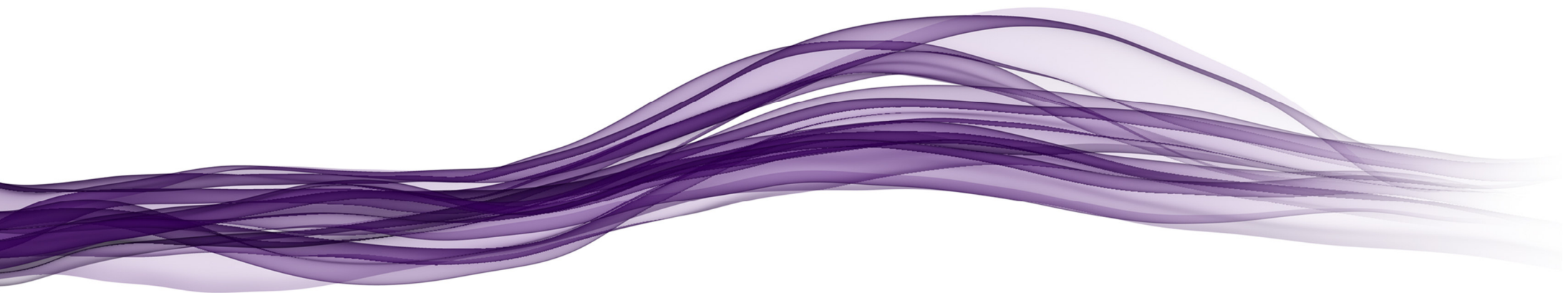


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Royal London Global Bond Opportunities Fund

Quarterly Investment Report

30 September 2025



Quarterly Report

The fund as at 30 September 2025

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Royal London Global Bond Opportunities Fund. The report has been produced by Royal London Asset Management. The report starts with a summary dashboard showing key information about the fund. A glossary is located at the end of the report covering the description of some of the more technical terms used within the report. All data is as at the report date unless otherwise stated.

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The fund

Fund performance objective and benchmark

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve a high level of income with the opportunity for capital growth. The Fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to any benchmark. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing predominantly in non-Sterling and Sterling denominated Fixed Income securities. These securities form part of a diversified portfolio of global fixed or floating rate debt securities (rated or non-rated), including investment grade, sub-investment grade or high yield.

Fund value

	Total £m
30 September 2025	376.13

Fund analytics

	Fund
Fund launch date	8 December 2015
Fund base currency	GBP
Duration (years)	4.24
Yield to worst (local currency) (%)	6.13
Number of holdings	317
Number of issuers	233

Performance and activity

Performance

	Fund (%)
Quarter	2.54
YTD	6.99
1 Year	8.73
3 Years (p.a.)	10.47
5 Years (p.a.)	6.32
Since inception (p.a.)	5.98

Past performance is not a guarantee or reliable indicator of future returns. Please refer to the Glossary for the basis of calculation and impact of fees. Performance and since inception date based on Z Inc GBP. Source: Royal London Asset Management; Gross performance; Since inception date of the share class is 8 December 2015.

Performance commentary

The fund produced a strong positive performance over the quarter. Returns from euro and sterling investment grade markets were relatively modest compared to US dollar markets, high yield, corporate hybrid markets and CoCos (contingent capital bonds) but all produced positive returns for the period. The fund's diversified approach, notably in areas outside euro and sterling investment grade, meant that it produced a stronger result than most of these for the quarter.

The fund has a high degree of diversification, with material exposure to a range of assets including US dollar, euro and sterling investment grade bonds, high yield and unrated bonds. Within banks, the largest sector exposure in the fund, we have a significant exposure to AT1 bonds – with holdings in the likes of Rabobank, Bank of Nova Scotia, Nationwide and ABN Amro all strong contributors. Subordinated insurance bonds from CNP Assurances and Axa also performed well.

Outside of financials, our holdings in offshore accommodation providers Jacktel and Floatel International both performed well, as did Norwegian oil and gas operator DNO and aircraft leasing company Amedeo Air Four Plus.

