



# L&G Absolute Return Bond Plus Fund

SICAV (UCITS compliant) Z-Class USD Acc

## FUND AIM

The Fund aims to generate positive returns in all market conditions. The Fund has a higher performance target than that of the L&G Absolute Return Bond Fund. The Fund aims to meet its performance objectives over a rolling three year period. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

## RISK AND REWARD PROFILE



The synthetic risk and reward indicator (SRRI) is based on the historic volatility of the fund's value and it may change in the future.

The fund is in category 4 because it invests in company or government bonds which are sensitive to changes in interest rates, inflation and credit. This can be driven by political and economic changes and other significant events and may cause the value to fluctuate.

For more information, please refer to the Key Risks section on page 3.

## WHO IS THIS FUND FOR?

- This fund is designed for investors looking for income or growth from an investment in fixed income securities
- Although investors can take their money out at any time, this fund may not be appropriate for those who plan to withdraw their money within five years
- This fund is not designed for investors who cannot afford more than a minimal loss of their investment
- If you do not understand this document we recommend you seek additional information to help you decide if this fund is right for you

## FUND FACTS

Fund size <b>\$310.0m</b>	Base currency <b>USD</b>	Share class benchmark <b>ICE BofAML USD LIBOR 3M Cons Mat TR USD</b>
Launch date <b>29 Nov 2013</b>	Domicile <b>Luxembourg</b>	Modified duration <b>0.90 years</b>

## COSTS

Initial charge <b>0.00%</b>	Ongoing charge <b>0.06%</b>
Price basis <b>Single swing</b>	Dilution adjustment <b>0.57%- round trip</b>

The eligibility for the Z share class is restricted and may require a separate fee agreement with LGIM. Please contact us to discuss share class eligibility.

## PERFORMANCE (%)



	1m	3m	1y	3y	5y
■ Fund	0.80	1.10	1.97	2.10	2.01
■ Benchmark	0.22	0.69	2.52	1.53	1.03
Relative	+0.58	+0.41	-0.55	+0.57	+0.98

## 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE TO MOST RECENT QUARTER (%)

12 months to 31 March	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	1.25	3.35	1.52	2.27	1.15
Benchmark	2.47	1.20	0.74	0.33	0.23
Relative	-1.22	+2.15	+0.78	+1.94	+0.92

All performance periods over a year will be annualised. Performance for the Z USD Acc share class in USD, launched on 29 November 2013. Source: Lipper. Performance assumes all fund charges have been taken and that all income generated by the investments, after deduction of tax, remains in the fund. This fund has adopted a single swinging price, this means that on any given day the single dealing price will be set at either bid, offer or somewhere in between, based on whether there was a net inflow or outflow into or out of the Fund. The past performance depicted in this factsheet is based on that dealing price and therefore may appear more volatile than it would otherwise be if we were to show the notional bid or offer performance, this is as a result of the daily swing.

**Past performance is not a guide to the future.**

## FUND SNAPSHOT

- Aims to generate positive returns in all market conditions
- Invests in a broad range of fixed income asset classes
- Seeks alpha via a range of additional investments including CDS, rates and global currencies

## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

All data source LGIM unless otherwise stated. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

### CURRENCY (%)

USD	94.5	
EUR	3.0	
GBP	2.5	
JPY	0.1	
HKD	-0.2	
Other	0.1	

This is the currency breakdown before allowing for any hedging the fund may use.

### CREDIT EXPOSURE (NET %)

Credit Long/Short	
EM Debt	0.14
Investment Grade	0.12
High Yield	0.11
<b>Total Net Exposure 0.37</b>	
Long Exposure	Short Exposure
Net Exposure	

Total net credit exposure is the impact on profit/loss to the portfolio calculated as the impact of a 5% move tighter in credit spreads based on a reference level of 100% Itraxx Eur Main (with 4yr CS01 Duration Equivalent).

