly returns presented as an annualised number. Volatility for funds and indices are calculated independently of each other.

**Relative volatility:** a ratio calculated by comparing the annualised volatility of a fund to the annualised volatility of a comparative market index. A value greater than 1 indicates the fund has been more volatile than the index. A value less than 1 shows the fund has been less volatile than the index. A relative volatility of 1.2 means the fund has been 20% more volatile than the index, while a measure of 0.8 would mean the fund has been 20% less volatile than the index.

Sharpe ratio: a measure of a fund's risk-adjusted performance, taking into account the return on a risk-free investment. The ratio allows an investor to assess whether the fund is generating adequate returns for the level of risk it is taking. The higher the ratio, the better the risk-adjusted performance has been. If the ratio is negative, the fund has returned less than the risk-free rate. The ratio is calculated by subtracting the risk-free return (such as cash) in the relevant currency from the fund's return, then dividing the result by the fund's volatility. It is calculated using annualised numbers.

Annualised alpha: the difference between a fund's expected return (based on its beta) and the fund's actual return. A fund with a positive alpha has delivered more return than would be expected given its beta.

**Beta:** a measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements (as represented by a market index). The beta of the market is 1.00 by definition. A beta of 1.10 shows that the fund could be expected to perform 10% better than the index in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant. Conversely, a beta of 0.85 indicates that the fund could be expected to perform 15% worse than the market return during up markets and 15% better during down markets.

**Annualised tracking error:** a measure showing how closely a fund follows the index to which it is being compared. It is the standard deviation of the fund's excess returns. The higher the fund's tracking error, the higher the variability of fund returns around the market index.

**Information ratio:** a measure of a fund's effectiveness in generating excess return for the level of risk taken. An information ratio of 0.5 shows the fund has delivered an annualised excess return equivalent to half the value of the tracking error. The ratio is calculated by taking the fund's annualised excess return and dividing it by the fund's tracking error.

**R2:** a measure representing the degree to which a fund's return can be explained by the returns of a comparative market index. A value of 1 signifies the fund and index are perfectly correlated. A measure of 0.5 means only 50% of the fund's performance can be explained by the index. If the R2 is 0.5 or lower, the fund's beta (and therefore its alpha too) is not a reliable measure (due to a low correlation between fund and index).

### **Ongoing charges**

The ongoing charges figure represents the charges taken from the fund over a year. It is calculated at the fund's financial year end and may vary from year to year. For classes of funds with fixed ongoing charges, this may not vary from year to year. For new classes of funds or classes undergoing corporate actions (eg amendment to annual management charge), the ongoing charges figure is estimated until the criteria are met for an actual ongoing charges figure to be published.

The types of charges included in the ongoing charges figure are management fees, administration fees, custodian and depositary fees and transaction charges, shareholder reporting costs, regulatory registration fees, Directors fees (where applicable) and bank charges.

It excludes: performance fees (where applicable); portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the fund when buying or selling units in another collective investment undertaking.

For more information about charges (including details of the fund's financial year end), please consult the charges section in the most recent Prospectus.

### Independent Assessment

Feri Fund Rating: The rating measures how well a fund has balanced risk and reward relative to its peers. The rating is based solely on performance for funds with a five year track record. Funds with a shorter history also undergo qualitative assessment. For example, this may include looking at management style. The rating scale is A = very good, B = good, C = average, D = below average and E = poor.

Morningstar Star Rating for Funds: The rating measures how well a fund has balanced risk and reward relative to its peers. Star ratings are strictly based on past performance and Morningstar suggests investors use them to identify funds that are worthy for further research. The top 10% of funds in a category will receive a 5-star rating and the next 22.5% receive a 4-star rating. Only ratings of 4 or 5 stars are displayed on the factsheet.

Morningstar Style Box: The Morningstar Style Box is a nine-square grid that provides a graphical representation of the investment style of funds. It is based on fund holdings and classifies funds according to market capitalisation (the vertical axis) and growth and value factors (the horizontal axis). The value and growth factors are based on measures such as earnings, cashflow and dividend yield and use both historical and forward-looking data

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### **Portfolio Characteristics**

### Yield to Maturity (%)

The Yield to Maturity (also known as the redemption yield) is the internal rate of return earned on a debt obligation, assuming that the debt obligation will be held until maturity and all coupon and principal payments will be made. It is an estimation of future return, as the rate at which coupon payments can be reinvested when received is unknown. The portfolio's redemption yield is the value weighted sum of the redemption yield of each individual instrument. The redemption yield is gross of the fund's charges and gross of tax.

#### Duration to Worst

Duration to Worst is the duration of a debt obligation computed using the debt obligation's nearest call date or maturity, whichever comes first. This measure ignores future cash flow fluctuations due to embedded optionality.

### Average Maturity (years)

The market-weighted average maturity of debt obligations held in the portfolio. Perpetual debt obligations are assigned a maturity of 31 December 2049.

### **Number of Issues**

The number of debt obligations held in the fund. FX (foreign exchange) forwards are excluded. These are forward contracts that allow currency to be bought or sold at an agreed price on a future date.

#### Number of Issuers

The total number of individual issuers whose debt obligations are held in the fund. Since the fund will often hold more than one debt obligation from an issuer, this figure is generally lower than the number of issues.

### **Average Credit Quality**

This is the weighted average of all the debt obligation credit ratings in the fund, expressed using the industry standard letter system (ie AAA, BBB). This measure gives an idea of how risky the fund's debt obligations are overall: the lower the average credit quality, the riskier the fund.

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