Performance and activity

Top 10 holdings

	Weighting (%)
STICHTING AK RABOBANK LEDENCERTIFI 6.5 31 Dec 2079	1.67
UK CONV GILT 3.5 22 Oct 2025	1.31
STANDARD CHARTERED PLC 6.08157 31 Dec 2079	1.00
AXA SA 6.375 31 Dec 2079	0.99
NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY 7.875 31 Dec 2079	0.98
COMMERZBANK AG 8.625 28 Feb 2033	0.92
ARGENTUM (SWISS RE LTD) 5.524 31 Dec 2079	0.92
RLGH FINANCE BERMUDA LTD 6.75 02 Jul 2035	0.85
JACKTEL AS 10 10 Oct 2029	0.85
M&G PLC 6.5 20 Oct 2048	0.84
Total	10.32

Fund activity

New issue markets were generally slow in July and August, reflecting the usual summer lull. The end of the summer saw a significant increase in activity, with September one of the busiest Septembers on record with over \$200 billion of corporate bonds issued in the US. That supply was met with robust demand.

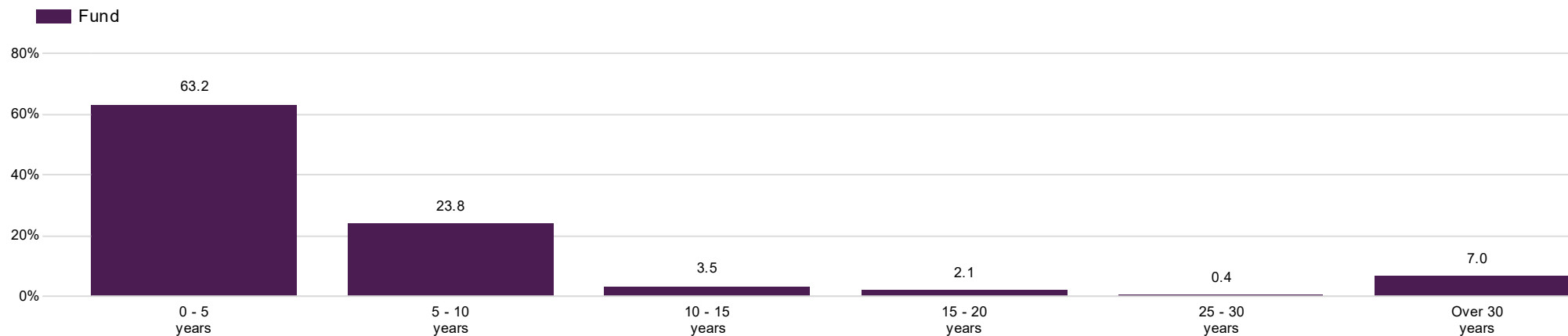
AT1 bonds are deeply subordinated and are designed to absorb losses should a bank have difficulties. Our exposure to these bonds is limited to those institutions where our credit analysis shows a strong capital position and business model, as well as offering an attractive yield to reflect the risks of the instrument. Examples where we identified high quality offerings over the quarter included new issues from Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank of Canada, UBS and NatWest, raising funds by taking profits on Aberdeen and Banque Internationale Luxembourg after strong performance.

Insurance also presented opportunities for attractive yields. In the new issue market, we added US dollar subordinated bonds from Resolution and Zurich at over 7% and 6% respectively, also adding US dollar-denominated RT1 bonds from CNP Assurances, part of La Banque Postal operating across Europe and in Brazil, presented the opportunity to add bonds available at a material premium to market levels., also adding RT1 sterling bonds from Chesnara, which came at a yield of 9%.