### CREDIT RATING (%)

AAA	8.9	
AA	3.6	
A	19.6	
BBB	35.6	
BB	11.1	
B	12.5	
CCC	1.1	
NR	0.9	
Cash	6.6	
Other	0.1	

### SECTOR (%)

Sovereign	19.5	
Banks	12.6	
Consumer Goods	10.8	
ABS	8.4	
Cash and Equivalents	6.5	
Financial Services	4.9	
Utilities	4.5	
Oil & Gas	4.4	
Basic Materials	4.3	
Real Estate	4.3	
Telecommunications	3.7	
Technology	3.1	
Consumer Services	2.7	
Industrials	1.7	
Other	8.7	

### COUNTRY (PV %)

United States	38.7	
United Kingdom	9.5	
China	5.6	
India	2.6	
Argentina	2.4	
Spain	1.9	
France	1.8	
Qatar	1.7	
Mexico	1.7	
Other	34.3	

### TOP 10 ISSUERS (%)

United States of America	4.3
AT&T Inc	2.3
Ford Motor Credit Company	2.2
Unicredit Spa	1.7
Bamll 2015-200P B	1.6
Atlantic AST LLC	1.6
Concord Minute	1.6
Koch Industries	1.6
Mountcliff Funding	1.6
Tencent Holdings Ltd	1.5



Top 10 issuers 20.0%  
 Rest of portfolio 80.0%  
 No. of issuers 582

## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

April was another very strong month for global credit markets. While subdued compared to 2018's tax-cut-boosted growth rates, the first quarter earnings season started off strongly, with US earnings coming in significantly ahead of expectations, helping push the S&P 500 to new all-time highs.

Overall asset allocation was positive for performance, driven by corporate bond exposure as credit markets rallied firmly through April. Global bond opportunities contributed positively to performance with exposure to financials via Santander and Societe Generale and to Ford and General Motors within the non-financials space being notable positives. Regional bond opportunities added to performance driven mainly by exposure to electric utilities (e.g. Oglethorpe Power) and Banking sectors (e.g. Bank of America). Protective hedges detracted from performance given the continued market strength. Within global rates, a bias to be short duration and exposure to Swedish interest rates added to performance whilst long EUR rates exposure detracted.

Looking ahead, valuations are starting to appear stretched, and are increasingly pricing in a goldilocks environment of modest growth and supportive monetary policy. In the shorter term, a setback in either – such as accelerating inflation, or rising geopolitical tensions – would likely result in a market correction. The focus is on valuations getting less attractive in the current 'search for yield' environment.



### JULIEN HOUDAIN

Julien is a portfolio manager in the Global Fixed Income team where he is responsible for global credit and absolute return mandates. He joined LGIM in September 2007 from Fortis Investments, where he was a quantitative strategist in the structured finance team and developed market standard and proprietary models for the pricing and risk management of credit derivatives as well as trading and hedging strategies. Julien has a PhD in financial modelling from the Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France.

## KEY RISKS

- The value of an investment and any income taken from it is not guaranteed and can go down as well as up. You may not get back the amount you originally invested.
- This fund holds bonds that are traded through agents, brokers or investment banks matching buyers and sellers. This makes the bonds less easy to buy and sell than investments traded on an exchange. In exceptional circumstances the fund may not be able to sell bonds and may defer withdrawals, or suspend dealing. The Directors can only delay paying out if it is in the interests of all investors and with the permission of the fund depository.
- The fund invests directly or indirectly in bonds which are issued by companies or governments. If these companies or governments experience financial difficulty, they may be unable to pay back some or all of the interest, original investment or other payments that they owe. If this happens, the value of the fund may fall.
- The fund could lose money if any institution providing services such as acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the fund.
- Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset on which they are based and can increase the size of losses and gains. The impact to the fund can be greater where derivatives are used in an extensive or complex way.
- The fund may have underlying investments that are valued in currencies that are different from the currency of this share class. Exchange rate fluctuations will impact the value of your investment. Currency hedging techniques may be applied to reduce this impact but may not entirely eliminate it.
- We may take some or all of the ongoing charges from the fund's capital rather than the fund's income. This increases the amount of income, but it reduces the growth potential and may lead to a fall in the value of the fund.
- Investment returns on bonds are sensitive to trends in interest rate movements. Such changes will affect the value of your investment.

For more information, please refer to the key investor information document on our website [↗](#)

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The AUM disclosed aggregates the assets managed by LGIM in the UK, LGIMA in the US and LGIM Asia in Hong Kong. The AUM includes the value of securities and derivatives positions.

## DEALING INFORMATION

Valuation frequency	Daily, 16:00 CET
Dealing frequency	Each Business Day
Settlement period	T+3
Administrator/Custodian	Northern Trust

## CODES

<b>ISIN</b>	Z USD Acc	LU0989305403
	Z USD Dist	LU0989305585
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## COUNTRY REGISTRATION

 Italy	 Luxembourg
 Switzerland	 United Kingdom

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