

Aberdeen Corporate Bond Fund

Class I Inc

Performance Data and Analytics to 31 July 2019

Objectives and investment policy

Objective: To generate income and increase the value of the shareholder's investment over the long term (income and capital growth).

Investment policy: The Fund invests 80% or more of its total net assets in investment grade corporate bonds that are priced in (or hedged back to) Sterling.

Performance (%)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	Annualised		
					3 years	5 years	Launch
Fund	1.78	4.30	7.13	7.83	3.46	5.21	6.16
Benchmark	2.20	4.52	7.32	8.68	3.59	6.12	6.56
Difference	-0.42	-0.22	-0.18	-0.85	-0.13	-0.91	-0.39

Discrete annual returns (%) - year ended 31/07

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	7.83	-0.61	3.33	10.14	5.71

Calendar year performance (%)

	Year to date	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	9.06	-3.20	5.59	10.03	-0.35
Benchmark	9.28	-1.99	4.91	11.73	0.45
Difference	-0.22	-1.21	0.68	-1.71	-0.81

Performance Data: Share Class I Inc.

Source: Lipper, Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net Income Reinvested.

These figures do not include the initial charge; if this is paid it will reduce performance from that shown.

The comparator shown may be used for risk monitoring and portfolio construction purposes, as well as to provide a performance comparator; it is not an integral part of the Objective and Investment Policy for the fund and should not be considered as such.

*The Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC Corporate Bond Fund was created by the transfer of the Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC II Aberdeen Corporate Bond Fund into the Aberdeen Investments ICVC range on 17/07/2015. The historical track record shown prior to this date reflects that of the Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC II Corporate Bond Fund.

Past performance is not a guide to future results.

Fund manager's report

July was a busy month for the sterling credit market. At the sovereign level, 10-year gilt yields fell 20 basis points (bps). Central banks around the world continue to edge towards an easing cycle to combat persistently low inflation and growth. Corporate bonds outperformed their sovereign peers by around 0.5% for a total return of over 2%. The average spread is now around 30 bps tighter in the year to date, following a four bps tightening in July. In the first half of the month there was a continuation of the recent rally in credit, with investors hunting yield opportunities. With a new prime minister installed in Downing Street, there was a renewed focus on Brexit risks in the second half of the month. Bonds from insurance companies suffered towards the end of July on concerns about rising market volatility.

In a month with massive moves in both yields and spreads, the largest adverse impact on Fund returns came from the parallel shift lower in the yield curve and the part of the month that the Fund was underweight duration before we changed that positioning. The duration times spread mismatch was positive, due to the Fund's overweight beta nature during the move lower in spreads. Asset allocation among sectors cost performance. The Fund was overweight in subordinated insurance, and this section of the market underperformed. The banking sector suffered from negative stock selection. Many of the legacy bank bonds, that will go before or around the end of 2021 when the Basel IV regulations are introduced, traded poorly due to a lack of duration. Dignity Finance continues to underperform. However, the company's quarterly numbers to the end of July pointed to some encouraging trends in the revenue line.

Risk factors should be read in conjunction with all warnings and comments given in the prospectus for the fund. Please visit the attached link to our Jargon Buster which contains a glossary of terms used in this document > <http://glossary.aberdeen-asset.com/jargonbuster/>



Top ten holdings	%
Barclays 2.375% 06/10/23	1.3
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/03/36 GBP	1.3
SSE 3.875% Var Perp GBP	1.2
E.On Intl Finance 6.75% 27/01/39 EMTN GBP	1.1
Aviva 6.625% FRN 03/06/41 EMTN GBP	1.1
Natl Westminster Bank 7.125% Var Perp EMTN GBP	1.0
Prudential 5.875% NTS 11/5/2029 GBP (VAR)	1.0
Aviva 6.125% Var 14/11/36 GBP	1.0
HSBC 2.256% 13/11/26	1.0
Natl Westminster Bank 6.625% 05/10/49 Perp EMTN EUR	1.0
Total	11.0

Total number of holdings	414
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Sector breakdown (%)

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
Financial	35.6	32.3	3.4
Industrial	26.4	32.3	-5.9
Utility	19.0	19.3	-0.3
Asset Backed	14.5	15.3	-0.7
Domestic Government	2.1	-	2.1
Government Related	1.6	0.8	0.9
Other	0.1	0.1	-
Cash	0.3	-	0.3
Total	100.0	100.0	

