

# STRATEGIC BOND FUND W INCOME SHARES

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## Strategy

The fund has flexibility to invest across the fixed income universe, including but not limited to UK Gilts, inflation linked bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, emerging market debt and high yield bonds. The fund seeks to be a core bond fund aiming to deliver regular income, low volatility and some diversification to other asset classes including equity. Returns are predominately driven by asset allocation, yield curve positioning, sector allocation and security selection. With the corporate bond allocation, emphasis is put on bottom up issuer selection and ensuring adequate diversity due to the asymmetric nature of returns. The fund is managed according to Fidelity's active philosophy and approach to fixed income investing. This is team-based, but led by the Portfolio Manager to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns through combining multiple, diversified investment positions advised by in-house fundamental credit research, quantitative modelling and specialist traders.

## Objectives & Investment Policy

- The fund aims to deliver an income with the potential to increase the value of your investment.
- The fund will be at least 70% exposed to sterling denominated (or hedged back to sterling) global debt instruments e.g bonds, which could include government and corporate bonds in countries considered to be emerging markets as determined by the Investment Manager at its sole discretion. Hedging back to sterling aims to reduce the risk of exposure to other currencies.
- Emerging markets are countries progressing toward becoming advanced, usually shown by some development in financial markets, the existence of some form of stock exchange and a regulatory body.
- The remainder will be invested in other investment types such as cash and derivatives.
- Derivatives are investments whose value is linked to another investment, or to the performance of a stock exchange or to some other variable factor, such as interest rates and used to reduce risk or transaction costs and/or to generate extra income or further increase the value of your investment.
- The fund may also use derivatives with the aim of achieving the investment objective.
- The fund is actively managed without reference to a benchmark. The Investment Manager identifies suitable opportunities for the fund utilising in-house research and investment capabilities.
- The fund has full discretion in its choices of investments within its objectives and policies.
- Income from the fund is either paid out to you or it is used to buy you more shares in the fund.
- As the fund's primary aim is to generate an income, some charges will be taken from the fund rather than the income generated by the fund. This means the amount payable as income may be increased and the potential to increase the value of your investment may be reduced.
- Shares can usually be bought and sold each business day of the fund.

## Independent Assessment

Information in this section is the latest available at date of publication. Further details can be found in the Glossary section of this factsheet. As some ratings agencies may use past performance to produce their assessments, these are not a reliable indicator of future results.

Overall Morningstar™ Rating: **★★★★**

## Fund Facts

**Launch date:** 18.04.05  
**Portfolio manager:** Claudio Ferrarese, Tim Foster  
**Appointed to fund:** 01.04.17, 01.04.17  
**Years at Fidelity:** 15, 18  
**Fund size:** £1,061m  
**Fund reference currency:** UK Sterling (GBP)  
**Fund domicile:** United Kingdom  
**Fund legal structure:** OEIC  
**Management company:** FIL Investment Services (UK) Limited  
**Capital guarantee:** No

## Share Class Facts

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

**Launch date:** 05.10.09  
**NAV price in share class currency:** 1.309  
**ISIN:** GB00B469J896  
**SEDOL:** B469J89  
**Bloomberg:** FIDSTNY LN  
**Distribution type:** Income  
**Distribution frequency:** Monthly  
**Charges made to income or capital:** Capital  
**Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) per year:** 0.67% (29.02.20)  
**OCF takes into account annual management charge per year:** 0.5%

## Share Class Risk and Reward Profile

This risk indicator is taken from the key information document at the relevant month-end. Because it may be updated during a month, please refer to the key information document for the most up-to-date information.



- 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 level.

## 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. The investment policy of this fund means it can be more than 35% invested in Government and public securities. These can be issued or guaranteed by other countries and Governments. For a full list please refer to the fund's prospectus.

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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.

