

Institutional Sterling Liquidity Fund

Institutional Cash Series plc (Admin III share class)

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Investment Objective

The Fund aims to maximise income on your investment consistent with preservation of principal and liquidity by the maintenance of a portfolio of high quality short term "money market" instruments.

Investment Policy

The Fund invests in a broad range of fixed income securities (such as bonds) and high quality short term money market instruments (i.e. debt securities with short term maturities). It may also invest in deposits with credit institutions (e.g. banks).

**Capital at risk:** All financial investments involve an element of risk. Therefore, the value of your investment and the income from it will vary and your initial investment amount cannot be guaranteed. The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed. You may not get back the amount originally invested. Short Term Money Market Funds do not generally experience extreme price variations. Changes in interest rates will impact the Fund.

**Loss of Capital:** an automatic share redemption may occur which will reduce the number of shares held by each investor. This share redemption will result in a loss of capital to investors.

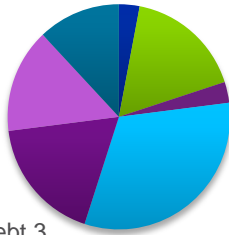
**Counterparty Risk:** The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

**Credit Risk:** The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.

Fund Details

Umbrella	Institutional Cash Series plc	
Domicile	Ireland	
Fund structure	UCITS	
Currency	GBP	
Size	£ 36.6 Billion	
Benchmark	7-Day LIBID	
Fund inception date	Dec 16, 1998	
Share class inception date	Dec 6, 2007	
Minimum investment	50,000	
Dealing deadline	1:00pm Irish time	
Settlement	Accumulating: T+1	Distributing T+0
Bloomberg	Acc	MLMIIVS ID
	Dis	MLMIG3I ID
ISIN	Acc	IE00B29LM678
	Dis	IE0030005460
Fitch	AAAmf	
Moody's	Aaa-mf	
S&P	AAAm	
Ongoing Charges	0.45%	

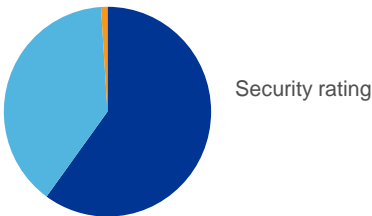
Portfolio Composition %



- Treasury Debt 3
- Financial Company Commercial Paper 17
- Asset Backed Commercial Paper 3
- Certificate of Deposit 32
- Note (^) 18
- Government Agency Repurchase Agreement 15
- Time Deposit 12

^ Fixed or floating med-term notes, issued by banks or corporates

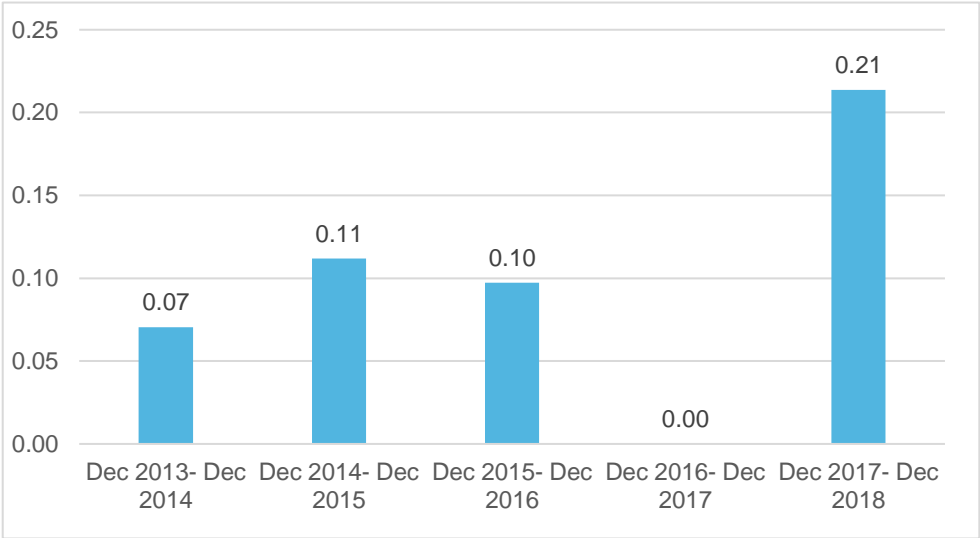
S&P Rating %



- A-1+ 60
- A-1 39
- AA 1

S&P deem all A-1 securities maturing within 7 days as A-1+ Any security under a year with a long term rating of AA- or above would also be considered to have a short term rating of A-1+, whilst those with a long term rating of A or above would be considered to have a short term rating

Net annualised yield for past 5 years to last quarter end



The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy.

Performance is calculated after deduction of ongoing charges. Total return is not impacted by changes in the NAV for constant net asset value distributing share classes and accounts for distributions from the Fund.

The currency of returns is GBP.

