

S-class units

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# Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund

## Investment objective

We aim to deliver a greater total return than the Investment Association (IA) Sterling Corporate Bond sector, after fees, over any rolling five-year period. Total return means the return we receive from the value of our investments increasing (capital growth) plus the income we receive from our investments (interest payments). We use the IA Sterling Corporate Bond sector as a target for our fund's return because we aim to achieve a better return than the average of funds that are similar to ours.

## Investment strategy

When picking our investments, there are three assessments we make. First, we look at the economic environment to determine which industries we want to own and the duration of our investments. Then we use the Four Cs Plus approach to evaluate creditworthiness. We assess:

**Character:** Whether a company's managers have integrity and competence

**Capacity:** Ensuring a company isn't over-borrowing and has the cash to pay its debts

**Collateral:** Are there assets backing the loan, which reduces the risk of a loan

**Covenants:** These loan agreements set out the terms of the bond and restrictions on the company

**Conviction:** The Plus: We think differently to the market; sometimes contrarian, sometimes sceptical of orthodox thinking, but always opinionated

Meanwhile, Rathbone Greenbank, an ethical research division of our company, assesses potential investments against positive and negative social and environmental criteria. Finally, we compare prices to determine the best value bonds to include in our fund.

## Management



**Bryn Jones**  
Fund Manager

Bryn joined Rathbones in November 2004 and heads up the fixed income team. He has over 20 years' investment industry experience in equity and fixed income markets. Bryn is a WMA representative and sits on the IA fixed income advisory committee.



**Noelle Cazalis**  
Fund Manager

Noelle joined Rathbones in July 2011. She assists in the management of the Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund and the Rathbone Strategic Bond Fund. She also manages the Rathbone High Quality Bond Fund since its launch in 2018. Noelle holds two master's degrees in Economics and Finance.

## Fund facts

<b>Manager</b>	Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited
<b>Trustee</b>	NatWest Trustee and Depository Services
<b>Date Launched/Launch Price</b>	14 May 2002/100p (fund) 06 April 2018 (unit class)
<b>Size of fund</b>	Mid-market: £1,597.97m <sup>††</sup>
<b>Unit price</b>	Income (Inc): 105.05p Accumulation (Acc): 112.73p
<b>Historical distribution yield*</b>	3.40%
<b>Total no. of holdings</b>	232
<b>Initial charge</b>	None
<b>MiFID II charges</b>	
<b>Ongoing charges figure (OCF) as at 30.09.2019</b>	0.53%
<b>Transaction costs</b>	0.05%
<b>Total MiFID II charges</b>	0.58%
The MiFID II charges include the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and transaction costs. PRIIPs compliant*	
<b>Minimum initial investment</b>	Manager's discretion
<b>Minimum additional investments</b>	£500

## Distributions per unit

Latest distributions		
Interim	1.01p	
Annual	1.01p	
Interim	1.05p	
Interim	1.10p	
Ex div	Payment	
Interim	01 Jan 20	29 Feb 20
Annual	01 Oct 19	30 Nov 19
Interim	01 Jul 19	31 Aug 19
Interim	01 Apr 19	31 May 19
Year end 30 September**		
Since 6 April 2017, distributions are paid gross.		

## Maturity distribution

Data as at 29.02.20	% in fund
0-5 Years	25.72
5-10 Years	43.38
10-15 Years	11.09
15+ Years	13.83
Cash	5.98
Modified Duration	6.02 years

## Manager ratings



Bryn Jones

## Dealing/valuation

Forward daily: 9.00am-5.00pm  
Valuation point: 12.00 midday  
Dealing/valuation: 0330 123 3810  
Information line: 020 7399 0399

### Fund codes

Sedol (Inc): BDDORM8  
Sedol (Acc): BDDORN9  
ISIN (Inc): GBO0BDDORM82  
ISIN (Acc): GBO0BDDORN99

## Product availability

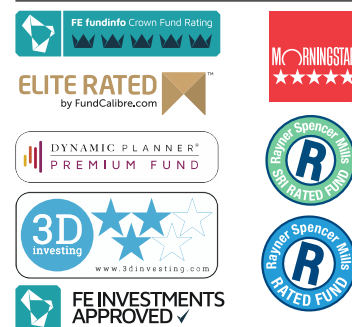
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## Awards



