



#### T. ROWE PRICE FUNDS SICAV

# Responsible US Aggregate Bond Fund

As at 28 February 2022

Total Fund Assets:\$455.3 million

Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM:

**Brian Brennan** 

Managed Fund Since: 2003, Joined Firm: 2000

Steve Bartolini

Managed Fund Since: 2022, Joined Firm: 2010

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To maximise the value of its shares through both growth in the value of, and income from, its investments.

#### **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

The fund is actively managed and Invests mainly in a diversified portfolio of US bonds. The fund may use derivatives for hedging and efficient portfolio management and will be consistent with the fund objectives and Environmental Sustainability characteristics of the fund. Although the fund does not have sustainable investment as an objective, the promotion of environmental and social characteristics is achieved through the investment manager's avoidance of sectors or companies, whose activities may be considered harmful to the environment and/or society through the application of its proprietary socially responsible screen (exclusion list). As a consequence, specific companies whose business activities involve controversial weapons (cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, incendiary, chemical, biological and nuclear weapons), tobacco production, coal production, assault-style weapons for civilian use, adult entertainment, direct gambling operations and certain conduct-based criteria are excluded. There may be circumstances where a fund has some limited, indirect, exposure to the Environmental, Social and Governance criteria. Examples of these circumstances could include an investment in an instrument that gives exposure to an index, or an investment in a fund managed by an unaffiliated investment manager. Please refer to prospectus for further information on proprietary exclusion list and Sustainability Indicators.

Effective 2 November 2021, the name of the fund changed from US Aggregate Bond Fund to Responsible US Aggregate Bond Fund.

The fund now promotes environmental and social characteristics through the application of a proprietary socially responsible screen

(exclusion list). Please see the prospectus for more information.

## Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

| PERFORMANCE  |                |           |                 |            |        |        |            | Annua      | llised    |                    |
|--|----------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|--------|--------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| (NAV, total return)                                | Inception Date | One Month | Three<br>Months | Year-to-Da | te One | Year T | hree Years | Five Years | Ten Years | Since<br>Inception |
| Class I  | 7 Jun 2011     | -1.41%    | -3.71%          | -3.36%     | -2.36  | 3%     | 3.24%      | 2.62%      | 2.39%     | 2.66%              |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index CALENDAR YEARS |                | -1.12%    | -3.49%          | -3.25%     | -2.64  | 4%     | 3.30%      | 2.71%      | 2.47%     | 2.80%              |
| (NAV, total return)                                | 2012           | 2013      | 2014            | 2015       | 2016   | 2017   | 2018       | 2019       | 2020      | 2021               |
| Class I  | 5.34%          | -2.03%    | 5.46%           | 0.45%      | 2.31%  | 3.91%  | -0.67%     | 9.18%      | 6.94%     | -1.15%             |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index                | 4.21%          | -2.02%    | 5.97%           | 0.55%      | 2.65%  | 3.54%  | 0.01%      | 8.72%      | 7.51%     | -1.54%             |

### Performance for additional share classes is shown later in this document.

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Hedged share classes (denoted by 'h', 'b' or 'n') utilize investment techniques to mitigate currency risk between the underlying investment currency(ies) of the fund and the currency of the hedged share class. The costs of doing so will be charged to the share class and there is no guarantee that such hedging will be effective.

Performance data will be displayed when a share class has more than 1 year history of returns.

The manager is not constrained by the fund's benchmark, which is used for performance comparison purposes only.

## **KEY FUND RISKS**

ABS/MBS risk - these securities may be subject to greater liquidity, credit, default and interest rate risk compared to other bonds. They are often exposed to extension and prepayment risk. Credit risk - a bond or money market security could lose value if the issuer's financial health deteriorates. Default risk - the issuers of certain bonds could become unable to make payments on their bonds. Derivatives risk - derivatives may result in losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. Emerging markets risk - emerging markets are less established than developed markets and therefore involve higher risks. Interest rate risk - when interest rates rise, bond values generally fall. This risk is generally greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality. Issuer concentration risk - to the extent that a fund invests a large portion of its assets in securities from a relatively small number of issuers, its performance will be more strongly affected by events affecting those issuers. Liquidity risk - any security could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price. Prepayment and extension risk - with mortgage- and asset-backed securities, or any other securities whose market prices typically reflect the assumption that the securities will be paid off before maturity, any unexpected behaviour in interest rates could impact fund performance. Sector concentration risk - the performance of a fund that invests a large portion of its assets in a particular economic sector (or, for bond funds, a particular market segment), will be more strongly affected by events affecting that sector or segment of the fixed income market. Total return swap risk - total return swap contracts may expose the fund to additional risks, including market, counterparty and operational risks as well as risks linked to the use of collateral arrangements.

