

# **Key Investor Information**

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# Royal London Short Term Fixed Income Enhanced Fund (Income - Class Y Shares)

A sub-fund of Royal London Bond Funds ICVC ISIN: GB00BVYV8J00 Managed by Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited

# Objectives and investment policy

**Objective** The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a total return over rolling 12-month periods by generally investing in Short Term Fixed Income Securities. The Fund's performance target is to outperform, before the deduction of charges, the Bank of England Sterling Overnight Interbank Average (SONIA) by 1.00% over rolling 12-month periods.

The Fund is actively managed, meaning that the manager will use their expertise to select investments to meet the objective.

**Policy** The Fund will invest at least 60% in Short Term Fixed Income securities. Short Term Fixed Income securities are instruments which will have a duration of 0-18 months. In a normal market environments these instruments can be easily and quickly liquidated. Examples of these include money market instruments, government bonds and corporate bonds.

A minimum of 60% of the Fund will be invested in a combination of money market instruments, including cash, time deposits, certificates of deposit, commercial paper and floating rate notes. Short term corporate bonds, covered bonds and asset backed securities will also be included in this segment of the Fund. In exceptional circumstances the Fund may invest up to 100% in money market instruments.

The Fund may also invest in a range of other securities, which includes government bonds, corporate bonds and supranational & agency bonds and/or transferable securities. The Fund may also make use of reverse repurchase agreements. The Fund will not invest in other funds, known as CIS. The Fund may also hold derivatives (investments that derive their value from another closely related underlying investment) for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

Money market instruments used by the Fund will have a minimum rating of A-1, P-1 or F1. Bonds must have a minimum rating of BBB-, Baa3 or BBB-. Assets may exceed 397 days to maturity. There are no weighted average maturity or weighted average life constraints on the Fund. The Fund's holdings are also subject to predefined ethical criteria. The Fund's manager will not consider the bonds or other securities of companies or other organisations that generate more than 10% of their turnover from either one or a combination of the following: Armaments, Tobacco or Fossil Fuels.

 ${\bf Recommendation}$  Investors who seek total return or a medium-term investment option.

#### Concepts to understand

**Bonds** Securities that represent an obligation to repay a debt, with interest. Investment grade bonds are high quality bonds that are viewed as being highly likely to make all scheduled payments of interest and principal. Low quality bonds carry higher risk but also typically pay higher rates of interest.

**Derivative** A financial instrument whose price is dependent upon or derived from one or more underlying asset.

**Efficient Portfolio Management** An investment technique that allows the use of derivatives for at least one of the following purposes: to increase the value of the Fund; to protect the value of the Fund or to reduce the risks of certain investments.

**Money market instruments** Investments that pay interest, have a short duration and are designed to maintain a stable value.

**Floating rate notes** Bonds that pay a variable rate of interest. The interest rate is tied to a benchmark and adjusted periodically.

**Covered bonds** Bonds or notes that are backed by cash flows from mortgages or other debt.

You can buy and sell your shares on each working day, except public holidays, at 12:00 noon if you tell us before 12:00 noon that you want to do so. Instructions received after 12:00 noon will be processed at 12:00 noon on the following working day.

Other share classes may be available as described in the Prospectus. If this is an income share class, any income will be paid out to you. If this is an accumulation share class, any income will be reinvested in the Fund.

# Risk and reward profile



Typically lower rewards

Typically higher rewards

The fund is shown in risk category 2 because its unit price has shown a low level of volatility historically. The indicator has been calculated using historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. As an investment, bonds are typically more volatile than money market instruments but less volatile than shares. Bonds issued by corporations are typically more volatile than bonds issued by governments.

The risk and reward indicator is not a measure of the expected rise or fall in capital but shows how sharply the Fund's share price has gone up and down historically.

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A fund whose share price has experienced sharp or large increases or decreases will sit in a higher risk category, whereas a fund whose share price has experienced small or gradual increases or decreases will sit in a lower risk category.

