SARASIN RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE BOND

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OVERVIEW

Sarasin Responsible Corporate Bond provides exposure to a diversified portfolio of responsibly screened corporate bonds and other carefully selected credit instruments. It offers the opportunity to benefit from attractive returns while making socially responsible investment decisions.

REASONS TO INVEST

1. Making a difference from the inside out

The fund uses a clearly defined exclusions screen and adopts a qualitative Environmental Social Governance (ESG) protocol to ensure investments are appropriate for a responsible corporate bond fund.

2. A focus on quality

The fund predominantly invests in bonds with an average credit rating of A2 in order to maintain a relatively low level or risk to capital. Holdings are chosen on the basis of strong credit fundamentals and attractive valuations, prior to intensive ESG analysis.

3. An attractive income and/or diversification

The fund is an appealing option for clients seeking a dependable income and/or diversification from a portfolio of high-quality ESG-screened corporate bonds.

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Trust – Charities and private clients trust us to manage over £8bn of assets on their behalf, providing long-term investment solutions – primarily with an income focus – to help them meet their financial goals.

Credentials – We have over 20 years' experience in managing responsible and sustainable mandates. Our dedicated stewardship team works alongside our fixed income specialists, providing day-to-day advice as well as direct involvement in the examination and selection of holdings.

Experience – It takes in-depth expertise to successfully navigate today's complex markets. Our 89-strong investment team stretches from global analysts to economists and risk experts, all sharing knowledge and ideas on a daily basis.

Responsibility – We are stewards of our clients' assets, and aim to own – rather than trade – well-run companies that will create enduring value on their behalf.

"The strategy is a compelling option for the concerned investor offering a balance between robust credit management and positive impact. We go further than a basic negative screen by applying an additional layer of ESG analysis."

ANTHONY CARTER & MARK VAN MOORSEL
CO-FUND MANAGERS

KEY FACTS

Launch date	14 November 2016
Fund size	£379.26m
OCF (P share class)	0.61%
Fund structure	UK OEIC
Yield	3.70%

Data as at 31.12.2020

A THREE-PART APPROACH TO RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

1. Negative exclusions

The fund avoids investment in companies which are materially engaged in certain sectors, including the production or distribution of tobacco, alcohol, armaments, gambling and adult entertainment.

2. Qualitative ESG analysis

The manager analyses the ESG-focused risks that are associated with the issuer's business.

3. Impact Investments

The fund will focus on target assets from a wide range of environmentally or socially beneficial activities, including charitable enterprises, education and student housing, housing associations, public transport, renewable energy and green bonds.

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3D INVESTING ACCREDITATION

This fund qualifies for a 3D impact rating (A) by Square Mile Research by virtue of its leadership amongst fixed income funds in investing in sustainable solutions.

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There is no minimum investment period, though we would recommend that you view your investment as a medium to long term one (i.e. 5 to 10 years). For efficient portfolio management the Fund may invest in derivatives. The value of these investments may fluctuate significantly, but the overall intention of the use of derivative techniques is to reduce volatility of returns.

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