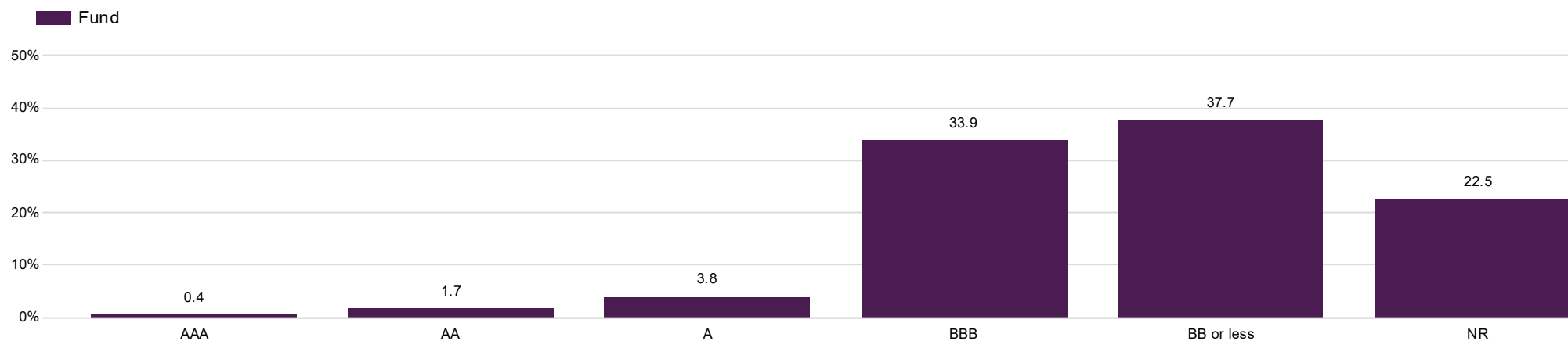
Other activity was across diversified sectors, included new issues from existing names in the portfolio including Jacktel, Reach Subsea and Lime Petroleum – the latter part of a wider exercise where the company tendered for existing 2027 bonds at a premium to market pricing, aiding overall performance.

Fund breakdown

Maturity profile

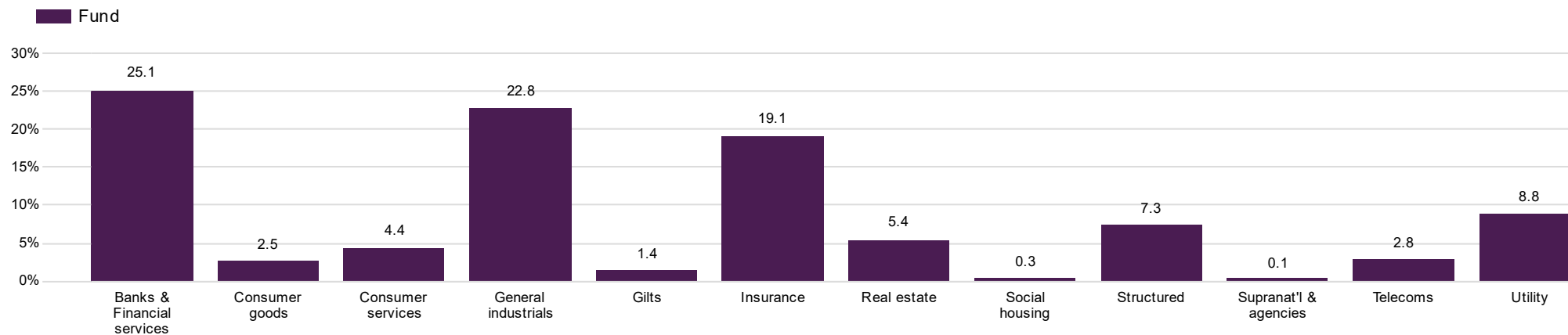


Credit Ratings



Fund breakdown

Sector breakdown



Fund Engagement

Engagement definition

Engagement is active dialogue with investee companies (or other entities). There are two types: engagement for information, which is dialogue as part of investment research or ongoing monitoring, without specific objectives for change, and engagement for change, which is purposeful dialogue to influence positive change, with defined objectives and demonstrable outcomes.