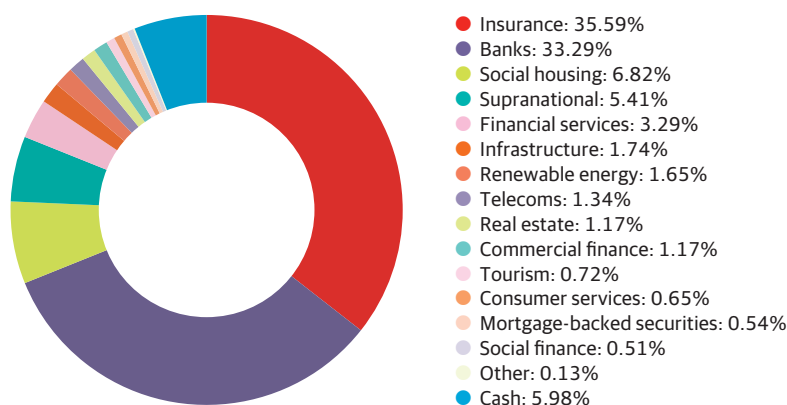
## Fund ratings



<sup>††</sup>Please note that the change in size of fund is as a result of the Luxembourg SICAV version of this fund converting from a master feeder structure to a directly managed fund. If you have any questions please contact your financial adviser.

## Sector asset allocation (iBoxx sector classifications)

Data as at 29.02.20



## S-class fund performance

Data as at 29.02.20

	1 year	3 years	5 years
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	10.84%	19.44%	30.03%
IA Sterling Corporate Bond sector	9.82%	13.29%	22.64%
Quartile rank	2	1	1

Discrete annual performance, quarter ending 31 December

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	1.58%	7.07%	10.54%	-2.98%	12.49%
IA Sterling Corporate Bond sector	-0.27%	9.08%	5.06%	-2.22%	9.49%

	Alpha***	Beta***	Volatility***	Turnover†
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	2.49	0.64	3.82%	17.29%
IA Sterling Corporate Bond sector	0.18	0.87	4.33%	

S-class units launched on 6 April 2018.

Price performance based upon bid to bid prior to 21.01.19 and single price (mid) thereafter. Performance is a combination of S-class units and I-class units (where S-class was unavailable). Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment.

## 10 largest holdings

Data as at 29.02.20

Company	Percentage	Date
AXA	5.453%	Perp
Bank of Scotland	7.281%	Perp
Royal London	6.125%	13/11/2028
RSA Insurance Group	5.125%	10/10/2025
Aviva	6.875%	20/05/2038
AXA	5.625%	16/01/2034
Rothsay Life	8.0%	30/10/2025
HSBC	5.844%	Perp
Rabobank Nederland	6.91%	Perp
BPCE	5.25%	16/04/2029

## Credit quality distribution

Rating	Percentage
AAA	7.45%
AA	2.34%
AA-	0.93%
A+	2.16%
A	3.92%
A-	7.70%
BBB+	32.48%
BBB	19.84%
BBB-	7.46%
BB+	4.02%
BB	1.63%
BB-	0.19%
NR	3.90%
Cash	5.98%

## You should know

### Important information

Copies of the Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), the Supplementary Information Document (SID), and application forms may be obtained, free of charge, from Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited.

Changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase.

Details of tax levels and reliefs may change in the future. The value of any tax relief depends on individual circumstances. If you have any doubts about your tax position, or the suitability of this investment, you should seek professional advice.

Interest rate fluctuations are likely to affect the capital value of investments within bond funds. When long term interest rates rise the capital value of units is likely to fall and vice versa. The effect will be more apparent on funds that invest significantly in long-dated securities. The value of capital and income will fluctuate as interest rates and credit ratings of the issuing companies change.

To meet the investment objective, the fund may also invest, at the Manager's discretion, in other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash, deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stocklending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted by the FCA rules.

As the Manager's annual fee is taken out from capital, distributable income will be increased at the expense of capital which will either be eroded or future growth constrained. All other income expenses are paid out of the fund's income.

### Information notes

\*From April 2018, the ongoing charges figure has been calculated according to PRIIPs regulations, which came into effect on 1 January 2018. Holdings are based on six monthly audited accounts. Changes to fund holdings within this period may result in higher or lower ongoing charges.

\*The historic distribution yield reflects the annualised income net of the expenses in the fund (calculated in accordance with the relevant accounting standards) as a percentage of the mid-market unit price of the fund as at the date shown. It is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. It does not include any initial charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

\*\*As from 30 June 2016 the fund's year end changed to 30 September.

Source performance data Financial Express, price performance based upon bid to bid prior to 21.01.19 and single price (mid) thereafter. This is net of expenses and tax. Data using prices as at 29.02.2020. S-class units/shares were launched on 06 April 2018. Performance is a combination of S-class units and I-class units (where S-class was unavailable). \*\*\*Alpha, Beta and Volatility statistics given on a 5 year rolling basis. Alpha and Beta are calculated using the IBOXX Non Gilt Index as the benchmark. Alpha, Beta and Volatility shown is annualised standard deviation of monthly returns. †Turnover is calculated on a 1 year rolling basis.

\*\*Credit quality distribution ratings from various sources

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