

# Sterling Defensive

## April 2024

### Zurich fund information (as at 31/03/2024)

Launch date	11/10/2008
Current bid	GBP 2.792
Fund size(m)	GBP 10.34 (as at 28/03/2024)
FE sector	Mixed Investment 0%-35% Shares
ZIL fund management charge*	0.00%
Fund currency	GBP
Fund manager	Alex Lyle
Investment house	Columbia Threadneedle Investments
Annual management charge*	0.35%
Crown rating†	👑👑👑👑👑

### Top ten holdings (as at 31/12/2023)

Government Of United Kingdom 4.125% 29-jan-2027	9.6%
Government Of United Kingdom 0.875% 31-jul-2033	7.4%
Government Of United Kingdom 0.5% 31-jan-2029	6.9%
Government Of United Kingdom 4.25% 07-dec-2049	5.8%
Government Of United Kingdom 0.375% 22-oct-2026	5.0%
Government Of United Kingdom 3.5% 22-jan-2045	4.6%
Government Of United Kingdom 0.25% 31-jan-2025	4.5%
Government Of United Kingdom 1.25% 22-oct-2041	4.2%
Government Of United Kingdom 1.75% 07-sep-2037	4.1%
Government Of United Kingdom 0.625% 31-jul-2035	3.6%

Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments

\* Please note, this charge is deducted daily before calculating the unit price. This does not include any product charges. For further information on product charges, please refer to the relevant policy terms and conditions.

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### Fund objective

The Sterling Defensive fund aims to provide a lower risk environment with some potential for medium to long-term growth and invests in international government and corporate debt, with a proportion invested in international equities. The risk profile of this investment choice is the lowest of the five portfolios.

### Fund information

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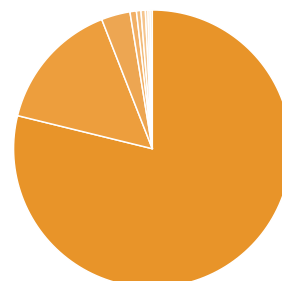
### Fund commentary (as at 31/12/2023)

A large element of the fund is invested in UK bonds, with a focus on government securities (gilts). Over the quarter, the 10-year gilt yield rose 5 basis points from 4.39% to 4.44% as bond prices dipped. In August, the Bank of England raised the base rate from 5.0% to 5.25%, to help bring down inflation. The BoE expects consumer price inflation to fall significantly in the near term but is prepared to raise rates again, if necessary. By contrast, UK equities produced a positive return. The biggest portfolio adjustment was an increased exposure to gilts, which offer an attractive income. We also added modestly to equities in Europe ex UK and the US but realised some gains in Japan.

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### Assets (as at 31/12/2023)

Sterling Bond	78.8%
UK Equity	15.2%
North American Equity	3.4%
Global Equity	0.8%
Europe ex UK Equity	0.5%
Japan Equity	0.5%
Cash	0.3%
Emerging Market Bond	0.3%
Far East ex Japan Equity	0.3%



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### Cumulative performance (as at 31/03/2024)

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
% growth	2.98%	-0.47%	7.40%	2.05%	-13.85%	-7.50%	23.59%	91.10%
Sector	1.67%	1.34%	7.19%	5.97%	-2.77%	6.12%	19.63%	69.11%
Quartile	1	4	2	4	4	4	2	-
Rank	10/154	146/160	79/159	140/154	141/148	106/112	16/39	-

### 3 year statistical fund data (as at 31/03/2024)

Monthly volatility	3.05%
Best 3 month return	7.91%
Worst 3 month return	-10.80%

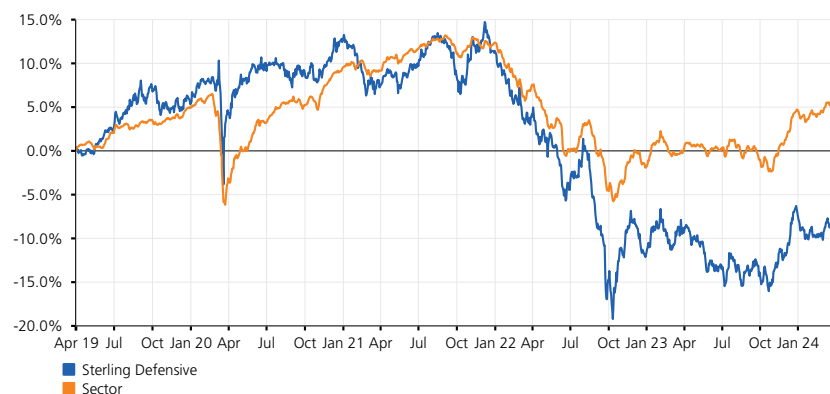
Source: FE, figures to 31/03/2024, bid to bid gross in GBP. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

### Discrete performance (as at 31/03/2024)

	Mar 19 -Mar 20	Mar 20 -Mar 21	Mar 21 -Mar 22	Mar 22 -Mar 23	Mar 23 -Mar 24
% growth	4.3%	3.0%	-3.0%	-13.0%	2.0%
Sector	-3.1%	12.7%	-1.5%	-6.9%	6.0%
Quartile	1	4	4	4	4
Rank	9/112	118/128	117/148	143/150	140/154

Source: FE, figures to 31/03/2024, bid to bid gross in GBP. Percentage growth figures are for discrete years, for example Mar 19-Mar 20 equals 31/03/2019 to 31/03/2020. Quartile and rank are based on the FE sector category as highlighted on page 1. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

### Fund performance vs benchmark and/or sector, 5 years/since inception



Source: FE as at 31/03/2024, bid to bid gross in GBP. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

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