

CCLA Fixed Interest Fund for Charities

Long-term investment focused
on income

Gross income paid quarterly

Usually held with other
investments such as equities
and cash to give a broad spread
of assets and achieve combined
income and growth objectives

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The COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund aims to provide you with a high and stable income, with the possibility of some capital growth over the long-term, from investing in UK bonds.

We take a conservative approach to investing in the UK bond market to reflect what most charities want from a fixed interest investment – a high and reasonably predictable income stream from a relatively low risk type of asset. We invest the majority of the Fund in highly secure UK government bonds, known as Gilts, and look to enhance returns by making the most of opportunities provided by good quality corporate bonds.

High income in a convenient package

You can choose to have income paid directly into your bank account or the COIF Charities Deposit Fund each quarter. We pay dividends gross so you do not have to make tax reclaims.

Who can invest?

Any charitable organisation defined within the meaning of the Charities Act 2006 can invest in the Fund, provided its powers permit.

What are bonds?

When governments and companies want to borrow money they may choose to issue bonds, which in simple terms are long-term loan agreements. An investor purchasing a bond when it is issued effectively lends the money to the government or company. In return, they will typically receive a fixed annual rate of interest for the lifetime of the bond (for example 10 years), and then get back the sum originally invested. You can invest in bonds individually, or as part of a pooled investment fund such as the COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund, which will give you exposure to a broad range of bonds.



Why UK bonds?

The UK has a very well established bond market which is used by the government and many major companies to borrow money. This provides a broad range of investment opportunities with none of the potential currency risks of investing in bonds not priced in pounds sterling.

The two main reasons why charities choose to invest in bonds are to generate income and to provide diversification within a portfolio.

Bonds typically provide a higher long-term total return than cash, delivering a predictable income stream and the possibility of capital growth as well. This means they can have advantages over cash deposit accounts for charities investing for the longer term. Bonds also tend to pay a significantly higher income than equities. So they can be a good choice, as part of a spread of investments, for charities which want to be exposed to equities to a degree for their growth potential, but require a higher income than equities can provide on their own.

Diversification, the principle of holding a wide range of investments of different types in your portfolio to reduce risk, is one of the keys to successful long-term investment. As a charity you may decide to invest a proportion of your money in bonds alongside other assets such as equities, property and cash to meet your specific long-term objectives.

How does the Fund work?

We aim to take full advantage of the returns offered by different parts of the bond market. We carry out extensive research into UK government and corporate bonds, assessing which types of bond are likely to perform best in particular circumstances, and identifying issues that are undervalued. The bonds are held in a well-balanced, highly diversified portfolio.

When investing we apply ethical and socially responsible investment criteria, which are outlined in the brochure Socially Responsible Investment.

Who is the Fund suitable for?

The COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund is an excellent long-term investment if you would like to have exposure to the high and stable income provided by UK bonds. Most charities invested in the Fund hold it along with other assets as part of a broader investment strategy, based on their specific investment objectives.



Minimum Investment

The minimum investment in the Fund is £1,000.

How to Invest

Please note that before investing you should read the Scheme Particulars of the Fund carefully. This gives more detailed information about how the Fund operates.

Please also note that the value of investments can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount invested. The Fund's unit value will reflect fluctuations in share prices. The units in the Fund are intended only for long-term investment and are not suitable for money liable to be needed in the near future. They are realisable only on each weekly valuation point. The tax position of the Fund may change in the future. Investors should obtain their own tax advice in respect of their own position.

To invest, simply complete the application form and return this to us along with any additional documents requested and a cheque made payable to the name of the Fund.

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