

28 February 2025
Life Fund

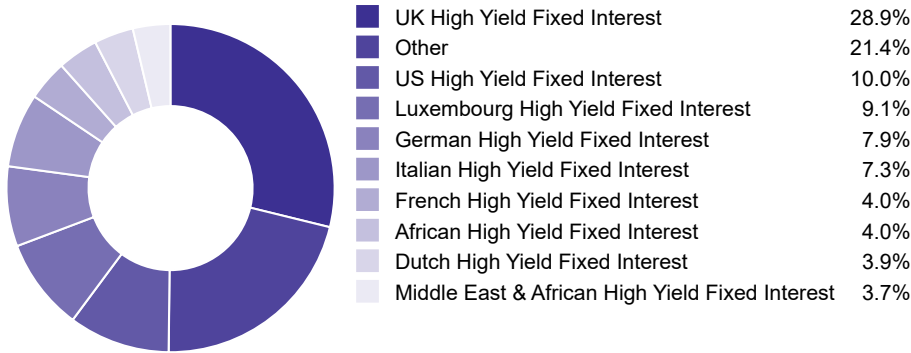
CM Schroder Monthly High Income

Fund Aim

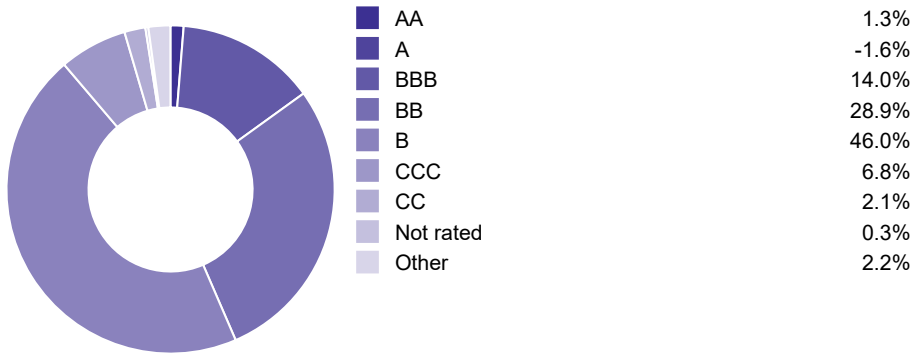
To provide a high level of income, which is distributed monthly by investing in a diverse portfolio of bonds.

'ESG Metrics'

Asset Allocation (as at 31/01/2025)



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

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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

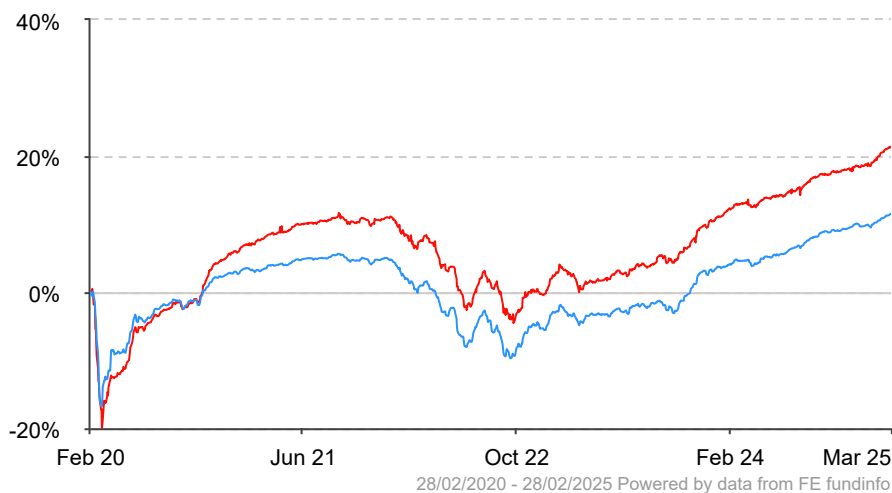
Fund Launch Date	04/08/2003
Fund Size	£3.2m
Sector	ABI Sterling High Yield
ISIN	GB0033417519
MEX ID	CMSMHL
SEDOL	3341751
Manager Name	Daniel Pearson
Manager Since	17/09/2018

Top Ten Holdings

(as at 31/01/2025)

VILLA DUTCH BIDCO BV 9.0000 03/11/2029 SERIES REGS	2.6%
KANE BIDCO LTD 6.5000 15/02/2027 SERIES REGS	2.3%
GLOBAL AIRCRAFT LEASING CO LTD 8.7500 01/09/2027 SERIES 144A	2.2%
CLOUD SOFTWARE GROUP INC 6.5000 31/03/2029 SERIES 144A	2.1%
HELIOS SOFTWARE HOLDINGS INC 7.8750 01/05/2029 SERIES REGS	2.0%
EMERIA SAS 7.7500 31/03/2028 SERIES REGS	2.0%
ENERGEAN ISRAEL FINANCE 4.8750 30/03/2026 REGS 144A	1.8%
TREASURY 4.25% 07/12/2027	1.7%
BARCLAYS PLC 9.2500 31/12/2079 SERIES CORP	1.6%
HARBOUR ENERGY PLC 5.5000 15/10/2026 SERIES REGS	1.5%
TOTAL	19.8%

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

	31/12/2023 - 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 Monthly High Income	8.1%	10.2%	-10.1%	5.7%	4.6%
ABI Sterling High Yield	6.4%	9.3%	-10.1%	2.5%	1.9%

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 Monthly High Income	1.1%	2.7%	8.1%	12.7%	21.2%
ABI Sterling High Yield	0.9%	1.8%	7.2%	10.0%	11.5%
Quartile	2	1	2	1	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 1.9% in the three months to 31 December 2024. The benchmark index returned 2.1% 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.

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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