

# **Key Investor Information**

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

## **Royal London Short Duration Gilts Fund** (Income - Class Z Shares)

A sub-fund of Royal London Bond Funds ICVC ISIN: GB00BD050D80 Managed by Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited

#### **Objectives and investment policy**

Objective The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a total return (combination of capital and income) over the medium term (3-5 years) by investing at least 80% in short-duration (1-5 years) UK government bonds, which are also known as gilts.

The Fund's performance target is to outperform, after the deduction of charges, the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts up to 5 Years Total Return GBP Index (the "Index") over rolling 5-year periods. For further information on the Fund's index, please refer to the Prospectus.

The Fund is actively managed. **Policy** At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in UK government bonds, of which at least 70% will be short duration (less than five years).

The remainder of the Fund's assets may be invested in a range of other securities, including UK Government bonds with a longer duration, non-UK government bonds, supranational bonds and agency bonds. Index-linked bonds and corporate bonds, both UK and non-UK, may also be held.

Up to 10% of the Fund's assets may be invested in other funds, known as collective investment schemes. A limited amount may also be invested in money-market instruments, floating-rate notes and other transferable securities

The Fund may also hold a small amount of its portfolio in derivatives (investments that derive their value from another closely related underlying investment) for the purposes of efficient portfolio management

Cash is unlikely to exceed 5% of assets.

Recommendation The Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years. Concepts to understand

**Bonds** are defined as fixed-income investments issued as debt by companies and public bodies to raise finance. Investors in bonds receive a previously agreed, non-variable interest payment until the investment matures. Corporate bonds are those issued by companies to raise finance.

Total Return A total return is a combination of capital growth and income. Capital growth is defined as the rise in an investment's value over time and income as the payment an investment generates, such as dividends or bond coupons.

Rolling 5 Year Period A rolling 5-year period is any period of five years, no matter which day you start on.

Efficient Portfolio Management A list of approved investment techniques, including the use of derivatives, used to protect against excessive risk, reduce cost or generate extra income or growth.

You can buy and sell your shares on each working day, except public holidays, at 12:00 noon if you tell us before 12:00 noon that you want to do so. Instructions received after 12:00 noon will be processed at 12:00 noon on the following working day. Other share classes may be available as described in the Prospectus. If this is an income share class, any income will be paid out to you. If this is an accumulation share class, any income will be reinvested in the Fund.

#### **Risk and reward profile**



Typically lower rewards

Typically higher rewards

The fund is shown in risk category 2 because its share price has shown a low level of volatility historically. The indicator has been calculated using historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. As an investment, bonds are typically more volatile than money market instruments but less volatile than shares. Bonds issued by corporations are typically more volatile than bonds issued by governments.

The risk and reward indicator is not a measure of the expected rise or fall in capital but shows how sharply the Fund's share price has gone up and

down historically. A fund whose share price has experienced sharp or large increases or decreases will sit in a higher risk category, whereas a fund whose share price has experienced small or gradual increases or decreases will sit in a lower risk category

The indicator is calculated using a standard methodology derived from EU rules.

The risk/reward indicator is an estimate and not a guarantee. Going forward, the Fund's actual volatility could be higher or lower, and its rated risk/reward profile could change. The lowest risk category does not mean the investment is risk free.

The risk indicator does not adequately capture the following risks, which are materially relevant to the Fund: **Investment Risk** The value of investments and any income from them

may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

Concentration risk The price of Funds that invest in a reduced number of holdings, sectors, or geographical areas may be more heavily affected by events that influence the stockmarket and therefore more volatile.

Credit Risk Should the issuer of a fixed income security become unable to make income or capital payments, or their rating is downgraded, the value of that investment will fall. Fixed income securities that have a lower credit rating can pay a higher level of income and have an increased risk of default

**EPM Techniques** The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. Whilst intended to reduce risk, the use

of these instruments may expose the Fund to increased price volatility. Interest Rate Risk Fixed interest securities are particularly affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up, the value of capital may fall, and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital.

Liquidity Risk In difficult market conditions the value of certain fund

**Counterparty Risk** The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss. **Government and Public Securities Risk** The Fund can invest more than 25% of net assets in different Transformation Securities and Monay Market

35% of net assets in different Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by any EEA State, its local authorities, a third country or public international bodies of which one or more EEA States are members.

Charges from Capital Risk Charges are taken from the capital of the Fund. Whilst this increases the yield, it also has the effect of reducing the potential for capital growth.

### Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing the Fund. These charges reduce the potential growth of the investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest:	
Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None
Charges taken from the fund over a year:	
Ongoing charge	0.22%
Charges taken from the fund under specific conditions:	
Performance fee	None

The entry and exit charge is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.

Ongoing charge is based on the Fund Management Fee (FMF), which is the periodic fee paid to the ACD to cover the expenses of the Fund. This figure does not include portfolio transaction costs. Ongoing charges are the same for all investors in the share class.

#### **Past performance**

The graph shows fund performance over the past 10 years where available. The figure for a given year shows how much the Fund increased or decreased in value during that year. These results reflect ongoing charges taken from the Fund, but do not reflect any entry charges you might have to pay.

The Fund was launched on 7 November 2013 and the share class on 8 November 2013.



Source: RLAM and DataStream as at 31 December 2022

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be repeated.

The chart shows performance in British Pounds after the ongoing charges and the portfolio transaction costs have been paid. Entry and exit charges are excluded from calculations of past performance. All performance shown assumes reinvestment of dividends.

#### **Practical information**

Depositary: HSBC Bank plc

Additional Information: This Key Investor Information Document (KIID) may not contain all the information you need. For additional information on this fund (including the Supplementary Information Document), on other share classes of this fund and on other funds, or to obtain a free copy of the Fund's Prospectus or the annual and semi-annual shareholder reports, call the information line or write to the registered office, details of which are below. Alternatively, visit www.rlam.co.uk. The Prospectus and shareholder reports are in English.

This document describes one share class of the Fund. The Prospectus and annual and semi-annual shareholder reports are prepared for the entire fund across all share classes.

For fund performance and most recent share price, visit www.rlam.co.uk.

Should you wish to switch share classes or funds, please see the "Switching" section of the Prospectus for details.

**Tax:** Investors should note that the tax legislation that applies to the Fund may have an impact on the personal tax position of their investment in the Fund. Contact your adviser to discuss tax treatment, suitability of this investment, and other questions.

**Notices:** Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus.

The Prospectus and long reports (shareholder reports) are prepared for the entire company. The assets and liabilities of each sub-fund are segregated by law. Therefore, the assets of the Fund belong exclusively to it and are not available to meet the liabilities of any other fund of Royal London Bond Funds ICVC.

The Fund is authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Details of the Company's remuneration policy are available at www.rlam.co.uk including: (a) a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated; and (b) the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits. A paper copy of these details may be obtained, free of charge, on request from the Company, at the address below.

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