

# M&G Credit Income Investment Trust

Quarterly review as at 31 March 2025



## Company description

The Company aims to generate a regular and attractive level of income with low asset value volatility by investing in a diversified portfolio of public and private debt and debt-like instruments ('Debt Instruments'), of which at least 70% will be investment grade. Over the longer term, it is expected that the Company will be mainly invested in private Debt Instruments, which are those instruments not traded on a stock exchange. The Company currently proposes quarterly dividends at an annual rate of SONIA +4% on NAV per calendar year with a variable, fourth interim dividend to be determined after each year end, which will take into account the net income over the whole financial year and, if appropriate, any capital gains. The Company targets SONIA plus 4% over the longer term.

The Company has the ability to borrow up to 30% of net asset value although it is expected that it will primarily be managed without borrowing and typically any borrowings will not exceed 20% of net asset value. Any borrowings may magnify any gains or losses made by the Company.

## Risks associated with the company

The value of investments will fluctuate, which will cause share prices to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested. There is no guarantee that the Company's Investment Objective will be achieved.

The Company may be exposed to the possibility that a debtor will not meet its repayment obligations.

Changes in interest rates may adversely affect the market value of some of the Company's investments.

Debt Instruments may be repaid by issuers at short notice: as a result it may be difficult for the Company to reinvest capital at an attractive price or at all, which may affect it adversely.

A variety of factors, such as market conditions, liquidity concerns or Company performance may lead to a reduction in trading volume or shares trading at a discount to their net asset value. Shareholders may also be unable to realise their investment at quoted market prices or at all.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. Please refer to the Risk section in the Prospectus.

### Dividend Schedule

Period	Amount GBP
2019	3.74
2020	4.28
2021	4.04
2022	5.35
2023	7.96
2024	8.53
2025 Q1	1.96



## Key information

Portfolio manager	Adam English
Portfolio manager tenure from	14 November 2018
Deputy portfolio managers	Robert Whitten and Yiu-Wai Cheung
Launch date	14 November 2018
ISIN number	GB00BFYVL325
TIDM code	MGCI
Market capitalisation	£154.7m
Number of holdings	123
Dividend dates	Quarterly: Feb, May, Aug and Nov
Yield to maturity	7.63%
Modified duration	0.97
Spread duration	3.12
Weighted Average Life	3.37
Gearing	0.00%

Please see the glossary for an explanation of terms used.

## Charges

Annual management charge	0.70%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)	1.28%

### Portfolio overview (%)

	Fund
Cash on deposit	0.68
<b>Public</b>	<b>49.78</b>
Asset backed securities	14.59
Bonds	13.19
Funds	22.01
Equity	0.00
<b>Private</b>	<b>49.27</b>
Asset backed securities	5.10
Bonds	1.83
Funds	12.43
Loans	20.07
Private Placements	0.56
Other	9.28
<b>Derivatives</b>	<b>0.27</b>
Debt derivatives	0.01
Forwards	0.25

Due to rounding, percentage figures displayed in the Factsheet may not add up to exactly 100%.

## Market review

Financial markets experienced significant turbulence and volatility in the first quarter of 2025, as investors reacted to President Trump's tariff campaign, fiscal policy shifts in Europe and a ground-breaking new Chinese AI model. Economic growth in most major economies slowed considerably, reflecting the impact of uncertain global trade policies and fluctuating market conditions, and despite moderating, inflation in major economies remained above central bank targets. The US economy experienced a deceleration, with GDP growing at an annual rate of 2.4% from October to December, down from 3.1% in the prior quarter. In the UK, GDP grew by 0.1% in the fourth quarter of 2024 after remaining stagnant in the third quarter. Companies began reporting higher prices and waning demand, echoing a number of economists' forecasts which highlighted the growing risk of stagflation and rising odds of recession. Reflecting the spike in negative sentiment, in March US consumer confidence fell to the lowest level in four years as economic concerns and economic policy uncertainty took its toll.

