

MANAGER COMMENTARY

October proved to be a difficult month for both equity and bond markets. In the US, the index of the top 500 companies was down by 3.22%*, whilst the index of all shares in the UK lost a whopping 4.19%*. The Tokyo stock market (one of the best-performing markets this year) was also not immune, having dropped by just under 3% as measured by the Topix index. In bond markets, the US 10-year Treasury yield rose by 7bps to 4.875%, and in the UK, the 10 Gilt yields finished the month higher at 4.515%. In the currency markets, the US dollar DXY index was firmer and closed at 106.66, up by 0.414%, whilst Sterling lost ground against the dollar by 0.369%, ending the month at \$1.2152.

*Source: Update Pro, 29/09/2023 to 31/10/2023

With bond yields generally increasing in the month, the defensive positioning of the Fund proved its metal, and the Fund outperformed its benchmark with a return of negative 0.33%* versus the benchmark of minus 0.44%*. Credit positively contributed to the performance whilst duration detracted from the same. In credit, the best-performing holding was the Artemis Corporate Bond Fund and the Premier Miton Financials Fund, with returns of 0.3% and 0.6%, respectively. In contrast, Lazard Global Convertibles Recovery Fund was the most significant performance detractor with a return of minus 2.75%. There were no changes during the month. With the outlook for interest rates beginning to look more favourable, the managers are becoming cautiously optimistic about the Fund's prospects. They are looking to increase risk, albeit opportunistically.

*Source: FE Fundinfo, 29/09/2023 to 31/10/2023

HOLDINGS AS AT 31/10/2023

Artemis Corporate Bond	10.50%
Premier Miton Financials Capital Securities	10.13%
Nomura Global Dynamic Bond Fund	9.91%
iShares \$Treasuries 1-3 yr	9.07%
Wellington Global Impact Bond	6.79%
Lyxor US Treasury 7-10Y ETF	5.73%
Variety CKC Credit Opportunity	5.61%
Lazard Global Convertible Recovery	4.90%
Muzinich Dynamic Credit Income Fund	5.00%
IFSL Church House Investment Grade Fixed Income	5.07%
Jupiter Corporate Bond	4.96%
Emerging Markets Debt Opportunities Fund Class JHR GBP	4.39%
Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income	3.20%
PGIM Emerging Market Total Return Bond Fund	2.61%
iShares £ Ultrashort Bond UCITS ETF	9.25%
CASH	2.88%

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the fund is to provide income. The fund will be actively managed to provide a diversified portfolio of Sterling denominated (or hedged back to Sterling) bonds. The type of bonds held may include government, investment grade, sub-investment grade and asset backed bonds.

PERFORMANCE

	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	Since inception
Fund (B Acc)	-0.78%	-0.49%	2.37%		-6.01%
Comparator benchmark	-1.03%	-1.37%	3.19%	-6.74%	-9.82%

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund (B Acc)	-7.21%				
Comparator benchmark	-11.01%				

Source: FE Fundinfo, to 31 October 2023. All figures are in GBP terms.

KEY FACTS

Authorised Corporate Director (ACD): Margetts Fund Management Ltd

Investment Adviser: Beckett Asset Management Ltd

Managers: Samantha Owen, Tony Yousefian, Elliot Basford CFA

Comparator benchmark: IA Sterling Strategic Bond

Valuation point: 8.30am

Launch date: 11 January 2021

ISIN B Acc: GB00BNDQ8V21

Yield B Acc: 3.34%

Prospective Yield†: 6.69%

Distribution payment dates: 30 April, 31 July, 31 October, 31 January

Ongoing Charges Figure B Acc: 0.63%

Fund size as at 31/10/2023: £113.20m

RISK WARNINGS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Risk factors should be taken into account and understood, including (but not limited to) currency movements, market risk, liquidity risk, concentration risk, lack of certainty risk, inflation risk, performance risk, local market risk and credit risk. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise and investors may get back less than they invested. The information on this factsheet is intended to provide information only and should not be interpreted as advice. Current fund prices and the latest copy of the prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents can be found at Margetts.com. Margetts Fund Management Ltd is the operator of the fund. This document is issued and approved by Beckett Asset Management Ltd. The opinions stated are those of Beckett Asset Management Ltd, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Please note some figures shown above have been rounded for ease of illustration and understanding. Therefore, figures may not total 100%.

†Prospective yield is not guaranteed and does not include deductions for expenses and tax. It is calculated using the holdings' expected distributions over the next 12 months (data as at 29 September 2023). Any variation in the actual amounts paid will impact the total yield. This impact could be positive or negative.