The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation. Performance is expressed as a percentage change of the Fund's net asset value and is

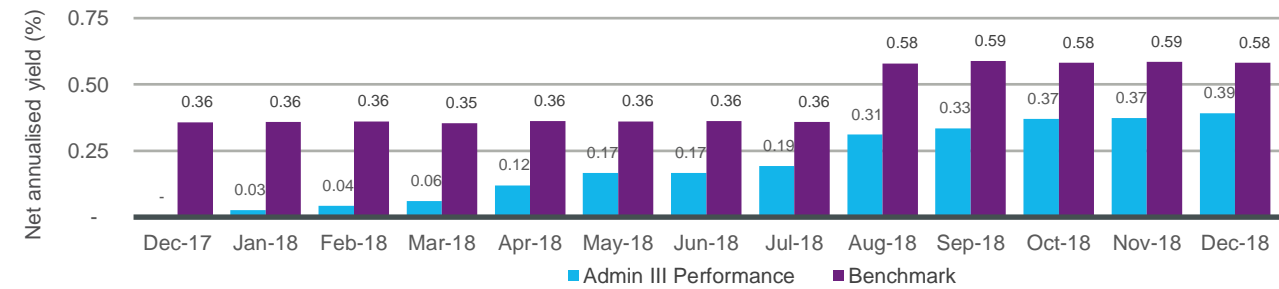
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Performance

Net Annualised Monthly Yield Performance of the past 12 months in % vs Benchmark



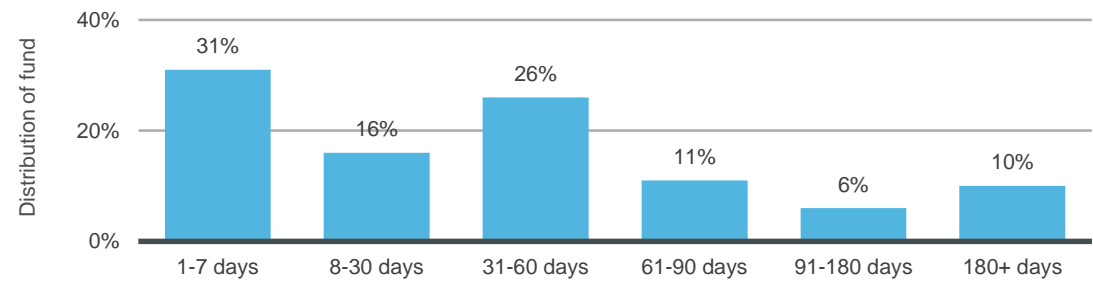
Annualised Performance History	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Admin III	0.39	0.38	0.32	0.21	0.10	0.10
Benchmark	0.58	0.58	0.55	0.45	0.29	0.32

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All yield figures are annualised and quoted net of fees except benchmark yields which have no associated fees. The annualised yield is the income return on an investment, such as the interest or dividends of a money market fund.

The yield is expressed as an percentage of the period as at 31-December-2018 market value.

Final Maturity Distribution (WAL)



Weighted Average Maturity (WAM) Days: 27      Weighted Average Life (WAL) Days: 58  
As at 31-December-2018      As at 31-December-2018

Unless otherwise specified all data is internally sourced from BlackRock as of 31-December-2018

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## Important information – Institutional Sterling Liquidity Fund

### Glossary

#### Asset Backed Commercial Paper

Asset Backed Commercial Paper (ABCP) is a short-term investment vehicle with a maturity that is typically between 90 and 180 days. The security itself is generally issued by a bank or other financial institution. The notes are backed by physical assets such as trade receivables, and are generally used for short-term financing needs.

#### Certificates of Deposit

Certificates of Deposit (CDs) are short-term tradable deposits, issued by banks, that pay a fixed rate of interest.

#### Commercial Paper

Commercial Paper (CP) are short-term securities, issued by banks and large corporates. CP is issued at a discount with zero coupon.

#### First Tier Securities

This refers to the highest rating available for short term financial securities

#### Fitch

One of the three leading credit rating agencies

#### Floating Rate Note

Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) are bonds whereby the rate of interest 'floats' to reflect changes in interest rates or LIBOR.

#### LIBID

London Interbank Bid Rate (LIBID) is an indicative rate that banks lend to other banks. Typically 7-day LIBID is used as a benchmark for triple-A rated money market funds. LIBID is not published by the British Bankers Association (BBA), but is accepted as being LIBOR minus 0.125%.

#### Maturity

The maximum time that a bond can be outstanding; the date when the principal capital will be repaid.

#### Money Market Instruments

Short term financial securities that mature within one year.

#### Moody's

One of the three leading credit rating agencies.

#### Repurchase agreements

Repurchase Agreements (Repos) are instruments under which the funds sell portfolio securities and at the time of sale agrees to repurchase those securities at a mutually agreed time and price including interest payment. This is usually on an overnight basis.

#### Reverse Distribution Mechanism

The Fund has the ability to redeem a portion of each investors holding, which would represent that investors share of the negative yield. Reverse Distribution redemptions would take place at the end of the day. Income accrual will be distributed and realised daily. Reinvest Investors: Units will be allocated daily on the day after the relevant dealing day. Pay Out Investors: Accruals will be allocated daily and paid out on the first business of day the following month. Accumulating share class investors will not see any units redeemed, however the share price will increase or decrease on any given day

#### Standard & Poor's (S&P)

One of the three leading credit rating agencies.

#### Time Deposit

A deposit at a banking institution made for a certain (short) period of time.

#### Weighted Average Maturity (WAM)

WAM is a measure of the average length of time to maturity of all of the underlying securities in the fund weighted to reflect the relative holdings in each instrument, assuming that the maturity of a floating rate instrument is the time remaining until the next interest rate reset to the money market rate, rather than the time remaining before the principal value of the security must be repaid. In practice, WAM is used to measure the sensitivity of a money market fund to changing money market interest rates.

#### Weighted Average Life (WAL)

WAL is the weighted average of the remaining life (maturity) of each security held in a fund, meaning the time until the principal is repaid in full (disregarding interest and not discounting). Contrary to what is done in the calculation of the WAM, the calculation of the WAL for floating rate securities and structured financial instruments does not permit the use of interest rate reset dates and instead only uses a security's stated final maturity. WAL is used to measure the credit risk, as the longer the reimbursement of principal is postponed, the higher is the credit risk. WAL is also used to limit the liquidity risk.

#### Yield

The rate of return/interest on a money market fund expressed as a percentage of its capital value.

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