# FUND FACTSHEET MERIAN CORPORATE BOND FUND



#### R CLASS | GBP | ACCUMULATION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

EQUITIES

**ALTERNATIVES** 

# FUND OBJECTIVE

To seek to achieve income and capital growth by delivering a return, net of fees, greater than that of the ICE BofAML Sterling Non-Gilt Index over rolling 3 year periods. The fund primarily invests (at least 70%) in investment grade corporate debt securities.

**FIXED INCOME** 

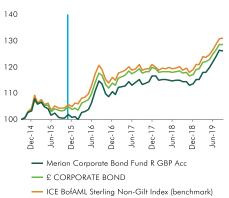


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LLOYD HARRIS FUND MANAGER SINCE DEC 2015

FUND SIZE:	£340.6m
NUMBER OF HOLDINGS:	127

### **PERFORMANCE** (FIVE YEAR)



Manager Start Date December 2015

**CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)** 

	1 month	3 month	6 month	14	3Y	5Y
Fund	-0.1	3.7	7.0	10.2	11.0	26.2
Benchmark	0.1	3.7	5.7	10.2	10.1	31.2
Sector average	-0.1	3.1	5.5	9.0	10.0	28.5
Quartile rank	3	1	1	1	2	3

## **DISCRETE PERIOD PERFORMANCE (%)**

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	2019 YTD	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	11.1	-2.5	5.4	9.6	-2.4	9.1
Benchmark	10.1	-1.5	4.3	10.7	0.5	12.2
Sector average	9.6	-2.2	5.2	9.7	0.2	10.6
Quartile rank	1	3	2	2	4	4

#### DISCRETE PERIOD PERFORMANCE (%) - year on year ending Sep 2019

	1 yr to 30/09/19	1 yr to 28/09/18	1 yr to 29/09/17	1 yr to 30/09/16	1 yr to 30/09/15
Fund	10.2	1.1	-0.3	13.2	0.4
Benchmark	10.2	0.2	-0.2	14.0	4.5
Sector average	9.0	0.1	0.8	13.0	3.4
Quartile rank	1	1	2	2	3

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The benchmark is a broad representation of the fund's investment universe and as such is an appropriate benchmark for the fund to seek to outperform and may also be used as a point of reference against which the fund's performance may be measured. The fund's performance may also be compared to the IA sector, which consists of funds with similar investment objectives and policies. Source: Factset. © Morningstar. All Rights Reserved. R GBP Accumulation terms. All information as at 30/09/2019 unless otherwise stated. On 1st July 2019 the benchmark changed from the Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts Index to the ICE BofAML Sterling Non-Gilt Index. The performance of other share classes may differ, and any reported quartile ranking figures may refer to different share classes. Sector averages and rankings may change at any time.



## TOP 10 BOND HOLDINGS (%)

METROPOLITAN LIFE GLOBAL	1.9
AT&T INC. 4.375% 14-SEP-2029	1.8
ROTHESAY LIFE PLC 5.5% 17-SEP-2029	1.7
COVENTRY BUILDING SOCIETY 1.5%	1.6
HENKEL AG & CO. KGAA 1.25% 30-	1.6
ABBEY NAT. TSY. 5.25% 16-FEB-2029	1.5
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.	1.5
WESTFIELD STRATFORD CITY FINANCE	1.4
BANCO SANTANDER, S.A. 1.375% 31-	1.4
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY FINANCE	1.3

#### **BOND WEIGHTS (%)**

	9.3
Corporate - High yield	2.2

Expected Years to Maturity12.3Modified duration7.2

## **CREDIT RATINGS (%)**

AAA	8.9
AA	4.9
A	33.1
BBB	38.2
BB	2.3
Not Rated	10.4
Cash	2.2

Please note due to rounding of figures they may not add up to 100%. Corporate investment grade includes sovereign and corporate bonds. Credit ratings are sourced from Factset and are a weighted average of the Moody and S&P ratings.

# FUND AND SHARE CLASS INFORMATION

Share class	R
Umbrella	Merian Investment Funds Series I
Manager	Lloyd Harris
Share class launch date	12 December 2012
Fund launch date	17 June 2000
Domicile	United Kingdom
Share class currency	GBP
Benchmark	ICE BofAML Sterling Non-Gilt Index
IA sector	£ CORPORATE BOND
Legal structure	Open-Ended Investment Company
Accounting date	31/07
Pay dates	31/03, 30/06, 30/09, 31/12
Valuation point	12:00 GMT
Dealing frequency	Daily
Single / dual pricing	Single
ISA eligible	Yes
Settlement period	T+4

Share class	R
Sedol	B1XG8R4
ISIN	GB00B1XG8R44
Initial charge	0.00%
Fixed ongoing charge	0.65%
Distribution yield (as at 30 Aug 2019)	2.76%
Underlying yield	2.11%
Minimum investment lump sum	GBP 5,000,000

# **RISK FACTORS**

Investment risk - there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objective. A capital loss of some or all of the amount invested may occur.

Contingent Convertible Bonds ("CoCos") risk - CoCos are subject to certain trigger events which create a different type of risk from traditional bonds and which may result in their conversion to company shares, or a partial or total loss of value.

Credit risk - the issuer of a bond or a similar investment within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due. Bonds which are rated below investment grade are considered to have a higher risk exposure with respect to meeting their payment obligations.

Interest rate risk - investments in bonds are affected by interest rates and inflation trends which may affect the value of the Fund.

Liquidity risk - some investments may become hard to value or sell at a desired time and price. In extreme circumstances this may affect the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

Currency risk - the Fund can be exposed to different currencies. The value of your shares may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate movements.

Derivative risk - the Fund uses derivatives to generate returns and/or to reduce costs and the overall risk of the Fund. Using derivatives can involve a higher level of risk. A small movement in the price of an underlying investment may result in a disproportionately large movement in the price of the derivative investment. Derivatives also involve counterparty risk where the institutions acting as counterparty to derivatives may not meet their contractual obligations.

Capital erosion risk - the Fund takes its charges from the capital of the Fund. Investors should be aware that there is potential for capital erosion if insufficient capital growth is achieved by the Fund to cover the charges. Capital erosion may have the effect of reducing the level of income generated.

For a more detailed explanation of risks, please refer to the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be repeated. Investment involves risk. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Because of this, an investor is not certain to make a profit on an investment and may lose money. Exchange rate changes may cause the value of overseas investments to rise or fall.

• The Fund may be more than 35% invested in Government and public securities. These can be issued by other countries and Governments.

Your attention is drawn to the stated investment policy which is set out in the Fund's prospectus.



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