The CBF Church of England Short Duration Bond Fund

Fund fact sheet - 31 March 2025

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to generate a total return (income plus capital growth) of cash (represented by the Sterling Overnight Index Average) plus 1.75% per year (after fees and expenses are deducted), when measured over a rolling three-year period. The fund will invest in a range of fixed interest and variable-rate debt securities (also known as bonds) and other debt-related instruments issued in a range of currencies by companies (known as corporate bonds) and governments, including loans, inflation-linked securities, money-market instruments, and asset-backed or other securitised products (financial instruments backed by assets that generate an income, for example, mortgages or student loans). The fund will be managed to ensure its duration is less than 3.5 years, with the aim of reducing the effect of changes in interest rates on the fund's value. The fund's duration measures the sensitivity of the value of the fund to a change in interest rates (the lower the duration the less impact a change in interest rates will have on the fund's value). The fund may invest in instruments that are either investment grade or non-investment grade (up to a maximum of 20% of the fund) as rated by a recognised credit rating agency that the manager or sub-investment manager has determined meets appropriate regulatory standards. For more details of the portfolio restrictions that apply to the fund, please see the scheme information. The fund uses derivatives (financial instruments whose value is linked to that of another asset) for investment purposes and efficient portfolio management (for example, hedging to reduce currency risk). The fund is managed in line with a faith-consistent investment policy, developed by the manager, to meet shareholders' desire to invest in a way that reflects Christian and Anglican teachings and is grounded in the advice produced by the Church of England's Ethical Investment Advisory Group.

Who can invest?

Any church trust with objects connected with the work of the Church of England may normally invest in the fund. This can include parochial church councils, benefices and deaneries, bell ringers and Mothers' Union. The fund is available to Church of England schools and educational establishments as well as any other Church of England related organisation. If you are unsure whether you can invest in the fund, please contact Client Services.

Sustainability approach

We believe that the primary role of sustainable investment is to drive positive change. The fund is managed in line with a faithconsistent investment policy to meet clients' desire to invest in a way that reflects Christian and Anglican teachings and is grounded in the advice produced by the Church of England's Ethical Investment Advisory Group (EIAG). The faith-consistent investment policy of the fund applies a number of investment restrictions in accordance with our values-based screening policy found at www.ccla.co.uk/about-us/policies-andreports/policies/values-based-screening-policy. The FCA has introduced sustainable investment labels to help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal. This product does not have a UK sustainable investment label because it does not have a sustainability goal. Read our summary of SDR, the investment labels and our overall approach at www.ccla.co.uk/sustainability. Fund-level information can be found at www.ccla.co.uk/funds/cbf-churchengland-short-duration-bond-fund.

Gross redemption yield

Current gross redemption yield (see note 1) 5.59%

Past distributions







Allocation of assets and bonds by region at 31/03/25



Note 1: The gross redemption yield indicates what the total annualised return would be if the fund's investments were held until they mature. Note 2: Source: CCLA – Performance shown after management fees and other expenses, with the gross income reinvested. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Note 3: Includes investments in derivatives.

Total return performance by year					
12 months to 31 March	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
The CBF Church of England Short Duration Bond Fund	+1.79%	-5.00%	-4.01%	+6.85%	+5.80%
Target benchmark	+0.46%	-5.24%	-2.86%	+6.79%	+6.70%
Annualised total return performance					
Performance to 31 March 2025	1 year		3 years		5 years
The CBF Church of England Short Duration Bond Fund	+5.80%		+2.76%		+0.97%
Target benchmark	+6.70%		+3.44%		+1.05%

Performance shown after management fees and other expenses, with the gross income reinvested. From 27 July 2022, the target benchmark is the Sterling Overnight Index Average plus 1.75% a year. Before 27 July 2022, the target benchmark was 50% Markit iBoxx £ Gilts Index and 50% Markit iBoxx £ Non Gilts Index. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The fund's investment objective, investment policy and target benchmark changed from 27 July 2022. This means that performance before then was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. Source: CCLA**

Portfolio breakdown at 31 March 2025

By credit rating		By term to maturity	
Rating category	% fund	Period	% fund
Investment grade	73.85%	0 - 5 years	66.06%
Non-investment grade (speculative)	24.75%	5 - 10 years	27.22%
Non-investment grade (less than speculative)	0.99%	10 - 15 years	2.14%
Unrated	0.41%	Over 15 years	4.58%
		Duration (years)	1.75
		Average term to maturity (years)	7.96
Number of issues	333	Fund size	£72.25m

Key facts

Manager	CCLA Investment Management Limited			
Sub-investment manager	Hermes Investment Management Limited			
Price	Income shares 149.39 pence	Accumulation shares 619.44 pence		
Launch date Share types Minimum initial investment Minimum subsequent investment Dealing day SEDOL ISIN	February 1977 Income and accumulation £1,000 No minimum Each business day (see note 4) 0183020 (income shares), 0159195 (accumulation shares) GB0001830206 (income shares), GB0001591956 (accumulation shares)			
Dividend payment dates	Last business day of February, May, August, and November			
Annual management charge (taken from income)	0.22%			
Fund management fee (FMF)	0.33% (see note 5)			
PRIIPs other ongoing costs	0.33% (see note 6)			

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

Note 5: 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 6: 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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