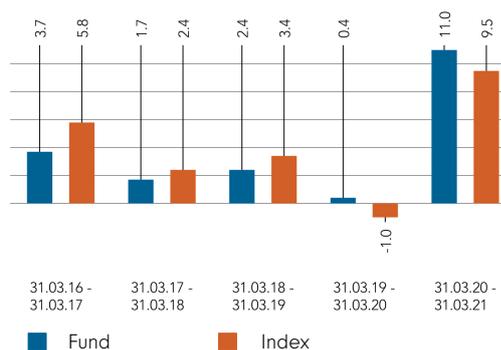
## Performance Comparator(s)

Market index from 05.10.09 ICE BofA Q880 Custom Index Hedged to GBP

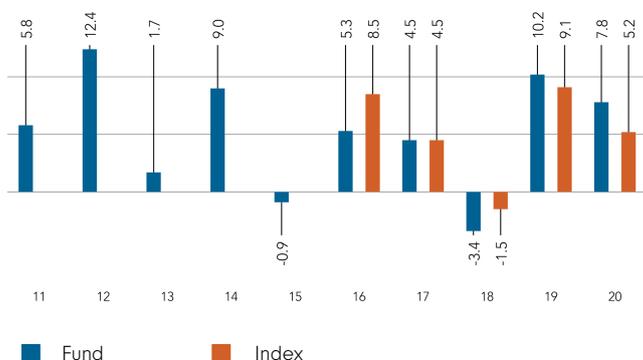
Market index is for comparative purposes only unless specifically referenced in the Objectives & Investment Policy on page 1. The same index is used in the positioning tables on this factsheet.

Where the effective date for the current market index is after the share class launch date, full history is available from Fidelity.

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



## Performance for calendar years in GBP (%)



## Volatility & Risk

Annualised Volatility: fund (%)	5.49	Annualised Alpha	0.65
Relative Volatility	1.02	Beta	1.00
Sharpe Ratio: fund	0.71	Annualised Tracking Error (%)	1.19
Sharpe Ratio: index	0.61	Information Ratio	0.55
		R <sup>2</sup>	0.95

Calculated using month-end data points. Definitions of these terms can be found in the Glossary section of this factsheet.

## Performance to 31.03.21 in GBP (%)

	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since 05.10.09*
Fund cumulative growth	-0.3	-1.9	-1.9	11.0	14.1	20.5	78.3
Index cumulative growth	-0.3	-1.9	-1.9	9.5	12.0	21.4	-
Fund annualised growth	-	-	-	11.0	4.5	3.8	5.2
Index annualised growth	-	-	-	9.5	3.9	3.9	-

Source of fund performance and volatility and risk measures is Fidelity. Performance is excluding initial charge.

Basis: bid-bid with income reinvested, in GBP, net of fees.

Market indices are sourced from RIMES and other data is sourced from third-party providers such as Morningstar.

\*Performance commencement date.

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## 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. Where data is presented as a percentage of TNA, this stands for Total Net Assets (the value of all the fund's assets after the deduction of any liabilities).

## Portfolio Characteristics

	Fund
Effective Duration	5.8
Average Coupon (%)	2.8
Number of Holdings	414
Number of Names	242

### Effective Duration

Effective Duration is a measure of sensitivity of the fund value to changes in interest rates. It takes into account all investments in the fund, including derivatives.

### Average Coupon (%)

The coupon is the interest rate stated on a bond when it is issued. Average Coupon is the weighted average coupon of bonds held in the portfolio. Derivatives are excluded from the calculation.

### Number of Holdings

The number of bonds and derivatives held in the fund. Where the fund invests in another fund, it is counted as one holding. 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 Names

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

## Average Credit Rating (% TNA) (including derivatives)

Average Credit Rating (Linear) BBB+

This is the weighted average of all the bond credit ratings in the fund, expressed using the industry standard letter system. The system is shown in the credit rating table on the right and is ranked in descending order of credit quality. It takes into account all investments in the fund, including derivatives. This measure gives an idea of how risky the fund's bonds are overall: the lower the average credit rating, the riskier the fund.

## Credit Rating (% TNA) (excluding derivatives)

	Fund
AAA/Aaa	14.55
AA/Aa	15.53
A	9.57
BBB/Baa	26.53
BB/Ba	18.16
B	10.36
CCC and Below	1.74
Not Rated	1.02
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.00
FX / Derivative P&L	0.64
Cash	1.90
Rounding adjustment	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>

For each bond in the fund, Fidelity looks at the rating given by three rating agencies (S&P, Moody's and Fitch) and applies the worst of the two best ratings (commonly known as the Basel method). The AAA/Aaa rating is the highest and indicates the borrower has the lowest probability of defaulting on its debt.

