## The CBF Church of England Short Duration Bond Fund

Fund fact sheet - 30 September 2024

#### 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 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 the manager's ethical investment exclusions policy, which you can read in the policies and reports section on our website.

#### **Target investors**

The fund is designed for Church of England charities who want to invest for at least 3 years and who are looking for a return that is better than holding cash.

#### Who can invest?

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

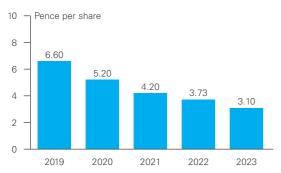
## **Ethical Investment Advisory Group**

CCLA supports the Church of England's Ethical Investment Advisory Group (EIAG).

#### **Gross redemption yield**

Current gross redemption yield (see note 1) 1.11%

#### **Past distributions**



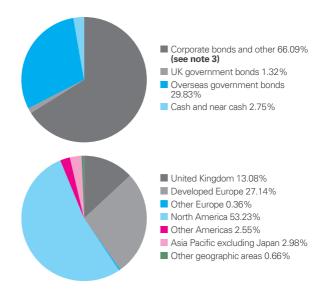
#### **Fund update**

Bond prices rose mainly because central banks reduced interest rates during the quarter, which more than offset concerns at individual companies. The fund's hedges, to protect against weakening credit fundamentals, also increased returns. The fund's holdings of corporate bonds remain focused on high-quality businesses, whose progress depends less on broader economic growth. By sector, bonds of banks and other financial institutions increased returns during the quarter. Bonds of healthcare firms and the fund's limited position in high-yield bonds also helped returns. By contrast, bonds of automakers and producers of auto parts detracted from returns, as demand in this sector weakened and the industry's costs rose.

#### Total return from 30/09/14 (see note 2)



# Allocation of assets and bonds by region at 30/09/24



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 30 September	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
The CBF Church of England Short Duration Bond Fund	+3.33%	-3.10%	-13.70%	+7.62%	+8.84%
Target benchmark	+3.88%	-3.78%	-10.44%	+5.81%	+6.98%
Annualised total return performance					
Performance to 30 September 2024	1 year		3 years		5 years
The CBF Church of England Short Duration Bond Fund	+8.84%		+0.36%		+0.24%
Target benchmark	+6.98%		+0.46%		+0.27%

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 30 September 2024

By credit rating	_	By term to maturity	
Rating category	% fund	Period	% fund
Investment grade	84.99%	0 - 5 years	67.39%
Non-investment grade (speculative)	12.94%	5 - 10 years	25.53%
Non-investment grade (less than speculative)	0.96%	10 - 15 years	2.01%
Unrated	1.11%	Over 15 years	5.07%
		Duration (years)	1.83
		Average term to maturity (years)	8.28
Number of issues	313	Fund size	£71.57m

## **Key facts**

Manager CCLA Investment Management Limited
Sub-investment manager Hermes Investment Management Limited

Income shares Accumulation shares

Price 148.74 pence 607.19 pence

Launch date February 1977

Share types Income and accumulation

Minimum initial investment £1,000
Minimum subsequent investment No minimum
Dealing day Each business day (see note 4)

SEDOL 0183020 (income shares), 0159195 (accumulation shares)

ISIN 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)

PRIIPs other ongoing costs

0.32% (see note 5)
0.32% (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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