

28 February 2025

## Life Fund

## CM Schroder Corporate Bond

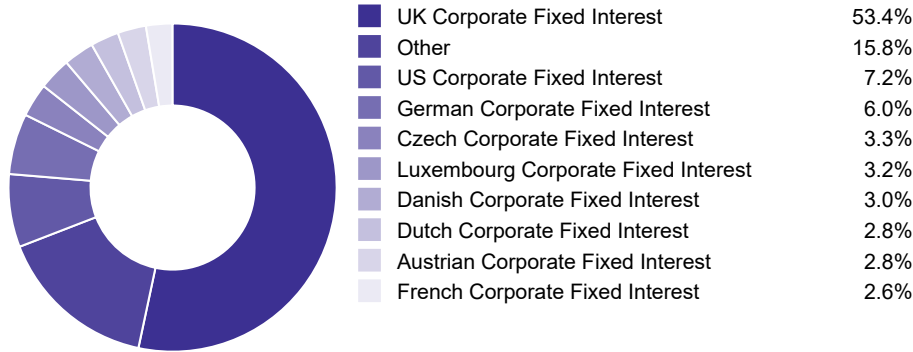
### Fund Aim

To achieve an optimum level of interest (or yield) with the lowest possible level of risk by investing in bonds and other fixed interest securities, primarily those issued by UK companies and the British Government.

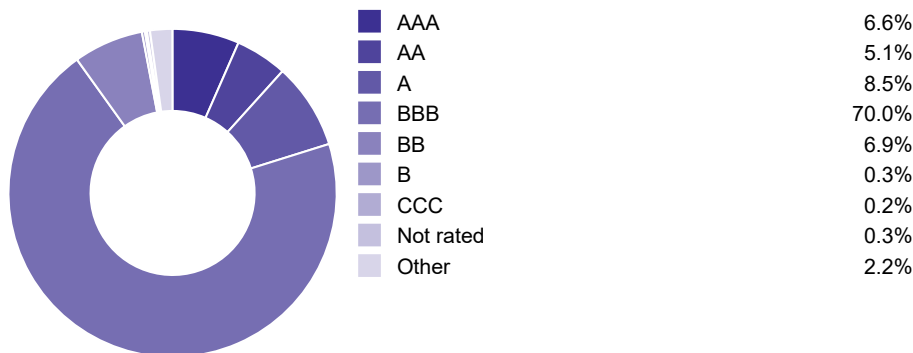
### 'ESG Metrics'

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### Asset Allocation (as at 31/01/2025)



### Credit Rating Breakdown (as at 31/01/2025)



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

### Information Statement

The name of the fund being invested in changed from Schroder Corporate Bond Fund to Schroder Sterling Corporate Bond 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

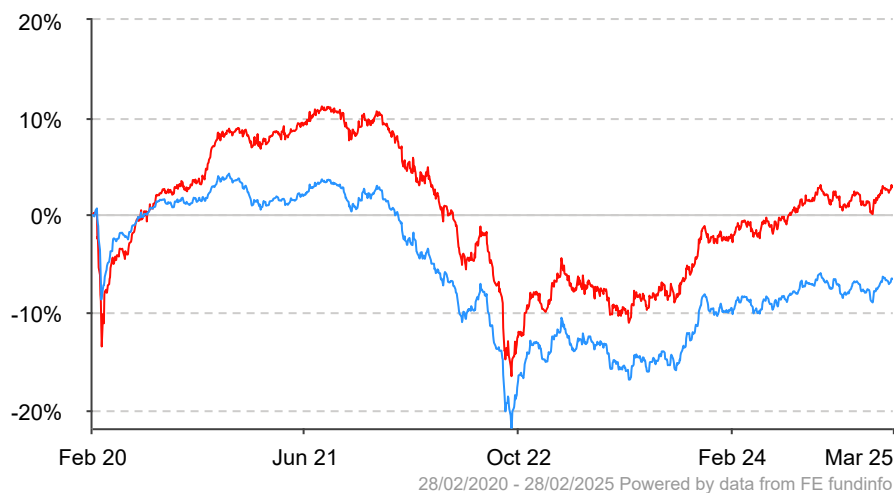
Fund Launch Date	04/08/2003
Fund Size	£5.4m
Sector	ABI Sterling Corporate Bond
ISIN	GB0033418368
MEX ID	CMSCL
SEDOL	3341836
Manager Name	Team, Julien Houdain, Daniel Pearson
Manager Since	06/06/2008, 01/04/2021, 01/04/2021

