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Baillie Gifford Sterling Aggregate Bond Fund

30 June 2024

Baillie Gifford Update

Philosophy Long-term investment horizon A growth bias Bottom-up portfolio construction High active share Partnership 100% owned by 58 partners with average 20 years' service Ownership aligns our interests with those of our clients Enables us to take a thoughtful, long-term view in all that we do Stability, quality and consistency

Investment Proposition

The Fund will invest at least 80% in a diversified portfolio of (1) UK government bonds and (2) investment grade bonds issued by corporate issuers, public bodies and supranationals. The Fund may also invest in other developed and emerging market government bonds and sub-investment grade bonds. Currency forwards and derivatives, which are types of financial contracts, are used for both investment purposes and in the management of risk. The Fund will be actively managed and is not constrained by the index.

Fund Facts

Fund Launch Date	04 November 2015
Fund Size	£148.6m
IA Sector	£ Strategic Bond
Current Number of Issuers	85
Typical Number of Issuers	50-90
Duration	6.8
Average Credit Rating	A
Tracking Error	1.3%
Tracking Error Range	Normal limit 3% and hard limit 4% p.a
Redemption Yield	6.0
Running Yield	4.3
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Name	Years' Experience
Sally Greig	23
Paul Dilworth	18

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Fund Objective

To outperform (after deduction of costs) an index comprising 50% of the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index and 50% of the ICE BofA Sterling Non-Gilt Index by 0.65% per annum over rolling three-year periods.

The manager believes this is an appropriate target given the investment policy of the Fund and the approach taken by the manager when investing. In addition, the manager believes an appropriate performance comparison for this Fund is the Investment Association Sterling Strategic Bond Sector.

There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved over any time period and actual investment returns may differ from this objective, particularly over shorter time periods.

Periodic Performance

	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)
Class B-Acc (%)	-0.5	8.2	-5.9	-2.2
Index (%)*	-0.5	7.2	-6.1	-2.4
Target (%)**	-0.3	7.9	-5.4	-1.8
Sector Average (%)***	0.5	8.8	-0.8	1.4

Source: FE, Revolution, FTSE, ICE Data Indices. Total return net of charges, in sterling.

Share class returns calculated using 10am prices, while the Index is calculated close-to-close.

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Discrete Performance

	30/06/19- 30/06/20	30/06/20- 30/06/21	30/06/21- 30/06/22	30/06/22- 30/06/23	30/06/23- 30/06/24
Class B-Acc (%)	8.2	-0.7	-14.7	-9.7	8.2
Index (%)*	9.0	-2.2	-13.2	-10.8	7.2
Target (%)**	9.7	-1.6	-12.7	-10.2	7.9
Sector Average (%)***	3.8	6.1	-10.2	-0.2	8.8

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Market environment

The timeline for expected interest rate cuts was pushed out by markets in April following strong jobs data and an acceleration in inflation in the USA. Economic fundamentals did not change significantly. Global economic growth remains robust and is helped by signs of recovery in China. Encouraging growth in the Eurozone was supported by positive trends in consumer data. Developed market government bonds performed poorly as a result following a modest rise in yields.

While falling more slowly than anticipated at the start of 2024, inflation has continued to trend towards central bank policymakers' target levels in many countries. In the UK, consumer price inflation (CPI) is now running at the Bank of England's 2% target level. The European Central Bank cut interest rates for the first time in June, the market expects the US Federal Reserve and the Bank of England to follow suit later this year. However, there is still scope for unwelcome inflation surprises, as seen in the USA, Canada and Australia recently. With this in mind, central banks are likely to proceed with some caution and it is likely that volatility in government bond markets will continue.

Performance

Absolute returns were negative once again this quarter, with government bond yields rising. Credit spreads (the additional yield provided by corporate bonds) ended the quarter at a similar level to the start, and the income provided was not enough to offset the impact of rising government yields.

