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# **Premier Miton**

# Strategic Monthly Income Bond Fund

# Sterling class B - Income shares

# Objective

The aim of the fund is to provide income together with capital growth over the long-term, being five years or more. Five years is also the minimum recommended period for holding shares in this fund. This does not mean that the fund will achieve the objective over this, or any other, specific time period and there is a risk of loss to the original capital invested. The income will be paid through interest distributions on a monthly basis.

#### **Fund facts**

Fund size	£552.0m
Distribution yield	5.75%
Modified duration	2.25
Duration times sprea	<b>ad</b> 5.40
Launch dates	Fund - 14 Sep 2020 Share class - 19 May 2023
Fund structure	Open Ended Investment Company (OEIC)
Reporting dates	Final - 30 Apr Interim - 31 Oct
Base currency	GBP
Valuation point	12:00 noon
ISA eligible	Yes

# Investment Association sector

IA Sterling Strategic Bond

# Performance comparator

IA Sterling Strategic Bond

Please see page 3 for further information.

## Investment team



Fund manager **Lloyd Harris** Joined Premier Miton **Aug 2020** Manager since **Sep 2020** 



Fund manager
Simon Prior
Joined Premier Miton
Aug 2020
Manager since
Aug 2020

# Risk and reward profile

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lower risk					Hig	her risk	
Typically lower rewards			ls Ty	pically h	nigher r	ewards	
4							

On 07.07.2025, the Risk and Reward profile changed from 4 to 3. The fund is ranked as 3 because it and portfolios holding similar assets have experienced low to medium rises and falls in value over the past five years. Please note that even the lowest ranking does not mean a risk-free investment.

#### Investment overview

- A diversified portfolio of fixed, variable and zero interest rate investments, including bonds issued by governments and companies.
- At least 70% of the portfolio will be invested in fixed, variable and zero interest rate
- investments including bonds issued by governments and companies.
- Bias towards investment grade (higher quality) bonds although could invest up to 60% in sub-investment grade (lower quality) bonds

# Awards and ratings



Awards and ratings are based on past events and are not an indication of future performance. Ratings are not a recommendation. Please see page 4 for further information.

## Performance summary (%)

Fund share class

■ Sterling class B - Income shares

Performance comparator

■ Sector: IA Sterling Strategic Bond

## Performance since fund launch



	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Fund launch
■ Fund	0.95	2.09	9.17	19.81	-	-	20.61
■ Sector	0.71	2.26	5.81	13.69	-	-	8.58

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Fund	-	1.67	-4.46	4.49	7.68	5.73
Sector	-	0.77	-11.01	7.83	4.58	4.13

			29.07.22 31.07.23		
Fund	-	-5.18	0.50	9.20	9.17
Sector	-	-8.46	-1.60	9.19	5.81

Source: FE Analytics. Based on Sterling class B - Income shares, on a total return basis to 31July 2025. Performance is shown net of fees with income reinvested. Performance data prior to the launch of the class B income shares on 19.05.23 is based on class C income shares, which has a lower OCF. The higher OCF of the class B shares will mean that the returns investors receive will be lower than those of the class C share class. This fund is priced on a swing pricing basis. The full 5 years of calendar year performance is not available as the fund launched on 14.09.2020.

The performance information presented on this page relates to the past. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

Investing involves risk. The value of an investment can go down as well as up which means that you could get back less than you originally invested when you come to sell your investment. The value of your investment might not keep up with any rise in the cost of living. More information about the risks of investment is provided later in this document.