The America First Policy Directive of the Trump administration also saw the suspension of all military US aid to Ukraine whilst numerous negative soundbites cast doubt on the US's willingness to defend its NATO allies. This prompted a drastic reprioritisation of defence spending in Europe with direct implications for greater government borrowing by EU bloc members. Germany announced a historic fiscal package and debt brake change which will allow for higher defence and infrastructure spending and is expected to stimulate economic growth and address the country's contracting economy. 10-year bund and gilt yields both reached their highest levels in over a year, with the former experiencing its sharpest one day sell-off since German reunification in 1990. The most notable event of the quarter in the UK was Chancellor Rachel Reeves' Spring Statement. In contrast to the Autumn budget, it was largely positively received by markets, containing substantial spending cuts.

## Manager commentary

In the first quarter of the year the Company delivered a NAV total return of +1.36% compared to the +2.13% returned by the benchmark. Underperformance was driven by a softening in credit which saw spreads widen over the period, as markets digested tariff implications and expectations for weakening growth resulting from a global trade war. Despite this, the portfolio performed approximately in line with the ICE BofA 1-3 Year BBB Sterling Corporate Index (+1.54%), whilst outperforming both the BofA Sterling Corporate and Collateralised Index (+0.54%) and the ICE BofA European Currency Non-Financial High Yield 2% Constrained Index (+0.69%).

After a positive start to the year, credit spreads moved consistently wider from February onwards as risk-off sentiment took hold. However, such widening should be viewed in the context of longer-term historical levels, with credit spreads only retracing the grind tighter we saw in late 2024, having reached post-GFC tightness in January of this year. We have started to see more daily volatility, with the tariff headlines creating notable uncertainty and the credit markets generally feeling nervous despite remaining orderly. However, the lack of more severe price action during the quarter suggests market participants are still presuming that through negotiations the worst of the tariffs can be avoided and indeed we are far from episodic levels despite the steady bleed wider in credit spreads.

Despite the volatility in public bond markets, having come into the year defensively positioned (as we have been for some time on relative value concerns), we were happy to maintain our focus on deploying capital into private assets, investing £7m across 4 assets during the quarter. Two of these were taps of existing facilities which we know well: A securitised note backed by an agricultural lending programme and a senior floating rate tranche in a microfinance debt fund backed by DFIs (Development Finance Institutions) where we took the opportunity to upsize our holding. The third was a Direct Lending loan to a UK hospitality chain which operates all-day cafes, bars and restaurants across the UK. We also deployed an additional £3m into the M&G European Loan fund as we like the defensive characteristics provided by diversification in the underlying portfolio whilst the vehicle also gives access to the the return benefits available in the leverage loan market.

During the quarter, the Company increased its market cap by £6.5m following a successful placing and retail share offering. We have initially invested the additional cash into the AA-rated M&G Investment Grade ABS fund whilst we wait for a number of private transactions which we have already indicated appetite for, to fund in Q2.

## Sector breakdown (%)

	Trust
Funds	34.44
ABS (Assorted)	14.15
Real Estate Dev and Mgt	10.41
Banking	7.54
Non-Agency CMBS	5.80
Mortgage Backed	3.96
Life-Insurance	2.37
Cons/Comm/Lease Financing	2.35
Investments and Misc Financial Services	1.66
Telecom - Wireless	1.61
Electric - Generation	1.36
Diversified Capital Goods	1.30
REITs	0.95
Media Content	0.88
Restaurants	0.85
ABS Credit Cards	0.80
Hotels	0.78
Pharmaceuticals	0.70
Cash on Deposit	0.68
Integrated Energy	0.66
Machinery	0.66
Health Services	0.66
ABS Automobiles	0.64
Food - Wholesale	0.61
Specialty Retail	0.56
Support-Services	0.55
Transport Infrastructure/Services	0.53
Gaming	0.50
Trucking and Delivery	0.47
Telecom - Wireline Integrated and Services	0.41
Forwards	0.25
Electronics	0.24
Tech Hardware and Equipment	0.22
ABS Utilities	0.18
ABS Airline Leases	0.13
Multi-Line Insurance	0.12
Debt Derivatives	0.01
Equity	0.00

Source: All data contained within the Factsheet is sourced from the Company administrator, State Street as at 31 March 2025.