Credit rating of holdings (%)

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
AAA	3.4	5.5	-2.1
AA	4.6	6.8	-2.3
A	23.9	32.2	-8.2
BBB	54.4	52.3	2.1
BB	11.3	3.3	8.0
B	2.1	-	2.1
CCC	0.2	-	0.2
Cash	0.2	-	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0	

Average long term rating

	BBB+	A-
Cash includes cash at bank, outstanding settlements, call account cash, fixed deposits, cash used as margin and profit/losses on both derivative positions and forward currency contracts. Where bonds are split rated between two or more of S&P, Moody's and Fitch, the data shown takes a more conservative approach, splitting lower. This may not be consistent with the arrangement agreed in the prospectus, which may detail taking a higher rating where there is a split. In the absence of any agency ratings an internal Fund Manager rating may be applied. The benchmark shown reflects ratings from S&P, Moody's and Fitch only. This may differ from the ratings used by the benchmark provider detailed in the prospectus.		

Key information

Benchmark	iBoxx Sterling Corporate & Collateralized
Sector	IA £ Corporate Bond
Fund size	£ 1.3 bn
Date of launch	31 May 2012 ^A
Investment team	Sterling IG and Aggregate
Fund advisory company	Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited

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Interest rate exposure (IRE) (years)

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
United Kingdom	8.29	8.39	-0.10
United States	0.34	–	0.34
Euro	0.06	–	0.06
Australia	0.01	–	0.01
Modified duration	8.70	8.39	0.31

Maturity profile IRE (years)

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
<1	-0.02	–	-0.03
1-3	0.16	0.31	-0.15
3-5	0.42	0.46	-0.05
5-10	2.30	1.91	0.39
10-15	1.69	1.54	0.15
15-30	2.82	3.14	-0.31
>30	1.33	1.03	0.30
TOTAL	8.70	8.39	0.30

Currency Exposure (%)

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
United Kingdom Pound	100.0	100.0	–
Total	100.0	100.0	–

Market Exposure (%)			
	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
United Kingdom	67.6	55.8	11.8
United States	9.4	15.3	-5.9
France	7.8	7.7	0.2
Germany	3.6	4.9	-1.3
Australia	2.6	2.4	0.3
Netherlands	1.8	3.5	-1.7
Spain	1.5	0.7	0.8
Italy	1.5	1.5	–
Mexico	1.0	0.7	0.3
Belgium	0.8	0.8	0.1
Other	2.4	6.7	-4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	

Fund Statistics	
Weighted average life vs benchmark 13.0 vs 11.7	
Yields ^c	2.59% underlying 2.59% distribution

Yields are net of charges and gross of tax and are not guaranteed.

Codes (Class I Inc)	
SEDOL	BWK26H8
ISIN	GB00BWK26H88
BLOOMBERG	ABCBII LN
REUTERS	LP68329264
VALOREN	28880649
WKN	A14WHP

Additional information	
Fund Type	OEIC
Domicile	United Kingdom
Currency	GBP
Registered for sale	Please refer to www.aberdeenstandard.com
Income payable	31 January, 30 April, 31 July, 31 October
Minimum investment	£1,000,000
Charges	Current initial 0.00%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) ^b	0.59%
Price as at 31/07/19	123.74p
Deal closing time	12.00 noon (UK)
Daily valuation point	12.00 noon (UK)

Source: Simulated Ongoing charges Aberdeen Standard Investments as at 1 December 2018.

^bThe Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF), is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Funds. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 0.50% and other charges. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the Funds. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different Funds.

^cThe Distribution Yield reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed over the next twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market share price of the fund as at the date shown. The Underlying Yield reflects the annualised income net of expenses and known irrecoverable withholding tax of the fund (calculated in accordance with relevant accounting standards) as a percentage of the mid-market share price of the fund as at the date shown. Both yields are based on a snapshot of the portfolio on the month-end date and are not guaranteed and actual distributions received (where a share class pays distribution) may be higher or lower than the amount stated. They do not include any initial charges and Investors may be subject to tax on distributions. The Distribution Yield is higher than the Underlying Yield because a portion of the fund's expenses are charged to capital. This has the effect of increasing distributions and constraining the fund's capital performance.

Analytics provided by The Yield Book® Software

Important information

Risk factors you should consider before investing:

- The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

Other important information:

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