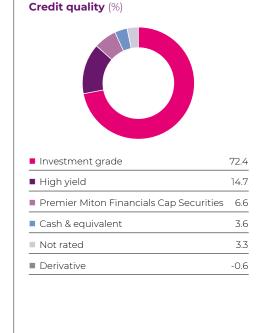
#### Portfolio breakdown

# Top 10 holdings (%)

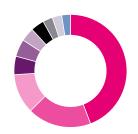


Premier Miton Financials Capital Securities C Inc	6.6
UK Treasury 3.50% 22/10/2025	4.6
Public Property Invest 4.375% 01/10/2032	1.9
Resolution Life Group Holdings 8.25% 17/07/2031	1.7
Resolution Life Group Holdings 6.75% 02/07/2035	1.7
Marex 5.829% 08/05/2028	1.7
Barclays 3.75% 22/11/2030	1.6
Ageas 4.75% 01/12/2028	1.6
Canadian Imperial 3.25% 16/07/2031	1.5
Volvo Treasury 4.625% 14/02/2028	1.5

# Credit rating (%) AAA 0.5 ■ AA 6.5 ■ A 24.7 472 BBB ■ BB 10.7 **■** B 3.5 ■ CCC 0.5 ■ Not rated 3.3 Cash & equivalent 3.6 Derivative -0.6



#### Top 10 sector weights (%)



■ Banking	41.0
Financial Services	17.0
Insurance	10.6
■ Automotive	4.9
Sovereign	4.6
Cash & equivalent	3.6
■ Telecommunications	3.6
■ Real Estate	2.6
■ Transportation	2.5
Utility	2.3

#### Income

Distribution yield	5.75%
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The distribution yield reflects the expected income distribution over the next twelve months as a percentage of the fund price as at the date shown. The distribution yield is higher than the underlying yield because expenses are charged to capital. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

Jnderlying yield	5.05%
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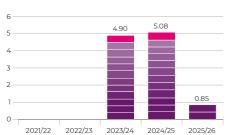
The underlying yield reflects the annualised income generated for distribution after deducting all expenses and is lower than the distribution yield because expenses are charged to capital. The yield is expressed as a percentage of the fund price as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

The distribution yield and underlying yield are not guaranteed and will fluctuate.



#### Income distribution (pence per unit)

Total income distributions in each fund financial year since launch.



The dividend amount that is paid each year can go down and up and is not guaranteed

# Charges

Ongoing charges figure (OCF)	0.70%
as at 30.04.2024	

The OCF is based on the last year's expenses and may vary from year to year. It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund). The OCF includes the annual management charge. Transaction charges will also apply. Please refer to the total costs & charges document on our website for more information.

Initial charge	0.00%
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### Charges are taken from capital

As the objective of the fund is to treat the generation of income as either an equal or higher priority than capital growth, the fund's charges will be taken from capital instead of income. This may result in higher levels of income payments but could result in capital erosion or constrain capital growth.

# A typical investor in the fund

# This fund may be compatible for clients who:

- are seeking a regular income from their investment, paid monthly, and who are comfortable with that level of income fluctuating
- are seeking the prospect for long-term growth on their original investment
- can invest for the long-term, by which we mean staying invested for at least 5 years
- do not need a capital guarantee
- understand the risks of investing, including the risk that they could lose
- some of the amount originally invested
- are comfortable with seeing the value of their investment go up and down.
   There will be times when the value of the fund will fall, especially over the short-term
- understand that there is no guarantee on the amount of investment growth and income they can expect to receive during the period that they remain invested

# This fund may not be compatible for clients who:

- are fully risk averse / have no risk tolerance
- seek capital preservation
- have a short/medium term investment time horizon
- are seeking to receive a guaranteed level of income
- are looking for a guaranteed level of investment growth
- would be uncomfortable with seeing the value of their investment fluctuating

# How the fund might perform

This fund invests primarily in fixed income investments, such as bonds issued by governments and companies. Therefore, the performance of the fund will be impacted by the performance of bond markets overall. Bond markets tend to do better when inflation and interest rates are low or falling and worse when they are rising.

The fund is able to invest in different types of bonds, which will be of different quality. The investment team will usually focus on higher quality bonds, known as investment grade, which are likely to perform in a steadier manner in different economic and financial market conditions. The fund will also be invested in lower quality bonds, known as non-investment grade; companies that issue these bonds tend to do better when general economic conditions or their business conditions are good. The

performance of their bonds will reflect that and impact on the performance of the fund. When those conditions are not good, that will impact on performance as well. Whilst less likely, the fund may also be invested in bonds that can convert into the shares of the company that issued the bond, meaning that if the company's share price rises or falls, the price of the bond will be affected.

