

## WHAT IS THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE?

The fund aims to achieve a higher return than a US dollar term bank deposit. It is mainly focused on delivering short-term income.

## WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

The fund invests between 75% and 100% of its assets in a wide variety of fixed income assets. This may include bonds, money market instruments and other debt securities issued by international governments, banks and other companies or institutions.

Up to 25% of the fund may be invested in listed property, preference shares and other forms of hybrid debt or equity instruments.

While the fund may invest in instruments in any currency, its effective exposure to the US dollar will at least be 75% at all times. The fund is mandated to use derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes.

The average duration in the fund will typically not exceed three years.

## IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS

The fund is tactically managed to secure an attractive income, while protecting capital.

Its investments are carefully researched by a large and experienced investment team and subjected to a strict risk management process. The fund is actively positioned to balance long-term strategic positions with shorter-term tactical opportunities to achieve the best possible income.

While the fund is managed in a conservative and defensive manner, it is not guaranteed to always outperform cash over short periods of time, and may suffer capital losses primarily as a result of interest rate movements or negative credit events.

Capital growth, if any, will generally come from capital market changes such as falling interest rates or movements in foreign currencies.

## HOW LONG SHOULD INVESTORS REMAIN INVESTED?

The recommended investment term is 12-months and longer. Given its limited exposure to growth assets, the fund is not suited for long investment terms.

## WHO SHOULD CONSIDER INVESTING IN THE FUND?

Conservative investors who are looking for an intelligent alternative to US Dollar bank deposits.

## WHAT COSTS CAN I EXPECT TO PAY?

An annual fee of 0.80% is payable.

All fees exclude VAT. Fund expenses incurred in the fund include fees payable to unconnected international fund managers on a portion of assets situated offshore as well as trading, custody and audit charges. All performance information is disclosed after deducting all fees and other fund costs.

We do not charge fees to access or withdraw from the fund.

More detail is available on [www.coronation.com](http://www.coronation.com).

## WHO ARE THE FUND MANAGERS?

### STEPHEN PEIRCE

BA (Economics), MA  
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### NISHAN MAHARAJ

BSc (Hons), MBA

### SEAMUS VASEY

BCom (Hons), MSc

## GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

Fund Launch Date	30 December 2011
Class	A
Class Type	Accumulation
Fund Domicile	Ireland
Morningstar Fund Category	Global Bond – USD Hedged
Currency	US Dollar
Benchmark	110% of USD 3-month LIBOR
Investment Minimum	US\$15 000
Bloomberg	CORGSUA
ISIN	IE00B4TFHM43
SEDOL	B4TFHM4

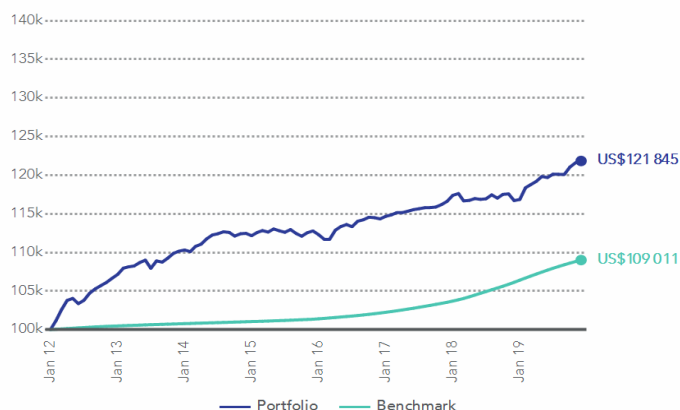
CLASS A as at 30 November 2019

<b>Launch date</b>	30 December 2011
<b>Fund size</b>	US\$ 366.07 million
<b>NAV</b>	1218.45 cents
<b>Benchmark/Performance</b>	110% of USD 3-month LIBOR
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<b>Portfolio manager/s</b>	Stephen Peirce, Nishan Maharaj & Seamus Vasey

