



# **INCOME PARTNERS** RMB BOND FUND - CLASS 2

Fund Manager's Report - 26 February 2021

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Income Partners RMB Bond Fund (the "Fund") invests primarily in RMB-denominated fixed income securities issued within the People's Republic of China ("PRC") directly through the Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor ("RQFII") quota of Income Partners Asset Management (HK) Limited (the "Manager").
- The Fund is denominated in RMB and is subject to RMB currency risk. RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. The Fund invests substantially in PRC bonds issued in mainland China and is subject to the risks relating to PRC bonds such as credit risk, credit rating related risks, risk relating to higher default bonds, interest rates risk, liquidity and valuation risks. The PRC bonds market may be subject to higher volatility compared to more developed markets. III.
- The Fund may be subject to the risks associated with changes in the PRC laws and regulations, including PRC tax laws, and such changes may have retrospective effect. Investment IV. in the China market is subject to emerging market risk including political, economic, legal, regulatory and liquidity risks.
- ٧. The Fund invests in PRC securities through the RQFII quota of the Manager. It may not have exclusive use of the entire RQFII quota granted to the Manager. There is no assurance that the Manager will make available ROFII quota that is sufficient for the Fund's investment at all times.
- The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments for hedging purposes. There is no guarantee that the hedging techniques will be effective.
- The Manager may at its discretion pay distributions out of the capital of the Fund. Payment of distributions out of capital represents a return or withdrawal of part of the amount they originally invested or from any capital gains attributable to the original investment. Any such distributions may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per unit of the Fund.
- Investment involves risk. Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results and no guarantee is being made that similar returns will be achieved in the
- In making investment decisions, investors should not rely solely on the information in this document and should read the offering document of the Fund for further details including the risk factors. This document does not constitute an offering document.

Share Class	NAV per share²	Dividend per share	Annualized Dividend Yield⁴
2A Acc (USD)	\$106.59		
2A Dis (USD)	\$92.70	\$0.07	0.9%
2B Acc (RMB)	¥111.24		
2B Dis (RMB)	¥93.05	¥0.07	0.9%

Record Date: 26 February 2021 Ex-Dividend Date: 1 March 2021

Payment/Reinvestment Date: 3 March 2021

Please see www.incomepartners.com for details of historical dividend information for all applicable share classes.

Annualized Volatility	2.66%	2.36%
2B Acc (RMB)	Years	Inception
Risk Measures	3	Since

Fund Characteristics	
Yield in RMB	3.5%
Modified Duration (years)	6.3
Average Credit Rating	A+
Top 5 Holdings <sup>7</sup> : 91.8% of NAV	
China Development Bank	29.3%
Agricultural Development Bank of China	26.6%
The Export-Import Bank of China	19.4%
China Government Bond	14.1%
Central Huijin Investment Ltd	2.4%

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks long-term interest income and capital appreciation through investing all or substantially all of its assets in Renminbi ("RMB") -denominated fixed income securities issued within mainland China directly through the Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor ("RQFII") quota of Income Partners Asset Management (HK) Limited or through the Bond Connect scheme.

## TOTAL RETURN<sup>2,3</sup>: CLASS 2B ACCUMULATION (RMB)



#### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE AND CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE<sup>2</sup>

Share Class	Year-to- date (YTD)	1 Year	3 Years (Annualized)	5 Years (Annualized)	Since Inception (Annualized)	2016	2017	2018 <sup>5</sup>	2019	2020	Inception Date (dd/mm/yy)
2A Acc (USD)	0.04%	6.86%	1.08%	0.61%	0.96%	-6.92%	4.22%	-1.91%	-0.43%	9.16%	04/07/14
2A Dis (USD)	0.04%	6.87%	1.08%	0.61%	0.99%	-6.91%	4.22%	-1.90%	-0.44%	9.16%	08/07/14
2B Acc (RMB)	-0.42%	-1.03%	1.90%	0.36%	1.61%	-1.26%	-2.57%	3.53%	0.80%	2.04%	04/07/14
2B Dis (RMB)	-0.42%	-1.03%	1.90%	0.36%	1.66%	-1.25%	-2.58%	3.53%	0.80%	2.03%	11/07/14

### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE2: CLASS 2B ACCUMULATION (RMB)6

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-0.17%	-0.25%											-0.42%
2020	0.91%	1.74%	1.16%	1.51%	-1.80%	-1.08%	-1.34%	-0.23%	-0.30%	0.36%	0.24%	0.90%	2.04%
2019	0.21%	-0.22%	0.33%	-1.24%	0.45%	0.48%	0.52%	0.45%	-0.24%	-0.63%	0.63%	0.08%	0.80%
2018	-0.15%	0.37%	0.26%	0.69%	-0.37%	0.06%	0.58%	-0.40%	0.07%	0.71%	0.79%	0.89%5	3.53% <sup>5</sup>
2017	-0.08%	-0.18%	-0.35%	-0.30%	-0.53%	0.55%	-0.25%	0.30%	0.07%	-0.58%	-0.92%	-0.31%	-2.57%
2016	0.11%	0.06%	0.08%	-0.69%	0.31%	0.60%	0.37%	0.06%	0.15%	-0.03%	-0.89%	-1.39%	-1.26%
2015	0.98%	0.93%	-1.06%	1.07%	0.66%	0.10%	0.97%	0.67%	0.54%	0.77%	-0.27%	0.87%	6.39%
2014							-0.26%	0.34%	1.01%	1.02%	0.59%	-0.21%	2.50%

- Effective October 2019, the fund exposure numbers are taken from a new risk system. The method for retrieval, calculation and interpretation of fund exposure may differ from previous risk system. Unless stated otherwise, all data as of 26 February 2021. Source: Income Partners, fund performance is calculated on NAV to NAV basis in denominated currency with dividends re-invested. Performance is presented on a net-of-fees basis. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

  1. BENCHMARK Fund of the Year Awards 2020 is based on the performance as at 30 September 2020. Any awards won are not indicative of income Partners' future performance. The awards should not be considered an endorsement of Income Partners by any client. The awards may not be representative of any client's experience. Income Partners was be required to pay a fee to participate in the nomination of the award.