## Outlook

After decades of relatively stable geoeconomics, characterised by increasing globalisation, recent political developments represent a rather seismic paradigm shift, ushering in a new phase of what can be termed “geoeconomic fragmentation”. The trade and defence policy shifts of the Trump administration have upended the well established international order, enacting a global economic realignment which is seeing historical alliances reshaped. The already rapid escalation of President Trump’s tariff war has seen a notable weakening in US equity and credit, with uncertainty on the extent of the tariffs and the scope of retaliatory action, spooking investors and causing market volatility to spike. Financial markets are still in the nascent stages of comprehending the impact to global trade and what shape the new world order will take, however the chaotic policy “yo-yoing” from the US makes assessing this with any degree of accuracy virtually impossible at this point in time.

Whilst the longer term consequences of tariff tremors and the extent to which second order effects will ripple through the broader economy are difficult to quantify, when it comes to investing in credit we will continue to follow the same fundamentally driven, bottom-up and value-based investment approach we always have. Within this framework we will look to deploy capital into assets we expect to perform and be resilient through any market cycle. Whilst tariff uncertainty adds a complex dynamic to such an assessment, our experience in credit markets and deep internal research capability leaves us well positioned to navigate these choppy waters. We would note, however, that despite recent spread widening (and a more notable acceleration post the quarter end following the sweeping tariff hikes announced on “Liberation Day”), viewed over a longer term horizon, public sterling credit is still screening expensively and there remains a distinct lack of compensation for default risk currently priced into investment-grade credit spreads. Our expectation for wider macro uncertainty to continue to weigh on markets means we intend to keep the portfolio defensively positioned in the near term. Should credit spreads continue to widen, we may be presented with an attractive re-entry point to reengage meaningfully with the public market, should the returns on offer move slowly into alignment with our own views of relative value.

We believe that during times of market volatility our flexibility in being able to invest across the breadth of both public and private markets can be a powerful differentiator in generating what we feel are the most attractive risk-adjusted returns for our shareholders. We begin 2025 with a healthy and diverse pipeline of private investment opportunities which we hope to add to the portfolio in the coming months. Should further market volatility give rise to attractive opportunities, we have access to a £25m credit facility and a further £32m invested in two AAA/AA-rated, daily dealing ABS funds, ready to be reallocated.

### Credit rating breakdown (%)

	Trust
<b>Unrated</b>	<b>0.27</b>
Equities	0.00
Derivatives	0.27
<b>Cash and Investment grade</b>	<b>77.11</b>
Cash On Deposit	0.68
AAA	6.83
AA	18.30
AA-	0.81
A+	1.04
A	3.68
A-	2.53
BBB+	8.88
BBB	13.17
BBB-	11.49
M&G European Loan Fund*	9.69
<b>Non-investment grade</b>	<b>22.62</b>
BB+	2.47
BB	5.56
BB-	2.08
B+	2.26
B	5.44
B-	1.77
CC	0.24
D	0.07
M&G European Loan Fund*	2.73

\*See glossary

## Share price vs NAV

As at	NAV p/s (cum income)	Share price
31 March 2025	94.30	96.40

## Total Return



NAV total return (%, p.a.)**	1 month	3 months	6 months	YTD	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years	Since Inception***
M&G Credit Income Investment Trust	0.12%	1.36%	3.08%	1.36%	6.96%	8.79%	6.18%	6.55%	4.91%
Benchmark*	0.72%	2.13%	4.42%	2.13%	9.30%	9.33%	8.34%	6.65%	5.98%

Calendar year NAV total return (%, p.a.)**	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
M&G Credit Income Investment Trust	8.08%	10.42%	-1.74%	4.25%	3.75%	6.04%
Benchmark*	9.50%	8.96%	5.47%	4.09%	4.32%	3.34%

Source: Morningstar Inc, State Street and M&G, as at 31 March 2025. Returns stated in GBP terms.