	1 Year	3 Year
Total Expense Ratio	0.88%	0.88%
Fund management fee	0.80%	0.80%
Fund expenses	0.07%	0.08%
VAT	0.00%	0.00%
Transaction costs (inc. VAT)	0.01%	0.01%
Total Investment Charge	0.89%	0.89%

## PERFORMANCE AND RISK STATISTICS

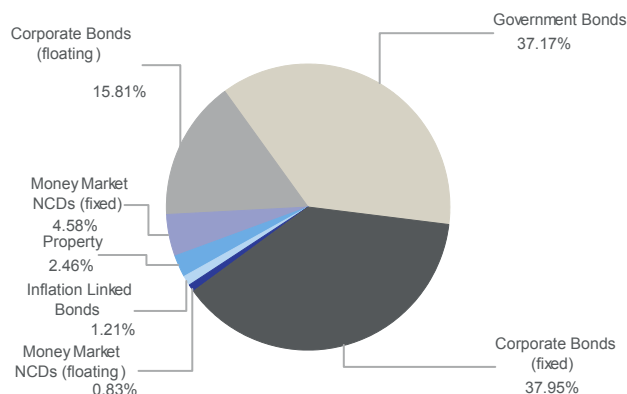
### GROWTH OF A \$100,000 INVESTMENT (AFTER FEES)



## PORTFOLIO DETAIL

### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

As at 30 Nov 2019



### PERFORMANCE (AFTER FEES)

	Fund	Benchmark	Active Return
Since Launch (unannualised)	21.8%	9.0%	12.8%
Since Launch (annualised)	2.5%	1.1%	1.4%
Latest 5 years (annualised)	1.6%	1.5%	0.1%
Latest 3 years (annualised)	2.1%	2.2%	0.0%
Latest 1 year	4.4%	2.7%	1.7%
Year to date	4.3%	2.4%	1.8%

	Fund
Modified Duration	0.3
Yield	3.4%

### RISK STATISTICS SINCE LAUNCH

	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Deviation	1.5%	0.3%
Sharpe Ratio	1.25	1.49
Maximum Gain	5.4%	9.0%
Maximum Drawdown	(1.2)%	N/A
Positive Months	74.7%	100.0%

	Fund	Date Range
Highest annual return	7.1%	Jan 2012 - Dec 2012
Lowest annual return	(1.0)%	Mar 2015 - Feb 2016

### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE RETURNS (AFTER FEES)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2019	1.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%	(0.1)%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.2%		4.3%
Fund 2018	0.2%	(0.8)%	0.1%	0.2%	(0.1)%	0.1%	0.4%	(0.4)%	0.4%	0.1%	(0.7)%	0.1%	(0.5)%
Fund 2017	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.7%	2.4%

*Please note that the commentary is for the retail class of the fund.*

Elevated policy uncertainty is currently one of the key elements of financial markets. The US-China trade tensions have persisted for well over a year now, and the prospect of a deal seems as elusive as ever. Trade volumes and the industrial sector have been badly hit and developed market bond yields have, to date, reflected this, with yields falling in sync with manufacturing purchasing manager indices. Equities and credit spreads, meanwhile, have been more resilient and more reflective of consumer activity which, to date, has remained more robust. Having tried to withdraw support, central banks are once again lending support to markets via easier monetary policies. The fund returned 0.76% over the third quarter of 2019 and 3.01% over the last year, against a benchmark return of 0.62% and 2.83% over the same periods.

The action of the US administration remains the key driver of global markets. To date, the US has applied tariffs to \$550 billion of Chinese goods and the Chinese have retaliated by placing tariffs on \$185 billion of US goods. The impact of the protracted trade tensions is now broadening as depressed business sentiment begins to weigh on labour markets. If no resolution to the trade dispute is forthcoming, it seems likely consumer spending will begin to soften and the US Federal Reserve Board (the Fed) will reduce the Fed Funds Rate further, vindicating the markets pricing.

