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## STRATEGIC BOND FUND

KEY INVESTOR  
INFORMATION  
DOCUMENT

**This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.**

Liontrust Strategic Bond Fund is a sub-fund of the Liontrust Investment Funds ICVC and categorised as a UCITS scheme. This document is based upon the B Inc class (ISIN: GB00BFX12P31). This Fund is managed by Liontrust Fund Partners LLP, a subsidiary of Liontrust Asset Management PLC.

### Objective

- The Fund aims to maximise total return over the long term (5 years or more) through a combination of income and capital growth.

### Policy

- The Fund is actively managed without reference to any benchmark meaning that the Investment Adviser has full discretion over the composition of the Fund's portfolio, subject to the stated investment objectives and policies.
- The Fund will invest in government bond and credit securities globally. The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes (up to 10% of Fund assets), other fixed income securities, warrants, cash, deposits and money market instruments.
- The Fund may invest up to 40% of its net assets in emerging markets. Emerging market countries can be defined as all the countries in the world other than those classified as "advanced" by the International Monetary Fund ("IMF").
- Investments will be made in debt securities of differing creditworthiness (including sovereign debt, investment grade instruments, high yield or speculative grade instruments, or unrated instruments) issued by governments, corporate issuers and borrowers in developed and emerging market countries and those of, or guaranteed by, supranational, national and local governments and government related entities in such countries.
- The environmental, social and governance ("ESG") characteristics of securities will be considered when selecting investments for the Fund.
- The Fund's investments will generally be broadly diversified, however at times (i.e. where market factors dictate) the fund manager may choose to hold a portfolio with concentrated exposure to certain instrument types, issuer types, creditworthiness, duration or geography.
- In normal market conditions, the majority of the Fund's investments will be in government bond and credit securities, although it is possible that at certain times, (i.e. where market factors dictate or at times of significant subscription and redemptions in the Fund), a substantial portion, or the entire Fund could be invested in cash or cash equivalents (such as money market instruments, treasury bills, certificates of deposit, commercial paper).
- Investment will be made in government bond and credit securities denominated in hard currencies (including the US Dollar, Euro and the currencies of the developed countries) and may invest up to 25% of the fund in soft currencies (for example, emerging markets). The majority of currency exposure will be hedged back to the base currency of the Fund using currency forwards, with a 10% aggregate unhedged limit.
- The Fund is permitted to use derivatives and forwards for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes. Investment in bonds will primarily be direct but may also be indirect via derivatives (specifically total return swaps and embedded derivatives). The Fund will also use derivatives (specifically currency forwards, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, futures, options and embedded derivatives), to manage the Fund's credit, currency and duration exposures. Please refer to the 'Use of Derivatives' section in the prospectus for further details.

### Recommendation

- This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

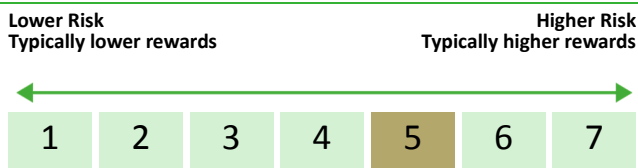
### How to buy

- You may buy or sell shares on a daily basis (but not weekends or Bank Holidays). Orders must be received by 11:59am for execution at 12:00 midday valuation point on the same day. Further details can be found at [www.liontrust.co.uk](http://www.liontrust.co.uk).

### Investment process

- The process is designed to take advantage of inefficiencies in fixed income markets through a thorough understanding of the economic environment and detailed bottom up stock analysis.
- The process uses the same framework to garner a thorough understanding of the economic environment and for bottom up stock analysis: fundamentals, valuations and technical (FVT).
- These three factors are examined regardless of whether the managers are considering a duration position or an investment in a speculative grade rated company. In judging whether a company is an attractive long-term investment, the managers analyse five factors which they call PRISM: Protections – operational and contractual, such as structure and covenants; Risks – credit, business and market; Interest cover – leverage and other key ratios; Sustainability – of cash flows and environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors; Motivations – of management and shareholders.

### Risk and reward profile



- This Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) is based on historical data and may not be relied upon to gauge the future risk profile of the Fund.
- The SRRI shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.
- The lowest category (1) does not mean 'risk free'.
- The Fund's risk and reward category has been calculated using the methodology set by the European Commission. It is based upon the higher of the actual historical annualised volatility and the translated annualised volatility of the Fund based upon the internal Value at Risk limit.
- The Fund invests in global bonds issued by corporates and governments, from investment grade through to high yield. Investments may be made in "hard" currencies, such as US Dollar, Euro and Sterling, but also in soft currencies, such as those of emerging markets. The Fund may also invest in other eligible asset classes as detailed within the prospectus.
- The fund manager considers environmental, social and governance ("ESG") characteristics of issuers when selecting investments for the Fund.
- The Fund is categorised 5 primarily for its exposure to a diversified portfolio of bonds along with a number of derivative positions.
- The SRRI may not fully take into account the following risks:
  - Overseas investments may carry a higher currency risk. They are valued by reference to their local currency which may move up or down when compared to the currency of the Fund.
  - Bonds are affected by changes in interest rates and their value and the income they generate can rise or fall as a result;
  - the creditworthiness of a bond issuer may also affect that bond's value. Bonds that produce a higher level of income usually also carry greater risk as such bond issuers may have difficulty in paying their debts. The value of a bond would be significantly affected if the issuer either refused to pay or was unable to pay.
- The Fund may, under certain circumstances, invest in derivatives, but it is not intended that their use will materially affect volatility. Derivatives are used to protect against currencies, credit and interest rate moves or for investment purposes. There is a risk that losses could be made on derivative positions or that the counterparties could fail to complete on transactions. The use of derivatives may create leverage or gearing resulting in potentially greater volatility or fluctuations in the net asset value of the Fund. A relatively small movement in the value of a derivative's underlying investment may have a larger impact, positive or negative, on the value of a fund than if the underlying investment was held instead. The use of derivative contracts may help us to control Fund volatility in both up and down markets by hedging against the general market.
- The Fund uses derivative instruments that may result in higher cash levels. Outside of normal conditions, the Fund may choose to hold higher levels of cash. Cash may be deposited with several credit counterparties (e.g. international banks) or in shortdated bonds. A credit risk arises should one or more of these counterparties be unable to return the deposited cash.