\*3 Month Libor +2.5% from inception to 31/12/2019, 3 Month Libor +4% from 1st January 2020 to December 2021, thereafter SONIA +4%.

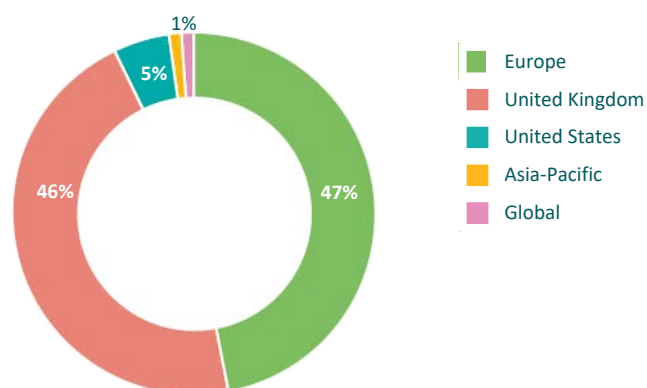
\*\*The total return calculation assumes that dividends paid to shareholders are reinvested at NAV at the time the shares are quoted ex-dividend.

\*\*\*Trust inception 14 November 2018.

The portfolio is actively managed. The Portfolio Manager has complete freedom in choosing which investments to buy, hold and sell in the fund.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

## Geographical split %



Source: M&G and State Street as at 31 March 2025.

## Top 20 holdings (%)

	Trust
M&G Investment Grade ABS Fund	15.18
M&G European Loan Fund (Prvt)	12.43
M&G Senior Asset Backed Credit Fund	6.83
ICSL 2 B RegS	1.80
Delamare Finance 1.3066% 19 Feb 2029	1.57
Project Energy from Waste UK (Prvt)	1.36
Aria EUR Term Loan A (Prvt)	1.28
BSAM 1 1 RegS	1.28
Project Hammond (Prvt)	1.27
Signet GBP Stretch Term Loan (Prvt)	1.16
ICSL 1 B RegS	1.13
ATLAS 2020 1 Trust AUD Note A2 (Prvt)	1.07
STCHB 7 A (Prvt)	1.05
GGSF T3 (Prvt)	1.04
Whistler Finco 30 Nov 2028 (Prvt)	1.00
Project Grey Senior Term Loan (Prvt)	0.96
Newriver REIT Plc 3.5% 03/07/28 Corp	0.95
Finance for Residential Social Housing 8.569% 04 Oct 2058	0.93
FONTW 2020-1 A (Prvt)	0.92
CBNA T12 Mezz (Prvt)	0.89

(Prvt) – Private Investment

# Glossary

This glossary provides an explanation of terms used in this factsheet and in our literature.

## Asset

Anything having commercial or exchange value that is owned by a business, institution or individual.

## Asset Backed Security (ABS)

A security whose income payments and value are derived from and collateralized by a specified pool of underlying assets.

## Asset class

Category of assets, such as cash, company shares, fixed income securities and their sub-categories, as well as tangible assets such as real estate.

## Basis points (bps)

A common unit of measure for interest rates and other percentages in finance. One basis point is equal to 1/100th of 1%, or 0.01%, or 0.0001, and is used to denote the percentage change in a financial instrument.

## Bond

A loan in the form of a security, usually issued by a government or company, which normally pays a fixed rate of interest over a given time period, at the end of which the initial amount borrowed is repaid.

## Capital

Refers to the financial assets, or resources, that a company has to fund its business operations.

## Capitalisation

The total market value of all of a company's outstanding shares.

## CLO (Collateralised loan obligation)

Actively managed investment vehicle which issues rated tranches of debt from AAA-B and an unrated equity tranche. Underlying assets are predominantly made up of leveraged loans and high yield bonds.

## Comparative sector

A group of funds with similar investment objectives and/or types of investment, as classified by bodies such as the Investment Association (IA) or Morningstar™. Sector definitions are mostly based on the main assets a fund should invest in, and may also have a geographic focus. Sectors can be the basis for comparing the different characteristics of similar funds, such as their performance or charging structure.