The Fund performed in line with its index benchmark over the quarter. Over this short period government bond positioning detracted as yields rose, while corporate bond selection was positive. Over 12 months the Fund has performed better, exceeding its target return. The main driver has been security selection. Property companies CPI and Berkeley Group have made the greatest contribution. European logistics property company CPI is one of the Fund's higher

conviction corporate holdings, which we added to during the quarter resulting in around a 1% position. It continued to add value as the market's view on its bonds improved. A diverse range of companies in other sectors have also performed well, notably higher-yielding subordinated financial bonds as well as healthcare companies Teva and Amgen.

Over longer periods, Fund returns have been close to the index benchmark. We underestimated the speed and scale of interest rate rises as inflation soared following the pandemic, and this detracted from performance due to exposure to sensitive sectors such as real estate. Security selection has been positive since, helping to offset this.

Positioning

Our government bond and currency positioning matches our cautiously optimistic view of the global economy with signs that developed market central banks (except Japan) have the potential to ease interest rates. We remain underweight Japanese Government debt, anticipating further interest rate increases while the Bank of Japan begins quantitative tightening. The fund is also underweight European versus US government debt, reflecting our view that European growth exceeds expectations and the market's rate cutting expectations may be overly optimistic. This view is also expressed through our currency positioning where the fund is overweight US dollars versus Euros and Swiss Francs.

In Emerging Markets, we have added to our positions in Mexico and Brazil to take advantage of the high yields on offer following local market selloffs. We have also added to our position in Turkish Government debt. We're positive on Türkiye due to its economic turnaround post-May 2023 elections, with significant policy shifts towards business-friendly reforms and orthodox economic management, leading to improved competitiveness and expected currency appreciation.

The outlook for corporate profitability remains good, with growth reasonably strong or better

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than expected in most economies. Company fundamentals also remain robust, but this is reflected in high valuations relative to history (low credit spreads). Our approach is to maintain the yield of the portfolio above the benchmark, expecting the benign backdrop to continue. We are, however, wary that any concerns in the market could translate into reasonable levels of volatility due to the tight valuations. We have been reducing exposure to longer-dated bonds, whose prices are more likely to be impacted in this scenario. Shorter-dated bonds offer attractive risk-adjusted returns given yields remain high and they should be less sensitive to market volatility. Purchases included fashionwear company Burberry bonds and airport operator Heathrow Finance bonds, each of which mature in 2025.

Other new purchases which offer good diversification benefits for the Fund included Bel SA, a global leader in cheese and dairy products, with geographically diversified revenue and strong brands. As a rare issuer, we believe the valuation is attractive for a quality business. Another purchase was International Workspace Group, a flexible workspace provider that benefits from increasing hybrid working and is moving to a more asset-light model. Despite having the maturity, experience and discipline to avoid the mistakes that peer WeWork made, the negative connotations provided an opportunity to participate in a new issue at attractive price levels for a cash-generative business with good prospects.

Market outlook

Looking ahead, the path of inflation and growth will continue to dominate markets. There are essentially three likely scenarios in our view: above-target inflation, trend growth, or mild recession. We believe trend growth is the most likely outcome in the near term. Importantly, the US Federal Reserve has clearly signalled it does not see the need for more restrictive monetary policy, so nominal interest rates are expected to follow the path of inflation, maintaining real rates of interest. This is a benign scenario and should be supportive for corporate bonds. However, as

we have seen over the past three months, the risk of stickier inflation remains. Central banks will continue to be heavily influenced by unpredictable new data on inflation and labour markets, meaning that the speed and pace of interest rate cuts remains uncertain.