## **TOP 10 ISSUERS**

| Issuer             | Industry              | % of Fund |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Bank of America    | Banking               | 1.6       |
| JPMorgan Chase     | Banking               | 1.3       |
| Wells Fargo        | Banking               | 1.2       |
| Goldman Sachs      | Banking               | 0.9       |
| AbbVie             | Consumer Non Cyclical | 0.9       |
| Verizon Wireless   | Communications        | 0.8       |
| CVS Health         | Consumer Cyclical     | 0.8       |
| Williams Companies | Natural Gas           | 0.7       |
| Banco Santander    | Banking               | 0.7       |
| Citigroup          | Banking               | 0.7       |

The Top Issuers excludes U.S. Treasuries, institutional funds, agencies and securitised products.

### INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION

| Industry           | % of Fund | Fund vs. Comparator<br>Benchmark |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Corporate          | 34.0      | 8.9                              |
| Mortgage           | 25.9      | -1.5                             |
| U.S. Treasury      | 23.9      | -15.8                            |
| ABS                | 7.5       | 7.2                              |
| Government Related | 4.5       | -1.0                             |
| CMBS               | 3.0       | 1.9                              |
| Cash Equivalent    | 1.2       | 1.2                              |
| Equity & Other     | 0.0       | -0.8                             |
| U.S. Municipal     | 0.0       | 0.0                              |
|                    |           | ,                                |

## **CREDIT QUALITY DIVERSIFICATION**

|                           | % of Fund | Fund vs. Comparator Benchmark |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| US Govt Agency Securities | 22.2      | -6.5                          |
| US Treasury               | 23.9      | -15.8                         |
| AAA                       | 4.8       | 0.6                           |
| AA                        | 3.9       | 1.0                           |
| A                         | 16.4      | 5.4                           |
| BBB                       | 25.9      | 12.4                          |
| BB                        | 1.4       | 1.4                           |
| Not Rated                 | 0.2       | 0.2                           |
| Reserves                  | 1.2       | 1.2                           |
|                           |           |                               |

Credit ratings for the securities held in the fund are provided by Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch and are converted to the Standard & Poor's nomenclature. When a rating is available from all three agencies, the median rating is used. If there are two ratings, the lower rating is used and if only one rating is available, that rating is used. If a rating is not available, the security is classified as Not Rated (NR). The rating of the underlying investment vehicle is used to determine the creditworthiness of credit default swaps and sovereign securities. The fund is not rated by any agency.

The comparator benchmark data is for the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

|                                     | Fund       | Comparator<br>Benchmark |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Weighted Average Coupon             | 2.74%      | 2.51%                   |
| Weighted Average Maturity           | 9.47 years | 8.57 years              |
| Weighted Average Effective Duration | 6.41 years | 6.49 years              |
| Current Yield                       | 2.71%      | 2.41%                   |
| Yield to Maturity                   | 2.61%      | 2.33%                   |
| Average Credit Quality              | AA-        | AA+                     |
| Number of Holdings                  | 946        | 12,364                  |
|                                     |            |                         |

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## RISK/RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (Five Years as of Month End)

| Annualised Standard Deviation       3.65%       3.28%         Alpha       -0.09%       0.00%         Beta       1.01       1.00         R-Squared       0.81       1.00         Information Ratio       -0.05       0.00         Sharpe Ratio       0.41       0.49         Tracking Error       1.59%       0.00% |                               | Fund   | Benchmark |
|--|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Beta         1.01         1.00           R-Squared         0.81         1.00           Information Ratio         -0.05         0.00           Sharpe Ratio         0.41         0.49   | Annualised Standard Deviation | 3.65%  | 3.28%     |
| R-Squared 0.81 1.00 Information Ratio -0.05 0.00 Sharpe Ratio 0.41 0.49  | Alpha                         | -0.09% | 0.00%     |
| Information Ratio         -0.05         0.00           Sharpe Ratio         0.41         0.49  | Beta                          | 1.01   | 1.00      |
| Sharpe Ratio 0.41 0.49   | R-Squared                     | 0.81   | 1.00      |
|  | Information Ratio             | -0.05  | 0.00      |
| Tracking Error 1.59% 0.00%   | Sharpe Ratio                  | 0.41   | 0.49      |
|  | Tracking Error                | 1.59%  | 0.00%     |

Statistics based on monthly returns of Class I shares.

## **DURATION ANALYSIS**

|               | % of Fund | Fund vs. Compar | ator Benchmark |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|
| Under 1 Year  | 7.9       |                 | 7.7            |
| 1 to 3 Years  | 11.9      | -10.9           |                |
| 3 to 5 Years  | 28.8      |                 | 0.9            |
| 5 to 7 Years  | 18.3      | -5.4            |                |
| 7 to 10 Years | 14.0      |                 | 6.3            |
| Over 10 Years | 19.2      |                 | 1.3            |