## Consumer Prices Index (CPI)

An index used to measure inflation, which is the rate of change in prices for a basket of goods and services. The contents of the basket are meant to be representative of products and services we typically spend our money on.

## Corporate bonds

Fixed income securities issued by a company. They are also known as bonds and can offer higher interest payments than bonds issued by governments as they are often considered more risky.

## Credit

The borrowing capacity of an individual, company or government. More narrowly, the term is often used as a synonym for fixed income securities issued by companies.

## Credit Default Swaps (CDS)

Are a type of derivative, namely financial instruments whose value, and price, are dependent on one or more underlying assets. CDS are insurance-like contracts that allow investors to transfer the risk of a fixed income security defaulting to another investor.

## Credit rating

An independent assessment of a borrower's ability to repay its debts. A high rating indicates that the credit rating agency considers the issuer to be at low risk of default; likewise, a low rating indicates high risk of default. Standard & Poor's, Fitch and Moody's are the three most prominent credit rating agencies. Default means that a company or government is unable to meet interest payments or repay the initial investment amount at the end of security's life.

## Credit spread

The difference between the yield of a corporate bond, a fixed income security issued by a company, and a government bond of the same life span. Yield refers to the income received from an investment and is expressed as a percentage of the investment's current market value, and a bond is a fixed income security.

## Default

When a borrower does not maintain interest payments or repay the amount borrowed when due.

## Derivatives

Financial instruments whose value, and price, are dependent on one or more underlying assets. Derivatives can be used to gain exposure to, or to help protect against, expected changes in the value of the underlying investments. Derivatives may be traded on a regulated exchange or traded over the counter.

## Developed economy / market

Well-established economies with a high degree of industrialisation, standard of living and security.

## Dividend

Dividends represent a share in the profits of the company and are paid out to a company's shareholders at set times of the year.

## ECB (European Central Bank)

Central bank of the 19 European Union countries which have adopted the euro.

## Emerging economy or market

Economies in the process of rapid growth and increasing industrialisation. Investments in emerging markets are generally considered to be riskier than those in developed markets.

## Episode

A phase during which investors allow their emotions to affect their decision making, which can cause financial markets to move irrationally.

## Equities

Shares of ownership in a company.

## Ex-dividend, ex-distribution or XD date

The date on which declared distributions officially belong to underlying investors.

## Exposure

The proportion of a fund invested in a particular share/fixed income security, sector/region, usually expressed as a percentage of the overall portfolio.

## Fixed income security

A loan in the form of a security, usually issued by a government or company, which normally pays a fixed rate of interest over a given time period, at the end of which the initial amount borrowed is repaid.

## Floating rate notes (FRNs)

Securities whose interest (income) payments are periodically adjusted depending on the change in a reference interest rate.

## Gearing

Is a measure of financial leverage that demonstrates the degree to which the Investment Trust's operations are funded by equity capital versus creditor financing.

## Gilts

Fixed income securities issued by the UK government.

## Government bonds

Fixed income securities issued by governments, that normally pay a fixed rate of interest over a given time period, at the end of which the initial investment is repaid.

## Hard currency (bonds)

Refers to bonds denominated in a highly traded, relatively stable international currency, rather than in the bond issuer's local currency. Bonds issued in a more stable hard currency, such as the US dollar, can be more attractive to investors where there are concerns that the local currency could lose value over time, eroding the value of bonds and their income.

## Hedging

A method of reducing unnecessary or unintended risk.

## High yield bonds

Fixed income securities issued by companies with a low credit rating from a recognised credit rating agency. They are considered to be at higher risk of default than better quality, ie higher-rated fixed income securities but have the potential for higher rewards. Default means that a company or government is unable to meet interest payments or repay the initial investment amount at the end of security's life.

## Index

An index represents a particular market or a portion of it, serving as a performance indicator for that market.

