

29 February 2024

Life Fund

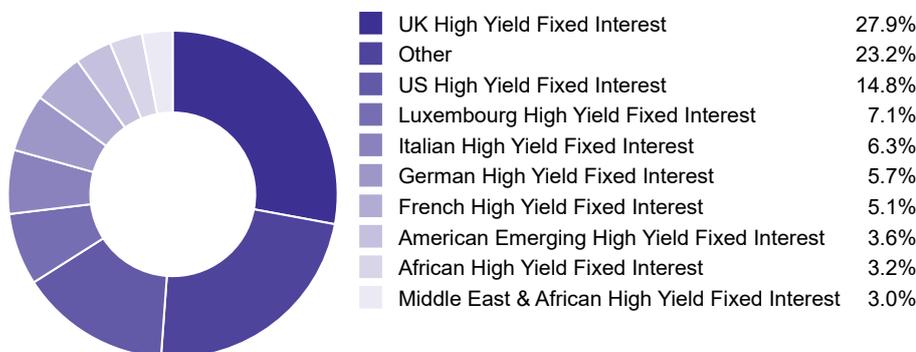
CM Schroder Monthly High Income

Fund Aim

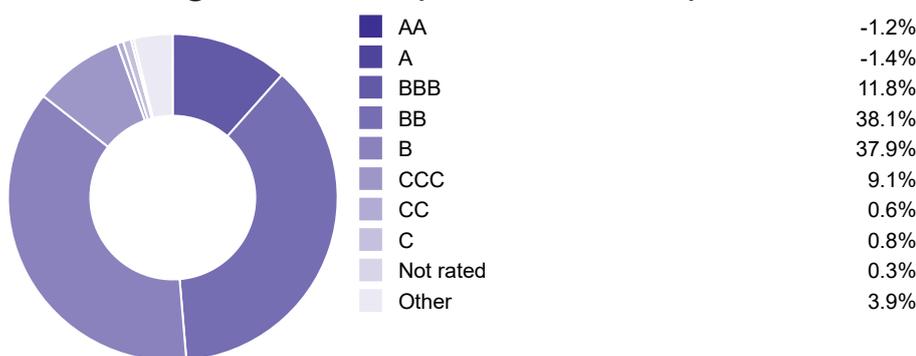
To provide a high level of income, which is distributed monthly by investing in a diverse portfolio of bonds.

'ESG Metrics'

Asset Allocation (as at 31/01/2024)



Credit Rating Breakdown (as at 31/01/2024)



The composition of asset mix and asset allocation may change at any time and exclude cash unless otherwise stated

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Information Statement

The name of the fund being invested in changed from Schroder Monthly High Income Fund to Schroder High Yield Opportunities Fund in October 2017. No other changes to the fund were made at this time, and we will continue to refer to the CM Schroder Corporate Bond Fund in our literature. Clerical Medical produce Environmental, Social and Governance themed fund metrics. Selected data can be found using the ESG metric link.

Basic Fund Information

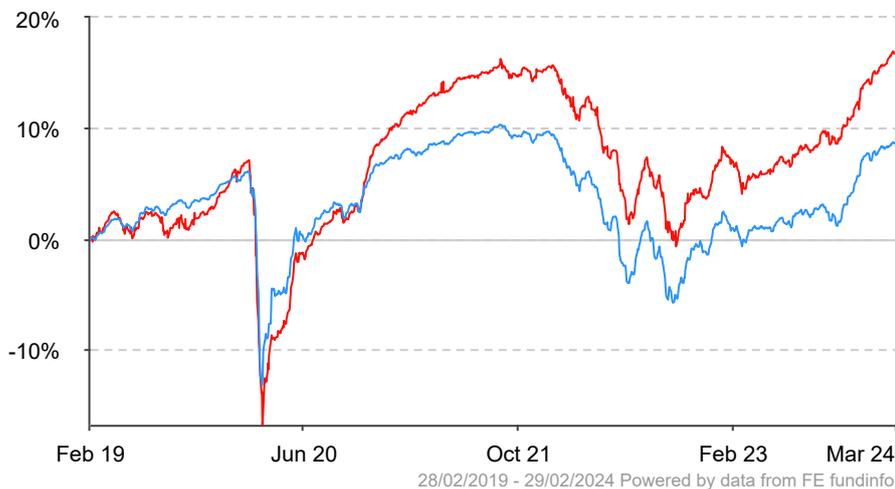
Fund Launch Date	04/08/2003
Fund Size	£3.1m
Sector	ABI Sterling High Yield
ISIN	GB0033417519
MEX ID	CMSMHL
SEDOL	3341751
Manager Name	Daniel Pearson
Manager Since	17/09/2018