The investment team will adjust the amount of the fund that is invested in the different areas of bond markets according to their view of the outlook for those markets. They will look to take advantage of the best opportunities they see and to help reduce losses for the fund in poor market conditions. The fund will be invested in a wide range of fixed income investments from different issuers to diversify risk and avoid taking specific risks.

The fund can invest in bonds that have fixed, variable and zero interest rates, although typically they will be fixed. The interest rates from these bonds will vary and will change over time. This means that the income paid by the fund will go up and down as well.

As the fund aims to provide an income, the fund managers will focus on bonds that themselves provide an income. These bonds can be impacted by a range of factors, such as those outlined above, meaning the income received from them can vary, which may impact the income paid by the fund.

You should expect the fund to perform differently as economic and bond market conditions change over time. There is no guarantee as to how financial markets will perform in the future or how the fund will perform.

# Performance comparator

The fund is classified in the IA Sterling Strategic Bond sector, which we believe is a meaningful comparator to help

investors assess the performance of the fund

# Fund codes and investment minimums

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ISIN	GB00BP6LM947
Sedol	BP6LM94
Bloomberg	PRESTRB:LN

#### Minimums

£1,000 £500 £500 £500	



#### General risks

Investing involves risk. The value of an investment can go down as well as up which means that you could get back less than you originally invested when you come to sell your investment. The value of your investment might not keep up with any rise in the cost of living.

Typically, there is less risk of losing money over the long-term (which we define as over 5 years) from an investment that is considered low risk, although potential returns may also be lower. Investments considered higher risk typically offer greater opportunities for better long-term

returns, though the risk of losing money is also likely to be higher.
Premier Miton is unable to provide investment, tax or financial planning advice. We recommend that you discuss any investment decisions with a financial adviser.

# Specific fund risks

Some of the main specific risks of investing in this fund are summarised here. Further detail is available in the prospectus for the fund.

#### Derivatives

Derivatives may be used within funds for different reasons, usually to reduce risk, which can be called "hedging". This can limit gains in certain circumstances as well. Derivatives can also be used to generate income or to increase the risk being taken, which can have positive or negative outcomes. The derivatives used can be options or futures which are types of contracts that are dealt on an exchange or negotiated with a third party. More complex derivatives may also be used. Derivatives can also introduce leverage to a fund, which is similar to borrowing money to invest

#### Fixed income

Fixed income investments, such as bonds, can be higher risk or lower risk depending on the financial strength of the issuer of the bond, where the bond ranks in the issuer's structure or the length of time until the bond matures. It is possible that the income due or the repayment value will not be met. They can be particularly affected by changes in central bank interest rates and by inflation.

#### Other investment risks

Funds may have holdings in investments such as commodities (raw materials), infrastructure and property as well as other areas such as specialist lending and renewable energy. These investments will be indirect, which means accessing these assets by investing in companies, other funds or similar investment vehicles. These investments can also increase risk and experience sharp price movements. Funds focused on specific sectors or industries, such as property or infrastructure, may carry a higher level of risk and can experience bigger movements in value. Certain investments can be impacted by decisions made by third parties, such as governments or regulators.

#### Other risks

There are many other factors that can influence the value of a fund. These include currency movements, changes in the law, regulations or tax, operational systems or third-party failures, or financial market conditions that make it difficult to buy or sell investments for the fund.

# Ratings, awards and other information

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A swing pricing is where the price can swing to either a bid or an offer basis depending on

the investment and redemption activity in the fund. This means the investor selling or buying fund shares bears the associated [dis] investment costs and protects the continuing holders in the fund. Performance could be shown on a combination of bid, mid or offer prices, depending on the period of reporting.



### Glossary

#### Annual management charge (AMC)

The yearly fee paid to Premier Miton for managing a fund, expressed as a percentage of your investment. The AMC does not typically change from year to year.