Portfolio Positioning 05

Distribution of Portfolio by Asset Class

	Fund Weight*(%)
Sterling	
Conventional Sovereign	33.0
Conventional Non Sovereign	44.6
Index Linked	2.1
Total Sterling	79.8
Cash & Derivatives	
Total Cash & Derivatives	3.5
Foreign Currency	
Conventional Sovereign	5.9
Conventional Non Sovereign	10.8
Index Linked	0.0
Total Foreign Currency	16.8

^{*}Shows exposure to bonds in the currency before any hedging is applied

Distribution of Portfolio by Credit Rating Band

	Fund Weight (%)
AAA	12.3
AA*	38.5
A*	7.2
BBB*	33.5
BB	5.1
Cash & Derivatives	3.5

^{*}Includes BG internally-rated bonds where there is no official rating.

Top Ten Issuers

	Fund Weight (%)
HM Treasury	25.3
UK Treasury	10.0
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	3.6
Bundesrepublik Deutschland - Finanzagentur Gesellschaft Mit BeschraNkter Haftung	3.3
Telereal Securitisation PLC	2.2
National Grid	2.0
Mexico	1.9
Banco Santander	1.7
AT&T	1.6
EIB	1.5

Distribution of Portfolio by Industry

	Fund Weight (%)
Sovereign	41.1
Banking	10.5
Supranational	5.9
Real Estate	5.6
Utility	5
Insurance	4.8
Financial Services	3.9
Commercial Mortgage Backed	3.2
Telecommunications	3.1
Asset Backed	3
Agency	1.7
Others	8.6
Cash & Derivatives	3.5

Distribution of Portfolio by Region

	Fund Weight (%)
United Kingdom	62.7
Europe	13.5
North America	10.8
Emerging Markets	6.1
Supranational	2.3
Developed Asia	1.1
Cash & Derivatives	3.5