### Top Ten Holdings

(as at 31/01/2025)

BERKELEY GROUP PLC 2.5000 11/08/2031 SERIES CORP	2.3%
CPI PROPERTY GROUP SA 5.8000 PERP SERIES EMTN REGS	1.9%
INCHCAPE PLC 6.5000 09/06/2028 SERIES CORP	1.7%
GRAINGER PLC 3.3750 24/04/2028 REGS	1.7%
SIRIUS REAL ESTATE LTD 1.7500 24/11/2028 SERIES CORP	1.7%
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS 3.3750 08/10/2028 SERIES EMTN REGS	1.6%
INFORMA PLC 3.1250 05/07/2026 SERIES EMTN	1.6%
AMVEST RCF CUSTODIAN BV 3.8750 25/03/2030 SERIES EMTN	1.5%
INVESTEC PLC 2.6250 04/01/2032 SERIES EMTN	1.4%
WORKSPACE GROUP PLC 2.2500 11/03/2028 REGS	1.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16.8%</b>

## Past Performance



CM Schroder Corporate Bond

ABI Sterling Corporate Bond

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

	31/12/2023 - 31/12/2024	31/12/2022 - 31/12/2023	31/12/2021 - 31/12/2022	31/12/2020 - 31/12/2021	31/12/2019 - 31/12/2020
CM Schroder Corporate Bond	3.0%	9.1%	-17.5%	0.7%	10.9%
ABI Sterling Corporate Bond	0.7%	7.8%	-16.2%	-2.4%	5.9%

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

## Cumulative Performance

	31/01/2025 - 28/02/2025	30/11/2024 - 28/02/2025	29/02/2024 - 28/02/2025	28/02/2022 - 28/02/2025	29/02/2020 - 28/02/2025
CM Schroder Corporate Bond	0.9%	0.9%	5.9%	-1.3%	3.0%
ABI Sterling Corporate Bond	0.5%	0.5%	4.1%	-3.5%	-6.5%
Quartile	1	2	1	2	1

Source: FE fundinfo as at 28/02/2025

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 -0.2% in the three months to 31 December 2024. The benchmark index returned -0.4% in the same period. The fixed income markets experienced considerable volatility in the last quarter of 2024, primarily driven by geopolitical tensions, central bank decisions, and fluctuating inflation rates. Notably, the period was marked by notable selloffs in major government bond markets, with various factors influencing investor sentiment across the globe. US Treasuries sold off in October amid concerns over potential inflationary policies arising from a possible Republican victory in the presidential election. The 10-year Treasury yield experienced a notable rise, finishing the year at 4.57%, indicating market uncertainty regarding the Fed's future actions amidst rising expectations for inflation if President-elect Trump were to implement all his economic policies. The European Central Bank (ECB) also cut rates over the quarter leaving the base rate at 3% at the end of the period. Political turmoil in France further complicated the landscape, as yields on French bonds briefly surpassed those of Greek bonds for the first time in history, driven by fears of government instability. The 10-year German Bund yield closed the year at 2.37% whilst the euro weakened against the dollar, reflecting the apprehensions in the market. In the UK, the Labour government's first budget at the end of October saw significant reactions in the UK fixed income market. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves, announced a £40 billion tax increase and concerns over projected borrowing were also rising. Consequently, 10-year gilt yields rose, and the pound depreciated against the dollar, reflecting investor anxiety. Meanwhile, the Bank of England cut interest rates to 4.75%, although concerns over elevated inflation and wage growth dampened possibilities for further cuts in the near term. On the credit front, high yield bonds outperformed their investment-grade counterparts, driven by expectations of pro-business policies under a potential Trump administration. US high yield spreads tightened to historical lows due to strong demand. European high yield spreads also tightened over the quarter despite political pressures and economic challenges.

**Team, Julien Houdain, Daniel Pearson 31/12/2024**

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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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