The Fed finds itself in a difficult position, trying to articulate an economic view that is, to a large degree, driven by politics, without itself being drawn into the political debate. US President Donald Trump, meanwhile, seems less reserved in crossing the boundaries and commenting on monetary policy. Having cut the US Fed Funds rate by 0.25% in late July and again in mid-September, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) has shown it will act when it is deemed necessary.

The market now forecasts another 50 basis points (bps) of easing over the next six months and 75bps during the next year. US ten-year yields fell 32bps during the quarter to 1.66%, while thirty-year maturities reached a historic low of 1.9% in late August, as the US term premium continued to move into more negative territory. Real yields moved by a lesser extent (5-year down just 4bps) as medium-dated break-even rates of inflation (5-year down 20bps) fell to the lowest level since 2016. The fund increased its exposure to inflation-linked bonds, as it expects an easier stance from the FOMC to anchor inflation expectations in the medium term.

While US treasuries remain the highest -yielding developed market government bonds in local currency terms, this changes significantly if bonds are hedged. In the case of the US, the relatively high short-term rates versus other markets mean there is a significant pickup associated with the foreign exchange transaction. This means many lower-yielding bonds yield more in US dollar terms after hedging. The hedging effect has increased recently as a shortage of dollar funding has pushed up US interbank spreads, widening interest rate differentials. A good example is short-dated Japanese bonds that yield minus 0.3% in yen but 2.4% in US dollars. The fund has taken advantage of funding opportunities in Australian dollars, yen, pounds sterling and euros during the quarter. Overall duration remains short, reflecting our cautious view, but also the inversion of the yield curve out to five years. An inverted yield curve means 2- to 5-year bonds need to rally from current levels to outperform current short rates.

Within Europe, challenges continued to mount during the third quarter. Economic data surprised to the downside as global trade and capital expenditure volumes withered. German manufacturing expectations are now on a par with the height of the Eurozone crisis and their weakest since the Global Financial Crisis. While Germany has had to contend with the ongoing effects of the diesel emissions scandal, tariffs levied by the US in relation to Airbus, along with Brexit, present challenges for the wider Eurozone. Before handing over the presidency of the European Central Bank (ECB) to Christine Lagarde, Mario Draghi introduced more stimulus, cutting the deposit facility by 10bps to -0.5%; introducing measures to provide relief to the banks (deposit-tiering and improved terms for long term repo operations); as well as resuming the ECB's bond-buying programme (quantitative easing - QE) by €20 billion a month from November. With the ECB's latest foray into bond-buying having been opposed by seven of the twenty-five members of the Governing Council, it is not surprising that Draghi has admitted that monetary policy is nearer its limits and that future stimulus may need to come from more accommodative euro area governments' fiscal policies. There are signs the message is being heeded, but a more accommodative stance in Germany remains key. The fund has added some short-dated euro-denominated bonds to the fund on a hedged basis, but longer-dated bonds are less attractive versus US equivalent instruments.

While all outcomes (an extension or second referendum included) are potentially still on the table in the UK, a 'No Deal' Brexit remains a key risk. A deal at the EU summit on 17 and 18 October now appears unlikely, and the new 'Benn Act' will compel the UK government to request an extension to Article 50 (probably to the end of Jan 2020). While the EU has no obvious reason to refuse (apart from scepticism that the extra time will not engender any new political resolve to achieve a deal), the extension will lay the groundwork for a new general election. A small parliamentary majority for the Conservatives where hard-line Brexiteers hold sway would be the most damaging for UK assets. As it currently stands, the betting markets believe a hung parliament is the most likely scenario and, as such, a deal remains theoretically possible. The fund remains generally cautious on UK assets, with the economic consequences of a no-deal Brexit high.

Corporate bonds once again outperformed government bonds (by around 0.5%), as a combination of central bank easing, a resumption of QE in Europe and resilience in equities continued to fuel investor demand. Higher-quality instruments performed best, but this was largely a function of their longer duration. In spread terms, it was shorter-dated instruments and BBB bonds that tightened most. Corporates responded to the health demand backdrop, issuing a record €70 billion of investment-grade bonds in Europe during September. Annual issuance is on target to reach €450 billion in 2019. In the US, September was the third-highest month on record for investment-grade issuance. With 130 deals amounting to \$158 billion of supply, annual issuance will likely reach \$1.2tr. Financials continued to perform well, with corporate sectors relating to trade (industrials - such as Autos) and sectors impacted by regulatory actions (such as Tobacco) lagging.