Asset Name	Fund %	Asset Name	Fund %
Sterling Bonds		Centrica 6.5% 2030 Perp	0.21
Conventional Sovereign		Citigroup 5.875% 2024 T2	0.53
Long Gilt Future 10yr Sep 24	-0.03	CK Hutchison Telecom 2.625% 2034	0.58
JK T Bill 02/09/2024	2.59	CPI Property 2.75% 2028	0.36
JK T Bill 22/07/2024	5.21	DNB Bank 4% 2026/27	0.78
JK Treasury 1.625% 22/10/2028	6.54	E.ON 5.875% 2037	0.29
JK Treasury 2.5% 22/07/2065	0.57	E.ON 6.75% 2039	0.53
JK Treasury 3.25% 22/01/2044	2.66	EDF 5.5% 2041	0.19
JK Treasury 3.5% 22/01/2045	3.88	EDF 6% 2026 Perp	0.34
JK Treasury 3.5% 22/07/2068	0.72	EDF 6% 2114	0.38
JK Treasury 4% 22/01/2060	1.79	EIB 1.375% 2025	0.59
JK Treasury 4.25% 07/03/2036	1.25	EIB 5.625% 2032	0.88
JK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2049	1.47	Ford Motor Co 5.625% 2028	0.55
JK Treasury 4.25% 7/12/2055	2.16	Gatwick Funding 5.5% 2040	0.33
JK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2038	4.13	Heathrow Airport 2.75% 2049	0.10
Total Conventional Sovereign	32.96	Heathrow Airport 4.625% 2046	0.36
		Heathrow Finance 5.75% 2025	0.34
Conventional Non Sovereign		Housing & Care 3.288% 2049	0.47
Abrdn 5.25% 2026 Perp AT1	0.34	HSBC Bank 5.844% 2031 Perp	0.37
Admiral Group 8.5% 2034 T2	0.77	IBRD 0.25% 2026	0.86
Amgen 4% 2029	0.40	Inchcape 6.5% 2028	0.55
Annington Funding 2.924% 2051	0.46	ING Groep 5% 2025/26	0.42
Annington Funding 3.685% 2034	0.11	Intesa Sanpaolo 6.5% 2028/29	0.56
Annington Funding 3.935% 2047	0.30	Investec 1.875% 2027/28	0.42
Annington Funding 4.75% 2033	0.57	Investec 10.5% 2030 Perp AT1	0.37
AT&T 4.25% 2043	0.36	Investor 5.5% 2037	0.21
AT&T 4.875% 2044	0.36	KFW 5% 2036	0.57
AT&T 7% 2040	0.91	Legal & General 5.375% 2025/45 T2	0.37
Aviva 6.875% 2038/58 T2	0.34	Longhurst Libra 3.25% 2043	0.17
Banco Santander 3.125% 2025/26	0.53	Lunar Funding 1 5.75% 2033	0.52
Banco Santander 5.5% 2029	0.61	Meadowhall Finance 4.988% 2032	0.02
Barclays 3.75% 2025/30 T2	0.26	Mitchells & Butlers FRN (AB) 2033	0.24
Barclays 7.09% 2028/29	0.30	Motability 5.625% 2035	0.50
Barclays 7.125% 2025 Perp AT1	0.33	National Grid 5.625% 2025 Perp	0.20
Barclays 8.407% 2027/32 T2	0.41	National Grid ED plc 3.5% 2026	0.63
Berkeley Group 2.5% 2031	0.70	National Grid ED S Wales 5.35% 2039	0.32
Blackstone Private Credit 4.875% 2026	1.05	National Grid ED W Midlands 6% 2025	0.82
Burberry 1.125% 2025	0.76	Nationwide 5.875% 2024 Perp AT1	0.73
CaixaBank 6.875% 2028/33 T2	0.69	Nationwide Building Society 6.125% 2028	0.58
Canada Pension Plan 1.25% 2027	0.30	NatWest 2.875% 2025/26	0.40
Canada Pension Plan 1.625% 2071	0.28	NatWest 3.125% 2026/27	0.39
Center Parcs 5.876% 2027	0.48	NatWest 3.622% 2025/30 T2	0.53
Center Parcs 6.136% 2031	0.14	NatWest 5.125% 2027 Perp AT1	0.38
