# **Fund Profile**

# M&G (Lux) Optimal Income Fund

# A dynamic and flexible approach across the fixed income spectrum

## **Fund philosophy**

The M&G (Lux) Optimal Income Fund takes its name from the manager's aim to purchase those assets that provide the most attractive, or 'optimal', income stream for the fund. The fund's unconstrained approach gives Richard Woolnough the possibility to move freely between government bonds, investment grade and high yield corporate bonds. He can also invest in equities when a company's shares appear more attractive than its debt.

Richard actively manages the fund by combining a top-down macroeconomic approach with rigorous bottom-up credit analysis.

The fund manager's preferences for duration and credit risk will depend on his outlook for interest rates, economic growth and inflation. The fund's flexibility enables Richard to position the portfolio exactly in line with his duration and credit views.

The value and income from the fund's assets will go down as well as up. This will cause the value of your investment to fall as well as rise. There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective and you may get back less than you originally invested.

## Fund's key selling points

- A 'core' bond fund that seeks to outperform the major bond sectors in different market conditions.
- Classified as Article 8 fund under EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR), the fund applies an ESG positive tilt and norms-based exclusions (see next page).
- Richard Woolnough has the flexibility to invest across the fixed income spectrum, and can even invest a portion of the fund (max. 20%) in equities.
- Richard has more than 30 years of experience in the fixed income market. Over that time his skill and expertise have been widely recognised.

The fund is exposed to different currencies. Derivatives are used to minimise, but may not always eliminate, the impact of movements in currency exchange rates.

## Investment scope\*

## Portfolio positioning in practice





Duration positions shown above prior to September 2018 are those of M&G Optimal Income Fund, a UK-authorised OEIC, managed by the same fund manager, applying the same investment strategy as the SICAV. These are shown for illustrative purposes only. \*See table on next page.

Investments in bonds are affected by interest rates, inflation and credit ratings. It is possible that bond issuers will not pay interest or return the capital. All of these events can reduce the value of bonds held by the fund.

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Richard Woolnough Fund Manager

"This is the most flexible bond strategy I manage. It allows me the freedom to search out the most attractive income streams across a range of fixed income assets in order to optimise performance throughout the economic cycle."

## **Fund Facts**



Fund launch date: 5 September 2018

#### Benchmark\*:

1/3 Bloomberg Barclays Global Agg Corporate Index EUR Hedged; 1/3 Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Index EUR Hedged; 1/3 Bloomberg Barclays Global Treasury Index EUR Hedged

#### Sector:

Morningstar EUR Cautious Allocation – Global sector

## EUR A share class

ISIN (Acc): LU1670724373 ISIN (Dist): LU1670724456

Initial charge: Max. 4,00% AMC: 1,25 % Ongoing charge\*\*: 1,34%

### SFDR classification: Article 8

Source of fund facts: M&G as at 31.10.21.

\*The benchmark is a comparator used solely to measure the fund's performance and reflects the scope of the fund's investment policy but does not constrain portfolio construction. The fund is actively managed. The fund's holdings may deviate significantly from the benchmark's constituents. The benchmark is not an ESG benchmark and is not consistent with the ESG Criteria.

\*\*The ongoing charge is based on estimated expenses as at 30.04.21.

### \*Norms-based Criteria

ESG Criteria	Rationale
Freedom House	Any government bond from countries classified as "Not Free" by the Freedom House index based on civil liberties and political rights
UNGC	Any company that is assessed to be in breach of the United National Global Compact Principles on human rights, labour, environment protection and anti-corruption

Source: M&G.

The fund's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) positive tilt is achieved by maintaining a weighted average ESG score above the average ESG score of the fund benchmark.

ESG information from third-party data providers may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable. There is a risk that the investment manager may incorrectly assess a security or issuer, resulting in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security in the portfolio of the fund.

The fund allows for the extensive use of derivatives.

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