## Index-linked bonds

Fixed income securities where both the value of the loan and the interest payments are adjusted in line with inflation over the life of the security. Also referred to as inflation-linked bonds.

## Inflation

The rate of increase in the cost of living. Inflation is usually quoted as an annual percentage, comparing the average price this month with the same month a year earlier.

## Investment Association (IA)

The UK trade body that represents fund managers. It works with investment managers, liaising with government on matters of taxation and regulation, and also aims to help investors understand the industry and the investment options available to them.

## Investment grade bonds

Fixed income securities issued by a company with a medium or high credit rating from a recognised credit rating agency. They are considered to be at lower risk from default than those issued by companies with lower credit ratings. Default means that a company or government is unable to meet interest payments or repay the initial investment amount at the end of a security's life.

## Investment trust

An investment trust is a form of collective investment found mostly in the United Kingdom. Investment trusts are closed-end funds and are constituted as public limited companies.

## Issuer

An entity that sells securities, such as fixed income securities and company shares.

## Leverage

When referring to a company, leverage is the level of a company's debt in relation to its assets. A company with significantly more debt than capital is considered to be leveraged. It can also refer to a fund that borrows money or uses derivatives to magnify an investment position.

## LIBOR

The three-month GBP London Interbank Borrowing Rate is the rate at which banks borrow money from each other (in UK pounds) for a three-month period.

### Liquidity

A company is considered highly liquid if it has plenty of cash at its disposal. A company's shares are considered highly liquid if they can be easily bought or sold since large amounts are regularly traded.

### Local currency (bonds)

Refers to bonds denominated in the currency of the issuer's country, rather than in a highly traded international currency, such as the US dollar. The value of local currency bonds tends to fluctuate more than bonds issued in a hard currency, as these currencies tend to be less stable.

### Long position

Refers to ownership of a security held in the expectation that the security will rise in value.

### M&G European Loan Fund ("ELF")

An open-ended fund managed by M&G that invests in leveraged loans issued by, generally, substantial private companies located in the UK and Continental Europe. ELF is not rated and the Investment Manager has determined an implied rating for this investment, utilising rating methodologies typically attributable to collateralised loan obligations. On this basis, 78% of the Company's investment in ELF has been ascribed as being investment grade, and 22% has been ascribed as being sub-investment grade. These percentages have been utilised on a consistent basis for the purposes of determination of the Company's adherence to its obligation to hold no more than 30% of its assets in below investment grade securities.

### Macroeconomic

Refers to the performance and behaviour of an economy at the regional or national level. Macroeconomic factors such as economic output, unemployment, inflation and investment are key indicators of economic performance. Sometimes abbreviated to 'macro'.

### Maturity

The length of time until the initial investment amount of a fixed income security is due to be repaid to the holder of the security.

### Modified duration

A measure of the sensitivity of a fixed income security, also called a bond, or bond fund to changes in interest rates. The higher a bond or bond fund's modified duration, the more sensitive it is to interest rate movements.

### Monetary policy

A central bank's regulation of money in circulation and interest rates.

### Morningstar™

A provider of independent investment research, including performance statistics and independent fund ratings.

### NAV Total Return

A measure showing how the net asset value (NAV) per share has performed over a period of time, taking into account both capital returns and dividends paid to shareholders. NAV total return is expressed as a percentage change from the start of the period. It assumes that dividends paid to shareholders are reinvested at NAV at the time the shares are quoted ex-dividend.

NAV total return shows performance which is not affected by movements in share price discounts and premiums. It also takes into account the fact that different investment companies pay out different levels of dividends.

### Near cash

Deposits or investments with similar characteristics to cash.

### Net

The proportion of a fund invested in, for example, different sectors. Derivatives are included. The latter are financial instruments whose value, and price, are dependent on one or more underlying assets.

### Net Asset Value (NAV)

A fund's net asset value is calculated by taking the current value of the fund's assets and subtracting its liabilities.

### Non-Executive Director (NED)

A non-executive director is a member of a company's board of directors who is not part of the executive team. A non-executive director typically does not engage in the day-to-day management of the organization, but is involved in policymaking and planning exercises.

### Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

Ongoing charges figure (as a percentage of shareholders' funds) is an annualised rate calculated using average net assets over the period in accordance with the AIC's recommended methodology.

### Options

Financial contracts that offer the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell an asset at a given price on or before a given date in the future.

### Overweight

If a fund is 'overweight' a stock, it holds a larger proportion of that stock than the comparable index or sector.

### Payment date

The date on which distributions will be paid by the fund to investors, usually the last business day of the month.

### Physical

The fund's exposure excluding derivatives, which are financial instruments whose value, and price, is dependent on one or more underlying securities.

### Private

Refers to assets that are not listed or traded on a recognized exchange.

### Public

Refers to assets that are listed on and can be traded on a recognized exchange.

### REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust)

A REIT is a company that owns, operates or finances income-producing real estate.

### Retail Prices Index (RPI)

A UK inflation index that measures the rate of change of prices for a basket of goods and services in the UK, including mortgage payments and council tax.

### Securitise/Securitisation

The creation and issuance of tradable securities, such as bonds, that are backed by the income generated by an illiquid asset or group of assets. By pooling a collection of illiquid assets, such as mortgages, securities backed by the mortgages' income payments can be packaged and sold to a wider range of investors.

### Share price total return

Total return to shareholders, assuming all dividends received were reinvested at the mid-market price without transaction costs into the shares of the Company at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend.

### Short position

A way for a fund manager to express his or her view that the market might fall in value.

### Short-dated corporate bonds

Fixed income securities issued by companies and repaid over relatively short periods.

### Short-dated government bonds

Fixed income securities issued by governments and repaid over relatively short periods.

### SONIA (Sterling overnight index average)

An interest rate index administered by the Bank of England and based on actual transactions. It reflects the average interest rate that banks pay to borrow sterling overnight from other banks and institutional investors.

### Spread duration

A measure of the portfolio's sensitivity to changes in credit spreads. The higher a bond or bond fund's spread duration, the more sensitive it is to changes in credit spreads.

### Sub-investment grade bonds

Fixed income securities issued by a company with a low rating from a recognised credit rating agency. They are considered to be at higher risk from default than those issued by companies with higher credit ratings. Default means that a company or government is unable to meet interest payments or repay the initial investment amount at the end of a security's life.

### Swap

A swap is a derivative contract where two parties agree to exchange separate streams of cashflows. A common type of swap is an interest rate swap to hedge against interest rate risk.

### Synthetic inflation-linked bonds

Refers to securities created using a combination of assets to simulate the characteristics of inflation-linked bonds. By buying inflation-linked government bonds and selling protection against companies defaulting on their debts, using credit default swaps, the combined synthetic investment will behave similarly to a physical inflation-linked bond, had one had been issued. Synthetic inflation-linked bonds are usually created where a company does not have any inflation-linked bonds in issue.

### Total return

The term for the gain or loss derived from an investment over a particular period. Total return includes income (in the form of interest or dividend payments) and capital gains.

### Valuation

The worth of an asset or company based on its current price.

### Volatility

The degree to which a given security, fund, or index rapidly changes. It is calculated as the degree of deviation from the norm for that type of investment over a given time period. The higher the volatility, the riskier the security tends to be.

### Weighted Average Life (WAL)

The asset-weighted average number of years to final maturity of the portfolio, based on the final maturity for all assets/exposures.

### Yield

This refers to either the interest received from a fixed income security or to the dividends received from a share. It is usually expressed as a percentage based on the investment's costs, its current market value or its face value. Dividends represent a share in the profits of a company and are paid out to the company's shareholders at set times of the year.

### Yield to maturity

The total return anticipated on the portfolio if the underlying bonds are held until maturity.

## Contacts



[mandgcredit@linkgroup.co.uk](mailto:mandgcredit@linkgroup.co.uk)



[www.mandg.co.uk/CreditIncomeInvestmentTrust](http://www.mandg.co.uk/CreditIncomeInvestmentTrust)