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Network Rail 4.75% 2035	0.77	Conventional Sovereign	
New York Life Insurance 4.875% 2031	0.55	Bund 2.4% 19/10/2028	3.25
New York Life Insurance 4.95% 2029	0.75	Euro Buxl 30yr Bund Sep 24	0.00
Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board 1.125% 2026	0.25	Euro-Bobl Future Sep 24	0.0
Pension Insurance 3.625% 2032 T2	0.22	Euro-Bund Future Sep 24	0.00
Pension Insurance 4.625% 2031 T2	0.27	Euro-OAT Future Sep 24	0.00
Pension Insurance 7.375% 2029 Perp RT1	0.27	Mexico 7.75% 23/11/2034	1.92
Phoenix 5.75% 2028 Perp RT1	0.24	Peru 6.9% 12/08/2037	0.76
Phoenix Group 7.75% 2033/53 T2	0.53	Total Conventional Sovereign	5.95
Phoenix Life 5.625% 2031 T2	0.19		
Pinewood Gp 3.625% 2027	0.35	Conventional Non Sovereign	
Realty Income 1.875% 2027	0.13	Aptiv 4.25% 2036	0.34
Realty Income 5.75% 2031	0.07	BEL SA 4.375% 2029	0.4
Santander UK 7.098% 2026/27	0.58	Brenntag 3.875% 2032	0.5
Schroders 6.346% 2029/34 T2	0.61	Burford Capital 6.25% 2028 (144a)	0.45
SNCF Reseau 5.25% 2035	0.28	Burford Capital 9.25% 2031 (144A)	0.23
Sovereign Housing 4.768% 2043	0.19	Caixabank 5.875% 2027 Perp AT1	0.23
Swedish Export Credit 0.125% 15/12/2025	0.25	CPI Property 1.5% 2031	0.49
Telereal 1.3657% 2031 (A6)	0.20	CPI Property 7% 2029	0.28
Telereal 1.9632% 2031 (B2)	0.22	EBRD 0% 05/04/2036	0.19
Telereal 3.5625% 2031 (A3)	0.85	EBRD 0% 10/11/2030	1.65
Telereal 5.634% 2031 (B3)	0.33	EBRD 20% 19/03/2025	1.70
Telereal FRN 2031 (B7)	0.56	EDF 4.75% 2044	0.17
Temasek 5.125% 2040	0.54	Fraport 4.25% 2032	0.35
Tesco Property Finance 1 7.6227% 2039	0.53	Iberdrola 1.874% 2026 Perp	0.22
Tesco Property Finance 4 5.801% 2040	0.46	International Workplace Group 6.5% 2030	1.0
Unite Group 5.6% 2032	0.34	Kyndryl Holdings 6.35% 2034	0.87
Vodafone 3% 2056	0.31	Lonza Finance Intl 3.875% 2036	0.23
Weir Group 6.875% 2028	0.63	Novo Nordisk 3.375% 2034	0.14
Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118	0.14	Rabobank 6.5% Perp	0.25
Welsh Water 2.375% 2034	0.39	Telefonica 8.25% 2030	0.6
Yorkshire Building Society 3.375% 2027/28 T2	0.32	Teva 7.875% Pharma 2031	0.33
Yorkshire Building Society 6.375% 2027/28	0.36	Teva Pharma 7.375% 2029	0.19
Yorkshire Power 7.25% 2028	0.75	Total Conventional Non Sovereign	10.84
Yorkshire Water 6.601% 2031	0.48	Total Foreign Currency Bonds	16.79
Total Conventional Non Sovereign	44.62		
		Cash & Derivatives	
Index Linked		Forwards	
UK Treasury 0.125% IL 22/03/2051	2.14	BRL Fwd Asset 12-Sep-2024 P	0.79
Total Index Linked	2.14	CHF Fwd Asset 22-Aug-2024 S	-2.08
Total Sterling Bonds	79.72	CNH Fwd Asset 08-Aug-2024 S	-2.93
		EUR Fwd Asset 08-Aug-2024 S	-6.38
Foreign Currency Bonds		EUR Fwd Asset 12-Sep-2024 S	-3.6