Engagements

Engagement activity	Fund 3 months	Fund 12 months
Number of entities engaged	15	34
Number of engagements	15	66

This is an estimate. Some engagements at the issuer level may not have been attributed to the specific bond held in the fund, resulting in a lower number of engagement activities.

Total engagements by theme and topic



Biodiversity	1
Climate	4
Climate - Transition Risk	3
Climate - Physical Risk	1
Diversity	1
Gender Diversity	1
Environment	1
Governance	4
Corporate Governance	4
Social & Financial Inclusion	6
Just transition	6

Technology, Innovation & Society	3
Cybersecurity	2
Technology & Society	1

Engagement focus

Firm-wide engagement activity is centred around six themes which we have identified in consultation with our clients. These are: climate change; nature and biodiversity; health; governance and corporate culture; social and financial inclusion; innovation, technology and society. Portfolio level engagements are not thematic and are focussed on issues specific to managing the portfolio and meeting the investment objective.

Engagement data represents all engagements undertaken at both firm and portfolio level across Royal London Asset Management, and may not be limited to those undertaken solely for the purpose of managing the fund.

The numbers of engagements and themes/topics discussed may differ where a single engagement covers multiple themes/topics.

Fund Engagement

Engagement outcomes

Centrica Plc - Net zero

Purpose:

The purpose of the engagement meeting with Centrica, a UK energy company, was to provide feedback on the improvements seen in its new climate transition report and to ask further questions to gain clarity on lobbying, physical climate risk, and the company's biodiversity practices.

Outcome:

Centrica has made significant progress following our engagements. The company's latest climate transition report demonstrates improved transparency on emissions offsetting, remuneration, and decarbonisation strategies, directly addressing areas we previously raised. Centrica clarified its lobbying position, confirming the company had exited from a controversial trade body in 2023 and committing to greater disclosure through a new trade association report. It now assesses trade associations for alignment with the Paris Agreement and just transition principles and has committed to a twelve-month engagement plan for those institutions not aligned.

On physical climate risk, Centrica provided disclosures consistent with the Task Force on Climate related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). The company highlighted its low exposure due to asset location and lifecycle, while proactively managing risks such as extreme weather and sea level rise; although current disclosures remain primarily linked to climate impacts. Biodiversity was acknowledged as an emerging priority, with existing action plans and strategies in place to meet the policy requirement that development projects deliver a measurable net gain - typically at least 10% - in biodiversity as a condition of planning approval. While net gain strategies are being developed, current disclosures remain largely focused on climate-related impacts. A follow-up climate letter will be issued to maintain engagement and encourage further progress on integrating biodiversity considerations into corporate reporting and strategy.

Market commentary

Market overview

Following a turbulent second quarter shaped by the initial shock of US trade tariff announcements, markets stabilised during the third quarter. Globally, attention shifted towards fiscal policy and government debt sustainability. With central banks circumspect about the prospects for further rate cuts, uncertainty around potential rate cuts influenced bond yields and investor confidence.

Risk assets generally performed well over the period. US markets navigated mixed signals. While second-quarter earnings generally exceeded subdued expectations, and business surveys reflected a sense of optimism, signs of a cooling labour market and renewed concerns over the Federal Reserve's independence added a layer of uncertainty during the period. The US dollar softened slightly, while equities—especially in the tech sector—remained buoyant, driven by ongoing enthusiasm for artificial intelligence despite growing concerns over near-term revenue potential.

A shadow was cast over the UK's economic outlook during the summer quarter. Inflation proved more persistent than expected, prompting the Bank of England to strike a more cautious tone—even as it proceeded with a rate cut in August. Expectations for further easing were dampened and resulted in upward pressure on gilt yields. There were mounting concerns over the government's fiscal health, leading to speculation about potential tax increases or further gilt issuance in the forthcoming autumn budget.

The eurozone also faced a mixed quarter. While robust activity data and strong earnings in select sectors offered encouragement, political uncertainty sparked volatility and weighed on market performance. This was perhaps most visible in France, where the resignation of Prime Minister Bayrou, after losing a confidence vote over plans to address debt levels, added to pressure on President Macron.