The indicator is calculated using a standard methodology derived from EU

The risk/reward indicator is an estimate and not a guarantee. Going forward, the Fund's actual volatility could be higher or lower, and its rated risk/reward profile could change. The lowest risk category does not mean the investment is risk free.

The risk indicator does not adequately capture the following risks, which are materially relevant to the Fund:

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Investment Risk The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

**Credit Risk** Should the issuer of a fixed income security become unable to make income or capital payments, or their rating is downgraded, the value of that investment will fall. Fixed income securities that have a lower credit rating can pay a higher level of income and have an increased risk of default.

**EPM Techniques** The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. Whilst intended to reduce risk, the use of these instruments may expose the Fund to increased price volatility.

**Interest Rate Risk** Fixed interest securities are particularly affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up, the value of capital may fall, and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital.

**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.

Government and Public Securities Risk The Fund can invest more than 35% of net assets in different Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by any EEA State, its local authorities, a third country or public international bodies of which one or more EEA States are members.

**Inflation Risk** Where the income yield is lower than the rate of inflation, the real value of your investment will reduce over time.

## Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing the Fund. These charges reduce the potential growth of the investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest:	
Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None
Charges taken from the fund over a year:	
Ongoing charge	0.18%
Charges taken from the fund under specific conditions:	
Performance fee	None

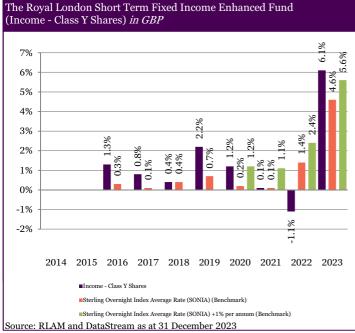
The entry and exit charge is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.

Ongoing charge is based on the Fund Management Fee (FMF), which is the periodic fee paid to the ACD to cover the expenses of the Fund. This figure does not include portfolio transaction costs. Ongoing charges are the same for all investors in the share class.

## Past performance

The graph shows fund performance over the past 10 years where available. The figure for a given year shows how much the Fund increased or decreased in value during that year. These results reflect ongoing charges taken from the Fund, but do not reflect any entry charges you might have to pay.

The Fund was launched on 18 May 2015 and the share class on 18 May 2015



Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be repeated.

The chart shows performance in British pounds after the ongoing charges and the portfolio transaction costs have been paid. Entry and exit charges are excluded from calculations of past performance. All performance shown assumes reinvestment of dividends.

From the 20th July 2020 the fund introduced a target to outperform the Bank of England Sterling Overnight Interbank Average (SONIA) by 1.00% over rolling 12-month periods.

Prior to this date performance is compared against SONIA over rolling 12 month periods.

#### **Practical information**

Depositary: HSBC Bank plc

Additional Information: This Key Investor Information Document (KIID) may not contain all the information you need. For additional information on this fund (including the Supplementary Information Document), on other share classes of this fund and on other funds, or to obtain a free copy of the Fund's Prospectus or the annual and semi-annual shareholder reports, call the information line or write to the registered office, details of which are below. Alternatively, visit www.rlam.com. The Prospectus and shareholder reports are in English.

This document describes one share class of the Fund. The Prospectus and annual and semi-annual shareholder reports are prepared for the entire fund across all share classes.

For fund performance and most recent share price, visit www.rlam.com.

Should you wish to switch share classes or funds, please see the "Switching" section of the Prospectus for details.

**Tax:** Investors should note that the tax legislation that applies to the Fund may have an impact on the personal tax position of their investment in the Fund. Contact your adviser to discuss tax treatment, suitability of this investment, and other questions.

**Notices:** Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus.

The Prospectus and long reports (shareholder reports) are prepared for the entire company. The assets and liabilities of each sub-fund are segregated by law. Therefore, the assets of the Fund belong exclusively to it and are not available to meet the liabilities of any other fund of Royal London Bond Funds ICVC.

The Fund is authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Details of the Company's remuneration policy are available at www.rlam.com including: (a) a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated; and (b) the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits. A paper copy of these details may be obtained, free of charge, on request from the Company, at the address below.

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