Asset Name	Fund %	Asset Name	Fund %
GBP Fwd Asset 08-Aug-2024 P	10.84	IRS GBP REC FIX 21/05/29	6.87
GBP Fwd Asset 11-Jul-2024 P	1.56	IRS GBP REC FIX 21/08/28	5.15
GBP Fwd Asset 12-Sep-2024 P	5.59	IRS GBP REC FIX 27/02/25	34.59
GBP Fwd Asset 12-Sep-2024 S	-2.80	IRS GBP REC FLT 21/05/54	2.02
GBP Fwd Asset 22-Aug-2024 P	2.03	IRS GBP REC FLT 21/08/28	2.49
MXN Fwd Asset 11-Jul-2024 S	-0.68	IRS GBP REC FLT 27/02/25	22.51
PEN Fwd Asset 11-Jul-2024 S	-0.79	IRS JPY PAY FIX 12/01/34	-2.01
PLN Fwd Asset 12-Sep-2024 P	1.96	IRS JPY PAY FIX 24/11/33	-2.00
THB Fwd Asset 12-Sep-2024 S	-2.00	IRS JPY PAY FIX 27/02/32	-2.94
USD Fwd Asset 08-Aug-2024 S	-1.38	IRS JPY REC FLT 12/01/34	2.04
Total Forwards	0.13	IRS JPY REC FLT 24/11/33	2.01
		IRS JPY REC FLT 27/02/32	2.96
Swaps		IRS MXN PAY FLT 29/05/31	-1.97
RS BRL PAY FLT 02/01/31	-1.44	IRS MXN REC FIX 29/05/31	1.97
RS BRL PAY FLT 04/01/27	-0.87	IRS NZD PAY FLT 04/03/34	-1.41
RS BRL PAY FLT 04/01/27	-2.42	IRS NZD PAY FLT 21/03/34	-1.00
RS BRL REC FIX 02/01/31	1.28	IRS NZD REC FIX 04/03/34	1.43
RS BRL REC FIX 04/01/27	0.86	IRS NZD REC FIX 21/03/34	1.01
RS BRL REC FIX 04/01/27	2.40	IRS SEK PAY FIX 02/07/27	-11.53
RS CAD PAY FIX 27/06/27	-5.19	IRS SEK REC FLT 02/07/27	11.53
RS CAD REC FLT 27/06/27	5.19	IRS USD PAY FIX 12/01/27	-7.45
RS CLP PAY FIX 03/06/34	-1.51	IRS USD PAY FLT 01/07/27	-3.49
RS CLP PAY FIX 06/05/34	-1.84	IRS USD PAY FLT 12/01/27	-3.86
RS CLP REC FLT 03/06/34	1.51	IRS USD PAY FLT 14/05/27	-10.40
RS CLP REC FLT 06/05/34	1.85	IRS USD REC FIX 01/07/27	3.49
RS CZK PAY FLT 02/07/34	-6.57	IRS USD REC FIX 12/01/27	3.78
RS CZK REC FIX 02/07/34	6.56	IRS USD REC FIX 14/05/27	10.43
RS EUR PAY FIX 08/05/53	-1.30	IRS USD REC FLT 12/01/27	7.60
RS EUR REC FLT 08/05/53	1.31	Total Swaps	-0.09
RS GBP PAY FIX 21/05/54	-2.01		
RS GBP PAY FIX 21/08/28	-2.58	Cash	
RS GBP PAY FIX 27/02/25	-22.38	CAD CCP Cash Account	0.00
RS GBP PAY FLT 14/02/29	-2.60	CAD CCP Variation Margin	0.00
RS GBP PAY FLT 14/02/44	-0.82	Collateral Account Memo	-0.12
RS GBP PAY FLT 19/04/25	-8.80	COP Uncommitted Cash	0.00
RS GBP PAY FLT 19/04/27	-6.09	EUR CCP Cash Account	0.03
RS GBP PAY FLT 21/05/29	-6.88	EUR CCP Variation Margin	-0.01
RS GBP PAY FLT 21/08/28	-4.98	EUR Futures Initial Margin Account	0.16
RS GBP PAY FLT 27/02/25	-34.79	EUR Uncommitted Cash	-0.01
RS GBP REC FIX 14/02/29	2.57	GBP BNY Revenue Uncommitted Cash	0.38
RS GBP REC FIX 14/02/44	0.81	GBP CCP Cash Account	-0.04
RS GBP REC FIX 19/04/25	8.76	GBP CCP Initial Margin	0.91
RS GBP REC FIX 19/04/27	6.06	GBP CCP Initial Margin - Pledged Stock	-0.91
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Asset Name	Fund %
GBP CCP Variation Margin	0.09
GBP Futures Initial Margin Account	0.25
GBP Uncommitted Cash	1.29
IDR Uncommitted Cash	1.58
JPY CCP Cash Account	-0.01
JPY CCP Variation Margin	-0.06
MXN CCP Cash Account	-0.01
MXN CCP Variation Margin	0.01
NZD CCP Cash Account	0.03
NZD CCP Variation Margin	-0.03
USD CCP Cash Account	0.01
USD CCP Variation Margin	-0.11
Total Cash	3.44
Total Cash & Derivatives	3.48
Total	100.00

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Active Share Classes 10

Share Class	Share Class Inception Date	ISIN	SEDOL	Annual Management Fee (%)	Ongoing Charge Figure (%)	Distribution Yield (%)	Underlying Yield (%)
Class B-Inc	16 March 2020	GB00BYM0D516	BYM0D51	0.35	0.39	4.70	4.30
Class B-Acc	04 September 2017	GB00BYM0D409	BYM0D40	0.35	0.39	4.70	4.30

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