Government bond markets proved volatile over the summer. Benchmark 10-year gilt yields rose from 4.48% to end at 4.70%, but with sharp rallies in both early August and September. Meanwhile at 5.75%, UK 30-year gilt yields hit their highest levels in almost 30 years. In the US, 10-year treasury yields stood at 4.13% at the end of September, slightly lower than levels seen at the start of July but with considerable volatility in the interim. In the eurozone, the spread between 10-year bonds in France and Germany expanded to the widest level in more than a year as French bond yields climbed higher amid the country's debt crisis. The German 10-year bund yield was 2.67% at the end of the third quarter, broadly in line with previous months.

Global investment grade credit markets saw positive returns over the quarter. Tighter credit spreads and attractive yields supported returns, as did falling government bond yields in the US market. US investment grade saw the largest returns, ahead of both euro and sterling equivalents.

Outlook

There is no let-up in market uncertainty. Geopolitics are perhaps a bigger factor than at any time this century given the ongoing situation in Ukraine, wider Russian belligerence in Europe and the potential for spillover effects. At the same time, policy uncertainty has also not eased, with tariffs still very much on the US agenda, the current administration still announcing policies without details appearing to be complete and doing nothing to erase concerns about political interference in monetary policy. On top of these, budget concerns are also a significant factor in both the US and UK. Monetary policy settings are generally seen as supportive of fixed income markets, but even here, there is uncertainty around the timing and quantum of rate cuts as inflation is still not fully subdued. These factors help explain why government bond yields have been relatively volatile in 2025, and there seems little prospect of a material change in this in the next few months.

Yet risk markets generally, including global credit markets, have continue to produce attractive returns. With investment grade credit spreads having compressed in recent months, it is natural to look at absolute levels to determine whether the market still offers 'value'. With default rates low, and new issuance active, we continue to believe the all-in yield on global credit remains attractive. Furthermore, we continue to find attractive investment opportunities, partly through the new issue market but also by focusing on exploiting market inefficiencies. By focusing on bottom-up analysis, we continue to build overall portfolios that we believe offer attractive risk / return profiles with above-market yields.

While near-term absolute performance is likely to be heavily influenced by movements in the yields of underlying government bond markets, we believe that continued emphasis on diversification, as well as our focus on income, will continue to support returns as has been the case through the present environment of volatile yields.

Further Information

Please click on the links below for further information:



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The portfolio has no index as a comparison.

Risks and Warnings

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

Credit risk is the potential for loss due to a borrower, debtor or debt issuer defaulting on agreed obligations to make interest or capital repayments. Credit ratings are independent assessments of the credit risk of a debtor or an individual debt security. Securities that have a lower credit rating have a higher risk of default.

Derivative risk

This fund may undertake transactions in derivatives and forward transactions (both on exchange and over the counter (OTC)). These may include interest rate swaps and interest rate futures for the purposes of meeting the investment objective, protecting the risk to capital, duration and credit management, as well as for hedging. While the discerning use of derivatives can be beneficial, derivatives also involve specific risks. These risks relate specifically to market risk, management risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, the risk of mispricing or improper valuation of derivatives and the risk that derivatives may not correlate perfectly with underlying assets, interest rates and indices. The use of derivative instruments may from time to time alter the economic exposure of the fund causing it to deviate significantly from the performance of the market as a whole. The use of these derivatives will be within the parameters allowed for linked funds by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority.

EPM techniques risk

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.

Exchange rate risk

Changes in currency exchange rates may affect the value of your investment.

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. Unlike the income from a single fixed interest security, the level of income (yield) from a fund is not fixed and may go up and down. Bond yields (and as a consequence bond prices) are determined by market perception as to the appropriate level of yields given the economic background.

Liquidity risk

In difficult market conditions the value of certain fund investments may be difficult to value and harder to sell, or sell at a fair price, resulting in unpredictable falls in the value of your holding.