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- The Fund's volatility limits are calculated using the Value at Risk (VaR) methodology. In high interest rate environments the Fund's implied volatility limits may rise resulting in a higher risk indicator score. The higher score does not necessarily mean the Fund is more risky and is potentially a result of overall market conditions.
- The Fund may encounter liquidity constraints from time to time. Participation rates on advertised volumes could fall reflecting the less liquid nature of the current market conditions.
- The Fund may invest in emerging markets which carries a higher risk than investment in more developed countries. This may result in higher volatility and larger drops in the value of the fund over the short term.
- There is no guarantee that a total return will be generated over a three year time period or within another time period.
- The Fund may have both Hedged and Unhedged share classes available. The Hedged share classes use forward foreign exchange contracts to protect returns in the base currency of the Fund.
- Counterparty Risk: any derivative contract, including FX hedging, may be at risk if the counterparty fails.
- ESG Risk: there may be limitations to the availability, completeness or accuracy of ESG information from third-party providers, or inconsistencies in the consideration of ESG factors across different third party data providers, given the evolving nature of ESG.
- For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the prospectus which may be obtained from Liontrust (address overleaf) or online at [www.liontrust.co.uk](http://www.liontrust.co.uk).

### Charges for this fund

- The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None

- This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.

Charges taken from the Fund over the year	
Ongoing charges	0.62%

Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific circumstances	
Performance fee	None

- **The entry and exit charges** shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less – you can find this out from your financial adviser or fund platform if you are not using a financial adviser.

- **The ongoing charges** figure is based on expenses as at 31 December 2023. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes:

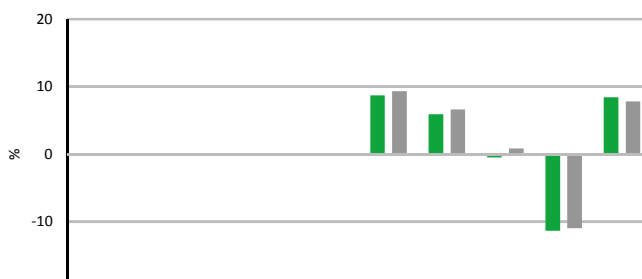
- portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the UCITS when buying or selling units/shares in another collective investment undertaking.

- For more information about charges and what is included in each charge, please see the Fund's prospectus, which is available electronically at [www.liontrust.co.uk](http://www.liontrust.co.uk) or visit the costs and charges page on our website at [www.liontrust.co.uk/cost-and-charges](http://www.liontrust.co.uk/cost-and-charges).

### Past performance

- ⓘ **Past performance does not predict future returns.** It has been calculated on the basis that any distributable income of the Fund has been reinvested. The past performance shown in the chart takes into account all charges except entry and exit charges.

- ⓘ The Fund launch date is 08 May 2018.
- ⓘ The B Inc share class launch date is 08 May 2018.
- ⓘ The base currency of the Fund is pounds sterling.



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
■ Liontrust Strategic Bond B Inc						8.7	5.9	-0.5	-11.4	8.4
■ IA Sterling Strategic Bond						9.3	6.6	0.8	-11.0	7.8

### Practical information

<b>Authorisation</b>	This Fund is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.
<b>Depository</b>	Bank of New York Mellon (International) Ltd.
<b>Investment Adviser</b>	Liontrust Investment Partners LLP.
<b>Further information</b>	Copies of the prospectus and the latest annual and half-yearly reports, which are the primary source of additional information, are available, without charge, from Liontrust Fund Partners LLP, 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EZ. They are also available electronically at <a href="http://www.liontrust.co.uk">www.liontrust.co.uk</a> .
<b>Taxation</b>	UK tax legislation may have an impact upon your own personal tax position.
<b>Fund prices and other information</b>	The Fund's last published price is available from Liontrust Fund Partners LLP at <a href="http://www.liontrust.co.uk">www.liontrust.co.uk</a> or by writing to us at 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EZ or by telephoning 0344 892 0349 during business hours (9.00am – 5.00pm).
<b>Remuneration</b>	Information on the current remuneration policy of the Fund, including a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, is available at <a href="http://www.liontrust.co.uk">www.liontrust.co.uk</a> . A paper copy of this information is available free of charge upon request from Liontrust Fund Partners LLP at 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EZ.