The table above is a categorisation of the fund's individual bonds into their credit ratings. If any derivatives are being used to adjust the credit quality of the fund, these are reflected in the Average Credit Rating on the left.

Interest Rate Derivatives are used to adjust the fund's sensitivity to interest rate changes.

FX / Derivatives P&L (Profit & Loss) is the category that accounts for the collateral required by counterparty companies issuing derivatives held by the fund.

## Top Long Exposures By Issuer (% TNA)

	Fund
(T) United States of America	8.70
(UKT) United Kingdom Of Great Britain	5.90
(UKTB) UK GILT 0% 06/21/21	5.57
(JGB) Japan	2.29
(TII) United States of America	2.08
(BTPS) Buoni Poliennali Del Tes	1.97
(IBRD) World Bank Group/The	1.77
(KFW) KFW (UNGTD) 0% 06/15/26 RGS	1.19
(HSBC) Hsbc Bank Funding Ster	1.09
(INVES) INVESTEC 0.5%/VAR 02/17/27 RGS	0.93

Long positions are created through purchases of bonds or derivatives. Investors benefit if these long positions rise in value.

Credit derivatives relating to any specific issuer are included, but derivatives relating to government bonds and to bond indices are excluded.

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**Sector Positioning (% TNA) (excluding derivatives)**

	Fund
Treasury	26.52
Quasi / Sov / Supra / Agency	12.58
Agency Mortgages	0.00
Banks & Brokers	11.09
Insurance	2.97
Property	3.95
Other Financials	3.70
Basic Industry	1.52
Capital Goods	2.01
Consumer Cyclical	4.75
Consumer Non Cyclical	4.16
Energy	4.21
Transportation	3.46
Technology	3.49
Communications	3.68
Industrial Other	0.47
Utility	5.63
Covered	0.00
Non Agency	0.76
ABS / MBS	2.51
Unclassified	0.00
Index Credit Default Swaps	0.00
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.00
FX / Derivative P&L	0.64
Cash	1.90
Rounding adjustment	0.00
Total	100.00

Quasi / Sov / Supra / Agency are bonds issued by institutions like the European Investment Bank. Covered bonds are backed by cash flows from mortgages or public sector loans. ABS (Asset-backed Securities) / MBS (Mortgage-backed Securities) are backed by specific assets. Index Credit Default swaps can be used to increase or decrease the credit quality of the fund.

**Regional Exposure - Domicile Of Issuer (% TNA) (excluding derivatives)**

	Fund
Multinational	2.42
United States (& Other Amer.)	23.24
Canada	0.95
United Kingdom (& Ire.)	28.10
France	4.21
Germany (& Aust.)	5.59
Benelux	2.77
Scandinavia	2.38
Mediterranean	10.59
Switzerland	0.67
Other Europe	0.01
Japan	2.29
Australia & N.Z.	1.06
Asia ex Japan ex Aus.	3.26
C.I.S / Eastern Europe	2.43
Latin America	3.48
Middle East / N Africa	3.36
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.66
Other	0.00
Unclassified	0.00
FX / Derivative P&L	0.64
Index Credit Default Swaps	0.00
Cash	1.90
Rounding adjustment	-0.01
Total	100.00

## Glossary

### 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

**Scope 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.

**Primary share class:** is identified by Morningstar when the analysis calls for only one share class per fund to be in the peer group. It is the share class Morningstar recommends as the best proxy for the portfolio for the relevant market and category/GIF combination. In most cases the share class chosen will be the most retail version (based upon actual management charge, inception date, distribution status, currency and other factors) unless a share class that is less retailed focused has a much longer track record. It is different to the oldest share class data point in that it is on an available for sale level and not all markets will have the oldest share class for sale in that region. The Primary share class is also based on category so each available for sale/category combination for the fund will have its own primary share class.

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