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|   |                   |              |                 |                  |             |                |               |              | Annu             | alised    |                         |
|---|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
|   |                   |              |                 |                  |             |                |               |              |                  | Since Cla | ass Inception           |
| (NAV, total return)                               | Inception<br>Date | One<br>Month | Three<br>Months | Year-to-<br>Date | One<br>Year | Three<br>Years | Five<br>Years | Ten<br>Years | Fifteen<br>Years | Fund      | Comparator<br>Benchmark |
| Class Jd  | 05 Dec 2003       | -1.36%       | -3.57%          | -3.31%           | -1.92%      | 3.69%          | 3.06%         | 2.90%        | 4.33%            | -         | -                       |
| Class S   | 16 Apr 2018       | -1.38%       | -3.54%          | -3.29%           | -1.97%      | 3.69%          | -             | -            | -                | 3.58%     | 3.26%                   |
| Class Q   | 07 Jun 2019       | -1.40%       | -3.66%          | -3.30%           | -2.50%      | -              | -             | -            | -                | 1.95%     | 2.11%                   |
| Class A   | 31 Oct 2019       | -1.46%       | -3.81%          | -3.44%           | -2.88%      | -              | -             | -            | -                | 0.47%     | 0.98%                   |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index               |                   | -1.12%       | -3.49%          | -3.25%           | -2.64%      | 3.30%          | 2.71%         | 2.47%        | 3.75%            | -         | -                       |
| Class In (EUR)                                    | 01 Jun 2011       | -1.40%       | -3.84%          | -3.38%           | -3.07%      | 1.60%          | 0.63%         | 1.15%        | -                | 1.72%     | 1.64%                   |
| Class An (EUR)                                    | 14 Oct 2020       | -1.45%       | -4.04%          | -3.46%           | -3.46%      | -              | -             | -            | -                | -3.66%    | -3.98%                  |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Hedged to EUR |                   | -1.17%       | -3.77%          | -3.39%           | -3.53%      | 1.66%          | 0.71%         | 1.22%        | -                | -         | -                       |
| Class Qn (GBP)                                    | 28 Aug 2015       | -1.34%       | -3.66%          | -3.24%           | -2.47%      | 2.27%          | 1.40%         | -            | -                | 1.53%     | 1.78%                   |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Hedged to GBP |                   | -1.10%       | -3.56%          | -3.24%           | -2.81%      | 2.58%          | 1.68%         | -            | -                | -         | -                       |

## **CALENDAR YEARS**

| (NAV, total return)                               | 2012  | 2013   | 2014  | 2015   | 2016  | 2017  | 2018   | 2019  | 2020  | 2021   |
|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Class Jd  | 6.18% | -1.45% | 6.08% | 0.80%  | 2.80% | 4.43% | -0.29% | 9.72% | 7.39% | -0.70% |
| Class S   | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -     | -      | 9.67% | 7.47% | -0.75% |
| Class Q   | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -     | -      | -     | 6.87% | -1.36% |
| Class A   | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -     | -      | -     | 6.50% | -1.69% |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index               | 4.21% | -2.02% | 5.97% | 0.55%  | 2.65% | 3.54% | 0.01%  | 8.72% | 7.51% | -1.54% |
| Class In (EUR)                                    | 5.22% | -2.16% | 5.44% | -0.09% | 0.96% | 1.82% | -3.40% | 5.99% | 5.40% | -1.97% |
| Class An (EUR)                                    | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -     | -      | -     | -     | -2.38% |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Hedged to EUR | 4.05% | -2.22% | 5.90% | 0.19%  | 1.12% | 1.53% | -2.76% | 5.56% | 6.11% | -2.43% |
| Class Qn (GBP)                                    | -     | -      | -     | -      | 1.90% | 2.65% | -2.39% | 7.25% | 5.66% | -1.38% |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Hedged to GBP | -     | -      | -     | -      | 2.36% | 2.42% | -1.64% | 6.92% | 6.88% | -1.73% |

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#### **FUND INFORMATION**

| Class    | ISIN Code    | Bloomberg Code | Comparator Benchmark                              | Inception Date | Ongoing Management Charge |
|----------|--------------|----------------|---|----------------|---------------------------|
| Α        | LU0181328930 | TRUSAUS LX     | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index               | 31 Oct 2019    | 0.76%                     |
| An (EUR) | LU2242182736 | TUABANE LX     | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Hedged to EUR | 14 Oct 2020    | 0.76%                     |
| 1        | LU0181329318 | TRUABIC LX     | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index               | 07 Jun 2011    | 0.37%                     |
| In (EUR) | LU0214705203 | TRUABIE LX     | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Hedged to EUR | 01 Jun 2011    | 0.35%                     |
| Jd       | LU0181329151 | TRUABJU LX     | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index               | 05 Dec 2003    | 0.07%                     |
| Q        | LU1372929718 | TRUSABQ LX     | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index               | 07 Jun 2019    | 0.45%                     |
| Qn (GBP) | LU1278043622 | TRUAQHG LX     | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Hedged to GBP | 28 Aug 2015    | 0.45%                     |
| S        | LU0353119042 | TRUSABS LX     | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index               | 16 Apr 2018    | 0.05%                     |

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