Top Ten Holdings

(as at 31/01/2024)

ENERGY TRANSFER LP FRN 31/12/2079 SERIES A	2.4%
TALKTALK TELECOM GROUP 20/02/2025 REGS	2.2%
MARCOLIN SPA 6.1250 15/11/2026 SERIES REGS	2.2%
TIBCO SOFTWARE INC 6.5000 31/03/2029 SERIES 144A	2.0%
HIGHLAND HOLDINGS BOND 7.6250 15/10/2025 SERIES 144A	1.9%
MPT OPERATING PARTNERSHIP LP / MPT FINANCE CORPORATION 24/03/2025	1.8%
GLOBAL AIR LEASE COMPANY LIMITED 6.5000 15/09/2024 SERIES 144A	1.7%
GALAXY FINCO LIMITED 9.2500 31/07/2027 SERIES REGS	1.7%
ADANI GREEN ENERGY UP LTD 6.2500 10/12/2024 SERIES REGS	1.6%
BARCLAYS PLC 9.2500 31/12/2079 SERIES CORP	1.6%
TOTAL	19.1%

Past Performance



CM Schroder Monthly High Income

ABI Sterling High Yield

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investment value and income from it may fall as well as rise, as a result of market and currency movements. You may not get back the amount originally invested.

Discrete Performance

	31/12/2022 - 31/12/2023	31/12/2021 - 31/12/2022	31/12/2020 - 31/12/2021	31/12/2019 - 31/12/2020	31/12/2018 - 31/12/2019
CM Schroder Monthly High Income	10.2%	-10.1%	5.7%	4.6%	8.2%
ABI Sterling High Yield	9.3%	-10.1%	2.5%	1.9%	8.7%

Information is shown as unavailable if prior to the launch of fund.

Cumulative Performance

	31/01/2024 - 29/02/2024	30/11/2023 - 29/02/2024	28/02/2023 - 29/02/2024	28/02/2021 - 29/02/2024	28/02/2019 - 29/02/2024
CM Schroder Monthly High Income	1.0%	4.5%	9.2%	4.9%	16.8%
ABI Sterling High Yield	0.2%	3.6%	7.6%	0.6%	8.6%
Quartile	1	1	1	1	1

Source: FE fundinfo as at 29/02/2024

Performance figures are in £ Sterling on a single pricing basis, with income (where applicable) reinvested net of UK tax and net of total annual fund charges. These figures do not include any initial charge or other product charge(s) that may be applicable.

Quarterly Fund Manager Review

The fund returned 5.5% in the three months to 31 December 2023. The benchmark index returned 5.8% in the same period. The final quarter of the year was a very positive one for fixed income markets, marking their best quarterly performance in over two decades, according to the Bloomberg Global Aggregate indices. The major driver of this performance was a perceived shift in monetary policy direction, from a "higher-for-longer" stance to prospective rate cuts. Government bond yields fell sharply, and credit markets rallied, outperforming government bonds. The US Federal Reserve (Fed) kept rates unchanged throughout the quarter, with a much clearer shift to a more dovish tone in December accelerating the market rally. Other major central banks held steady rates, although they appeared more cautious about inflation. The European Central Bank (ECB) made progress in its plan to unwind some of its Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme support, while highlighting concerns about domestic inflation. Meanwhile, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee remained divided on further tightening. The latest inflation release surprised to the downside which extended the gilt market rally. Elsewhere, the Bank of Japan's decision to make only minor adjustments to its yield curve control policy fell short of market expectations. As markets priced in easing conditions, government bond yields fell across the board. The US 10-year Treasury yield fell from 4.57% at the end of Q3 to 3.87% at the end of Q4. The UK 10-year gilt yield fell from 4.44% to 3.54%, while the German 10-year Bund yield ended the quarter 0.81% lower at 2.03%. Despite a slowing growth outlook, the corporate bond market staged an impressive rally on hopes that a deep recession could be averted as financial conditions eased. High yield markets outperformed investment grade in both the US and Europe, with a tightening of spreads also marking significant outperformance over government bonds. Meanwhile, quarterly returns in US and European investment grade credit markets have not been better since Q3 2009. The rally was broad-based across all sectors, with securitised credit, covered bonds, and quasi-government bonds all performing strongly over the quarter.

Daniel Pearson 31/12/2023

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Fund Rating Information

Overall Morningstar Rating

Morningstar Medalist Rating

FE fundinfo Crown Rating

The FE fundinfo Crown Rating relates to this fund. However, the Morningstar ratings are based on the underlying fund. These are supplied by the respective independent ratings agencies and are the latest available at the time this factsheet was issued. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Other Information

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