#### Bonds (or fixed income)

Types of investments that allow investors to loan money to governments and companies, usually in return for a regular fixed level of interest until the bond's maturity date, plus the return of the original value of the bond at the maturity date. The price of bonds will vary, and the investment terms of bonds will also vary.

#### Capital

Describes financial assets, particularly cash, or other assets, such as shares, owned by a person or organisation.

# Capital growth

The increase in the value of an asset or investment over time, excluding any income received, measured by its current value compared to its purchase cost.

#### Convertible bonds

A type of bond that the holder can convert into shares of the issuing company in certain circumstances.

#### Credit rating

A rating or score awarded by an independent agency, to indicate the financial strength of the issuer of a bond, and the potential for a default on payments. Bonds issued by developed market governments are generally considered to have the highest rating. As the financial strength or quality of the issuing entity diminishes, so does the credit rating. Higher quality bonds are considered investment grade. Lower rated bonds may be considered to be 'sub-investment grade' or 'high yield'. Not all bonds are rated, and these are 'nonrated bonds' which may vary in quality.

## Derivative

A financial contract whose value is based on the change in price of a specific asset or index.

#### Duration

A measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed income investment to a change in interest rates.

#### **Duration Times Spread (DTS)**

A measure of the price sensitivity of a bond to duration and credit spread risks. Duration is a measure of the price sensitivity to a change in interest rates and credit spread is the additional yield of a bond over the equivalent government bond. DTS is calculated by multiplying the duration by the credit spread. The weighted average for the fund can then be calculated.

#### High yield / non-investment grade

Bonds that are expected to have a higher risk of defaulting on interest payments or repayment of the issue value on maturity and receive lower ratings from credit rating agencies.

#### Investment Association (IA)

The trade association that represents investment management firms in the UK.

## Investment Association (IA) sectors

To help with comparisons between the thousands of funds available, funds are categorised into different groups or sectors, organised and reviewed by the Investment Association (IA).

# IA Sterling Strategic Bond sector

Funds in this sector are required to invest at least 80% of their assets in Sterling denominated (or hedged back to Sterling) fixed interest securities. This excludes convertibles, preference shares and permanent interest-bearing shares (PIBs).

#### Investment grade bond

Bonds that are expected to have a lower risk of defaulting on interest payments or repayment of the issue value on maturity and receive higher ratings from credit rating agencies.

#### Individual Savings Account (ISA)

A wrapper in which eligible UK residents can place their savings and investments to protect them from some forms of taxation. There are different types of ISA. HM Revenue & Customs set the amount that you are allowed to invest into in an ISA in each tax year, which can be found on the Government website.

#### Maturity

The set date on which a bond or similar loan will be repaid by the borrower.

#### Modified duration

Duration is a measurement, in years, of the price sensitivity of a bond to a change in interest rates. Modified duration provides an indication of the price change of a bond in response to a 1% change in interest rates. If a bond has a modified duration of 5 years, then we can expect an approximate 5% shift in the bond's price for every 1% change in interest rates. If interest rates rise by 2%, then we would expect the bond price to decrease by around 10% (5 years modified duration times 2% change in interest rates).

#### Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

A measure of what it costs to invest in a fund over a year. It includes the fee paid to Premier Miton for the management of the fund (known as the annual management charge) and the OCFs of underlying funds that might be held in a portfolio (excluding any Premier Miton funds held) with the remainder covering costs that have to be paid to external companies for other services relating to the ongoing administration and management of a fund, such as the fees paid to the depositary, custodian, regulator, auditor and administrator. The fee is deducted from the value of the fund and reflected in the fund's share price. The OCF is typically calculated once a year and can change from year to year. The OCF does not include transaction costs which are associated with buying and selling investments in a fund.

#### Total return

A way of showing how an investment has performed and is made-up of the capital appreciation or depreciation and includes any income generated by the investment. Measured over a set period, it is expressed as a percentage of the value of the investment at the start of that period.

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