One feature of 2019 has been the continued compression in swap spreads (now negative beyond two years) reflecting demand for duration hedging overlays alongside greater US Treasury supply and selling by overseas investors. Tighter swap spreads have resulted in increasingly tight valuations and limited value in high-quality instruments (that trade versus swaps) like Supra-nationals and covered bonds. Movements in swap spreads also impact the relative attractiveness for fixed versus floating rate bonds; at present, we see some value in shorter-dated floating rate notes (FRNs), but longer-dated fixed instruments look more attractive versus floating in our opinion.

Discussion continue apace to replace (from 2022) the discredited Libor benchmarks with \$200tr of notional contracts linked to Libor (including FRNs) in the US, this involves migrating to the relatively new secured overnight financing rate (SOFR) that is transaction-based rather than judgement- (quote-) based. The intention is that contracts that extend beyond 2021 will use agreed fall-back language to adjust payments for the remaining life of the contracts. While consultations are still underway and the methodology has not been fully agreed upon yet, initial indications are that for agreements (in the fund's case, FRNs) shorter than five years (which covers all our current holdings) the differences at the transition point in 2022 will be negligible.

The FTSE EPRA Nareit Global Real Estate Index returned 4.9% during the quarter, with Japan the strongest region (up 13%), followed by Europe (up 9%). Unsurprisingly, Hong Kong was the weakest region over the period. While the macro backdrop is challenging for tenants of all types (office, residential and retail), lower bond yields continue to provide support. Globally, the retail sector remains most challenging, with Brexit compounding problems for UK companies. The fund has a 2.6% weighting in listed property - slightly higher than at the end of June after buying back into the US-listed Simon Property Group.

The fund marginally increased its interest rate risk profile (duration) during September but it remains very conservative, given the inverted US yield curve. Credit risk has reduced marginally, and the fund still retains some credit protection to mitigate adverse movements in credit spreads. Our holdings of non-US domiciled instruments has increased recently as movements in foreign exchange markets have given rise to opportunities to hedge instruments into US dollars at attractive levels. The fund continues to hold extremely liquid instruments, allowing us to take advantage of opportunities that may arise as a result of the macro uncertainty.

**Portfolio managers**  
**Stephen Peirce, Nishan Maharaj and Seamus Vasey**  
as at 30 September 2019

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE INVESTING IN THE CORONATION GLOBAL STRATEGIC USD INCOME FUND

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### HOW WAS THE PERFORMANCE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS FACT SHEET CALCULATED?

Performance is calculated by Coronation as at the last day of the month for a lump sum investment using Class A NAV prices with income distributions reinvested. All underlying price and distribution data is sourced from Morningstar. Performance figures are quoted after the deduction of all costs (including manager fees and trading costs) incurred within the fund. Note that individual investor performance may differ as a result of the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment of distributions and dividend withholding tax, where applicable. Annualised performance figures represent the geometric average return earned by the fund over the given time period. Unannualised performance represents the total return earned by the fund over the given time period, expressed as a percentage.

### WHAT IS THE TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER) AND TRANSACTION COSTS (TC)?

TER is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the portfolio incurred as charges, levies and fees in the management of the portfolio. The TER charged by any underlying fund held as part of a fund's portfolio is included in the fund expenses portion of the TER, but trading and implementation costs incurred in managing the fund are excluded. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's. The 1 year TER is for the 12 months to end of September 2018 (updated annually). The 3 year TER is for a rolling 36-month period to the last quarter end (December, March, June and September).

Transaction costs are a necessary cost in managing a fund and impacts the fund's return. They should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

The Total Investment Charge is the sum of the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and transaction costs.

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### WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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