  2. This document contains fund performance or NAV numbers which are estimates only and the final NAV may be subject to amendments and further verification by the fund administrator. The fund administrator, rather than the manager, publishes the official fund NAV. Any performance numbers contained herein should not be relied on as official or finals NAV of the fund.

  3. The total return chart above shows the fund's total return performance since inception.

  4. Annualized Dividend Yield: [(1 distribution per unit ex-dividend NAV) "distribution frequency] 1. Yield figures are estimates and are based on the latest dividend distribution and the ex-dividend NAV of the previous month.

  5. Year-to-date performance for 2018 and December 2018 monthly return reflects the fund performance and is denominated in the Amaager views Class 2B (Accumulation) Units as the most appropriate representative unit class, as it is the largest unit class currently offered to the public in Hong Kong, is broadly representative of the Fund's performance and is denominated in the base currency of the Fund.

  7. Top 10 Holdings is grouped by issuer, the fund m

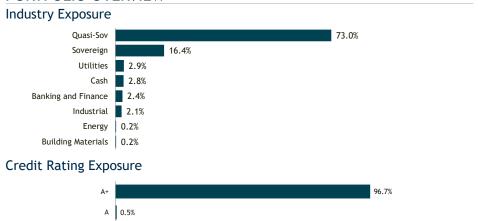


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Fund Details						
Base Currency	RMB					
Minimum Initial Investment	2A (USD): USD1,000 2B (RMB): RMB10,000 2C (HKD): HKD10,000 2D (EUR): EUR1,000					
Fees & Charges <sup>9</sup>	Management Fe Subscription Ch	e: 0.80% p.a. arge: Up to 5.00%				
Dealing Frequency	Daily					
Dividend Frequency		Monthly (Please refer to important information VII)				
Portfolio Manager	James Hu, PhD Raymond Gui, CFA					
RQFII Custodian	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited (ICBC)					
Trustee	Cititrust Limited					
Transfer Agent	Citicorp Financial Services Limite					
Share Class	Bloomberg Ticker	ISIN				
2A Acc (USD)	IPRB2AA HK	HK0000204534				
2A Dis (USD)	IPRB2AD HK	HK0000204526				
2B Acc (RMB)	IPRB2BA HK	HK0000204559				
2B Dis (RMB)	IPRB2BD HK	HK0000204542				
2C Acc (HKD)	IPRB2CA HK	HK0000204575				
2C Dis (HKD)	IPRB2CD HK	HK0000204567				
2D Acc (EUR)	IPRB2DA HK	HK0000204591				
2D Dis (EUR)	IPRB2DD HK	HK0000204583				
Fund AUM	RMB423 million	/ USD65 million				

#### PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW8



### MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

In February, the yield of China's onshore 10-year government bond moved higher to 3.28% from 3.20%, as investors reacted to the unexpected liquidity withdraw by PBOC. After net withdrawing CNY 216.5 billion liquidity in January from the interbank market, into February, the PBOC has net withdrawn another CNY 304 billion from the system again. As the PBOC will typically inject liquidity before the Chinese spring festival, when cash need in the economy will seasonally rise, the unexpected move has surprised the market and caused the selloff in rates. As explained by PBOC governors, the main reason for liquidity withdraw in January and February was to hold steady liquidity level in order to control the potential over-heating in equity and property markets, and that the monetary policy in 2021 will not be as loose as last year. In addition, the cash demand in 2021 spring festival was not as strong as previous years, as less people have chosen to travel.

For the rest of this year, considering that the macro environment in China has transitioned from extraordinary monetary and fiscal support in 2020 to the controlling of macro leverage. Therefore, we see more rates rally opportunity, most likely in the second half, for the following reasons:

- As guided by PBOC, the monetary policy will be back to neutral in 2021 given that it is more important to control macro leverage ratio from going higher. Especially, the YoY growth rate of Total Social Financing, an indicator of overall credit expansion, is indicated to gradually slow down to the pre-pandemic level of around 11%. In January, it has softened to 13.0% from 13.3% last December. As a result of the withdrawal, from last year's extraordinary monetary support, the pace of China's sequential economic growth could also slow down.
- As we highlighted before, so far the recovery of China's economy is not balanced and is geared more toward government-led investments than consumption. There is a risk that overall growth will soften as pandemic-related fiscal stimulus gradually fades.
- The leading indicator, China's official Manufacturing PMI dropped to 50.6 in February from 51.3 in January. Although it's still in the expansionary zone, it has already peaked last November, signaling that the pace of growth has become slower and slower.

The fund has kept a slightly longer duration of 6.3 years versus the index of 5.6 years.

<sup>8.</sup> Total exposures may differ due to rounding. Please note the credit ratings exposures shown here use the best rating out of S&P/Moody's/Fitch ratings. Where S&P/Moody's/Fitch ratings for bond holdings are not available, Income Partners'

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9. For other fees and charges, please refer to the offering documents.

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