Emerging markets risk

Investing in Emerging Markets may provide the potential for greater rewards but carries greater risk due to the possibility of high volatility, low liquidity, currency fluctuations, the adverse effect of social, political and economic instability, weak supervisory structures and accounting standards.

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.

Sub-investment grade investment risk

Lower rated investment grade securities may have large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions. The market value of securities in lower rated investment grade categories is more volatile than that of higher quality securities, and the markets in which these securities are traded are less liquid than those in which higher rated securities are traded.

Unrated bond risk

Non-rated bonds may have the characteristics of either investment or sub-investment grade bonds. Market activity in unrated securities and instruments may be low for a considerable period of time and this may impact on liquidity.

Performance to 30 September 2025

Cumulative (%)

	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)
Fund (gross)	2.54	5.13	8.73	34.84	35.88	10.47	6.32
Fund (net)	2.44	4.92	8.30	32.99	32.63	9.96	5.81

Annualised (%)

Year on year performance (%)

	30/09/2024 - 30/09/2025	30/09/2023 - 30/09/2024	30/09/2022 - 30/09/2023	30/09/2021 - 30/09/2022	30/09/2020 - 30/09/2021
Fund (gross)	8.73	14.10	8.68	(9.48)	11.33
Fund (net)	8.30	13.58	8.12	(9.95)	10.75

Past performance is not a guarantee or reliable indicator of future returns. The impact of fees or other charges including tax, where applicable, can be material on the performance of your investment.

Source: RLAM as at 30 September 2025. All figures are mid-price to mid-price for the Royal London Global Bond Opportunities Fund Z Inc GBP share class.

Glossary

Asset allocation

Breakdown of the assets by asset classes. Based on RLAM asset classification scheme.

Bonds

Securities that represent an obligation to repay a debt, with interest. Investment grade bonds are high quality bonds that are viewed as being highly likely to make all scheduled payments of interest and principal. Low quality bonds carry higher risk but also typically pay higher rates of interest. Corporate bonds are those issued by companies to raise finance.

Credit ratings

Credit ratings are based on RLAM composite ratings which uses a hierarchy of S&P, Moody's and then the Fitch rating.

Currency hedged share classes

Currency Hedged Share Classes aim to provide investors with a return highly correlated to the return of the base currency share class by minimising the impact of exchange rate fluctuations between the base currency of the Fund and the investor's chosen currency.

Derivatives

A financial instrument whose price is dependent upon or derived from one or more underlying asset.

Duration

Measure of sensitivity of a Fixed Income instrument to changes in interest rates, indicating the potential impact of interest rate fluctuations on the value of the investment.

Efficient Portfolio Management (EPM) techniques

The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. The use of these instruments may expose the Fund to volatile investment returns and increase the volatility of the net asset value of the Fund. EPM techniques may involve the Fund entering into transactions with counterparties where there may be a risk of counterparty default. The Fund's ability to use EPM strategies may be limited by market conditions, regulatory limits and tax considerations.

Fund analytics

All figures exclude cash. Credit bonds include non-sterling bonds and CDs where held within the fund or benchmark.

This is applicable to the following sections: fund Asset Allocation, Duration, Yield curve, Sector breakdown, Financial holdings, Credit ratings.

Number of holdings

Total number of unique holdings of the Fund excluding cash, currency and derivatives.

Number of issuers

Number of unique issuers of all assets held by the Fund, excluding cash, currency and derivatives.

Performance

Fund performance is based on close of business prices.

Pricing

The Fund's price may swing to bid or offer to protect existing investors from the costs associated with buying or selling the fund's underlying assets when other investors are entering or leaving the fund. Performance is based on this pricing.

Sector breakdown

Breakdown of the fixed income assets, excluding derivatives and cash by RLAM's internal industry sector classification scheme. Figures are subject to rounding.

Yield to worst

The lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer defaulting. The yield shown for the Fund is the average for its individual holdings, weighted by their current market value, gross of relevant fund management costs and tax. The official fund price is subject to a potential swing from mid, while the fund yield is always stated at mid.