



## **Royal London**

# **Short Term Money Market Fund**

## Factsheet 31 March 2025



## **Investment objective**

The Fund's investment objective is to preserve capital and provide an income over rolling 12-month periods by investing at least 80% in cash and cash equivalents. The Fund's performance target is to outperform, after the deduction of charges, the Bank of England Sterling Overnight Interbank Average (SONIA) over rolling 12-month periods. This is the average overnight interest rate UK banks pay for unsecured transactions in sterling and is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance..

#### **Asset allocation**

	Min	Max	Notes
Money market instruments	25%	100%	Includes certificates of deposit, time deposits, corporates and treasury bills (<397 days)
Covered bonds floating and fixed	0%	30%	Covered bonds issued by banks and building societies (<397 days)
Corporate bonds floating and fixed	0%	20%	Bonds issued by financial and non-financial corporates with a minimum credit rating of AA- (<397 days)
Gilts / supranational	0%	75%	UK government and supranational issuers with a minimum credit rating of AA (<397 days)

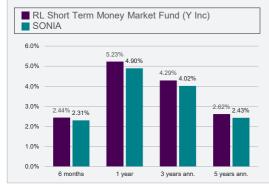
#### **Asset allocation profile**



### **Credit rating profile**



## **Fund performance**



## **Cumulative performance**



#### **Monthly performance**

	Mar-25	Feb-25	Jan-25
RL Short Term Money Market Fund – Y Inc	0.39%	0.36%	0.43%
SONIA	0.37%	0.34%	0.39%

## **Distribution history (Net)**

	31/03/2025	28/02/2025	31/01/2025	31/12/2024
RL Short Term Money Market Fund – Y Inc	0.3451p	0.391p	0.3999p	0.3842p

Table above shows figures as at payment date.

From the 1st November 2024, the Fund moved from a semi-annual to a monthly dividend frequency and payment cycle is being reduced from 2 months to 1 month.

All performance, volatility and yield figures are based on Y Inc share class, gross of fees and tax. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The impact of fees or other charges including tax, where applicable, can be material on the performance of your investment. Portfolio Characteristics and holdings are subject to change without notice. This does not constitute investment advice. For information purposes only.

Source: RLAM as at 31 March 2025.

## **Fund managers**



Craig Inches is Head of Rates and Cash at RLAM and is responsible for the management and oversight of RLAM's Rates and Cash business. Craig works closely with the Head of Alpha Strategies and the Rates Team to manage a suite of solutions ranging from enhanced cash through sovereign and global bonds culminating in absolute return.



Tony Cole is a Senior Fund Manager, responsible for quantitative cash modelling within RLAM's Rates and Cash business. Tony focuses on the management of the cash, short dated government bond and absolute return funds.

#### **Rated AAAmmf by Fitch**

The Fund is rated by an external rating agency(ies). Such rating is solicited and financed by RLAM.

#### **Fund facts**

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Inception date	22 July 1999*
Assets under management	£8,011 million
Fund management fee	0.10%
Available share classes	Accumulation / Income
Settlement	Trade date + 2 days
Minimum lump sum investment	£1 million (initial)
Weighted average maturity	46.3 days
Weighted average life	89.9 days
Number of issuers	43
Yield to maturity	4.53%
BoE base rate	4.50%
Fund Structure	OEIC
Domicile	GBR
ISA Eligible	Eligible
Benchmark	SONIA
Sector	IA Short Term Money Market
Currency	GBP
SEDOL (Y Inc)	B3P2RZ5

\* The fund was initially launched as a unit trust but was converted to an open-ended investment company (OEIC) with effect on 30 April 2010.

#### **Exclusions\***

## Armaments

Manufacture of armaments, nuclear weapons or associated strategic products

#### Tobacco

Growing, processing or sale of tobacco products

#### Fossil fuels

The exploration, extraction and refining of oil, gas or coal

\* For companies that generate over 10% of their turnover from either one or a combination of the three categories.

#### **Monthly commentary**

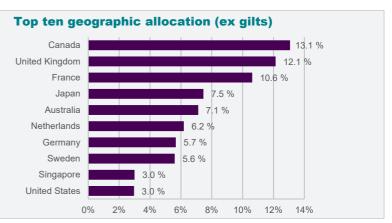
The Bank of England (BoE) monetary policy meeting in March saw UK interest rates left unchanged at 4.50%, to little wider surprise. The central bank continues to see a "gradual and careful approach to the further withdrawal of monetary policy restraint" as appropriate. Although inflation has been a touch stronger than expected, the BoE sees domestic and wage pressures as moderating (but remaining elevated) and still expects inflation to fall back after an expected rise in CPI in coming months.

With interest rates unchanged, SONIA remained steady at 4.45% over the month. Two-year gilts, often seen as a proxy for market expectations of BoE rates, traded in a relatively small range and were therefore little changed over the month, rising from 4.19% to 4.21%.

Activity was varied in March. We continued to participate in treasury bill auctions where these were attractively priced relative to CDs, also adding three-month paper from **Natixis** and **Sumitomo**. The focus on shorter maturities reflects our view that rates on longer paper generally offer poor value at present, although we did add limited one-year covered bonds from **Santander** and **Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce** at healthy premia to SONIA.

\*Based on Y Inc share class, gross of fees and tax





#### Top 10 holdings

Holding	Asset Type	Weight
Santander UK plc	Repo	5.3%
BNP Paribas	Repo	3.1%
Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A	Floating Coupon CD	3.0%
Societe Generale	FRN	2.8%
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp	Deposit	2.7%
National Australia Bank	Repo	2.5%
Goldman Sachs	Zero Coupon CD	2.5%
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Government)	Treasury Bills	2.4%
Santander UK plc	FRN	2.0%
ING Bank	Floating Coupon CD	2.0%

#### **Top 10 issuers**

Issue	Weight
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Government)	9.4%
Santander UK plc	7.3%
BNP Paribas	6.2%
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp	5.3%
DZ Bank AG	4.8%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	4.5%
National Australia Bank	3.7%
Credit Agricole CIB	3.3%
ING Bank	3.2%
HSBC Bank plc	3.1%

#### **Fund risks**

**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.

**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.

**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.

Inflation risk: Where the income yield is lower than the rate of inflation, the real value of your investment will reduce over time

Money market fund risks: A money market fund is not a guaranteed investment, and is different from an investment in deposits. The principal invested in the fund is capable of fluctuation and the risk of loss of the principal is to be borne by the investor. The fund does not rely on external support for guaranteeing the liquidity of the fund or stabilising the NAV per share. The Fund has been authorised as a Variable Net Asset Value (VNAV) MMF and is a short term money market fund in accordance with MMF Regulation. The NAV is calculated using mark to market prices where possible otherwise mark to model prices are used. The redemption or issue of Shares will be undertaken at a price that is equal to the Net Asset Value per Share.

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Weighted Average Maturity = average length of time to maturity of all underlying securities in the fund weighted to reflect the relative holdings in each instrument, assuming that the maturity of a floating rate instrument is the time remaining until the next interest rate reset to the money market rate, rather than the time remaining before the principal value of the security must be repaid.

Weighted Average Life = the weighted average of the remaining life (maturity) of each security held in a fund, meaning the time until the principal is repaid in full. For professional clients only, not suitable for retail clients.

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