

# The CBF Church of England Investment Fund

## Fund fact sheet – 31 March 2024

### Investment objective

The fund aims to provide a total return (growth in capital and income) over the long-term (defined as 5 years).

### Investment policy

The fund is an actively managed, diversified portfolio of assets designed to help protect both present and future beneficiaries from the effects of inflation (as measured by the consumer price index). It will have an emphasis on equities (between 50% and 85%) but will also include property, bonds and other asset classes, which may be either liquid or illiquid in nature.

The fund is managed in line with the policies of the Church of England National Investing Bodies: The CBF Church of England Funds, the Church Commissioners for England and the Church of England Pensions Board.

### Target investors

The fund is designed for Church of England charities looking for income distributions and aiming for long-term protection from inflation.

### Who can invest?

Any charitable trust with objects connected with the work of the Church of England.

### Ethical & responsible investment policy

The fund is managed in accordance with CCLA's values-based screening policy which can be found in the policies and reports section on our website. CCLA supports the Church of England's Ethical Investment Advisory Group (EIAG).

### Fund update

As is often the case most portfolio activity during the quarter was incremental, taking advantage of gains in some of the best-performing stocks to realise profits and reinvest in others which we considered to be better placed to add value in the coming periods. Among the companies in which we reduced the Fund's holdings were Novo Nordisk, the healthcare company behind weight-loss drugs which have surged in popularity; microchip makers Nvidia and ASML; and software providers Intuit (maker of QuickBooks accounting software), Adobe and Ansys. However we did exit our position in personal care brands business Estee Lauder. Proceeds from these 'trims' and outright sales were used to add to several existing holdings and we also introduced two new companies to the portfolio: O'Reilly (US autoparts) and Unite, the UK's largest developer and operator of purpose built student housing.

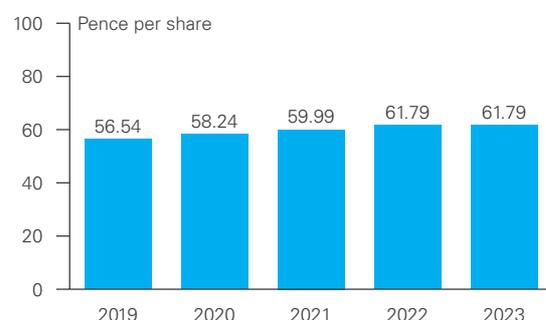
### Income

Forecast gross dividend yield (see note 1) 2.67%  
 MSCI™ UK Investable Market Index dividend yield 3.81%

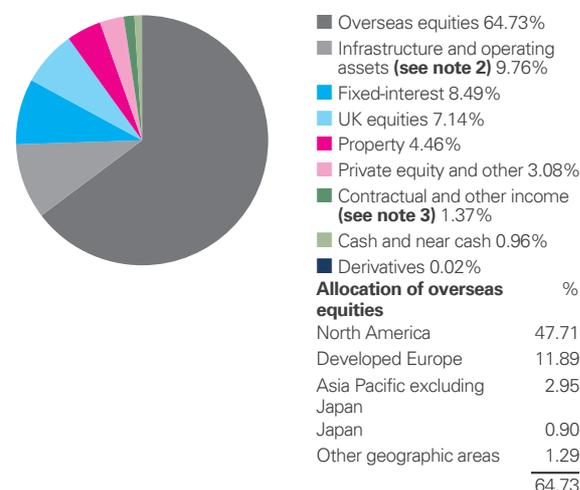
MSCI™ World excluding UK dividend yield 1.74%

Note 1: Based on the fund's net asset value and an estimated annual dividend for 2024 of 62.13 pence per share.

### Past distributions



### Asset allocation at 31 March 2024



Note 2: Infrastructure: assets that facilitate the functioning of society with the potential for steady cash flows (energy-related & social).

Note 3: Contractual: assets generating contracted cashflows over a specific period and typically secured against assets.

## Total return performance by year

12 months to 31 March	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
The CBF Church of England Investment Fund	+1.36%	+24.33%	+11.39%	-0.67%	+12.14%
Target benchmark	+6.50%	+5.74%	+12.04%	+15.08%	+8.18%
Comparator benchmark	-6.55%	+22.96%	+11.76%	-3.94%	+16.72%

## Annualised total return performance

Performance to 31 March 2024	1 year	3 years	5 years
The CBF Church of England Investment Fund	+12.14%	+7.46%	+9.35%
Target benchmark	+8.18%	+11.73%	+9.45%
Comparator benchmark	+16.72%	+7.81%	+7.56%

Performance shown after management fees and other expenses, with the gross income reinvested. The target benchmark is consumer price index inflation plus 5%. From 1 January 2021, the comparator benchmark is 75% MSCI World Index, 15% Markit iBoxx £ Gilts Index, 5% MSCI UK Monthly Property Index, and 5% Sterling Overnight Index Average. Before 1 January 2021 (for the periods shown), the comparator benchmark was 45% MSCI World excluding UK Index, 30% MSCI UK Investable Market Index, 15% Markit iBoxx £ Gilts Index, 5% MSCI UK Monthly Property Index, and 5% 7-Day Sterling London Interbank Bid Rate. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** Source: CCLA

## Top 10 holdings at 31 March 2024

UK Treasury 4.5% 07/12/2042	2.83%	Amazon	1.64%
UK Treasury Gilt 3.25% 22/01/2044	2.83%	Alphabet	1.39%
CBF Property Fund	2.20%	ICON	1.34%
Microsoft	2.14%	Nice	1.29%
CCLA Ordinary Shares (CBF)	2.07%	TRANSUNION	1.24%

## Key facts

Manager	CCLA Investment Management Limited	
Fund size	£2,153m	
Number of holdings	128	
	<b>Income shares</b>	<b>Accumulation shares</b>
Price	2,327.04 pence	6,188.59 pence
Launch date	May 1958	
Share types	Income and accumulation	
Minimum initial investment	£1,000	
Minimum subsequent investment	No minimum	
Dealing day	Each business day (see note 4)	
SEDOL	0183042 (income shares), 0159214 (accumulation shares)	
ISIN	GB0001830420 (income shares), GB0001592145 (accumulation shares)	
Dividend payment dates	Last business day of February, May, August, and November	
Annual management charge	0.55% (see note 5)	
Fund management fee (FMF)	0.66% (see note 6)	
PRIPs other ongoing costs	0.83% (see note 7)	

Note 4: Dealing instructions must be received by 11:59am on a dealing day.

Note 5: The annual management charge is taken from capital which may restrict capital growth.

Note 6: The FMF includes the annual management charge and other costs and expenses of operating and administering the fund, such as depositary, custody, audit, and regulatory fees.

Note 7: The packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs) other ongoing costs include the FMF and, where relevant, synthetic charges. Synthetic charges are the effect that costs suffered as a result of investment in relevant underlying funds or similar investments have on the fund. The PRIIPs other ongoing costs do not include transaction costs. For more information on costs, including transaction costs, please see the fund's key information document.

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