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Royal London Sustainable Short Duration Corporate Bond Fund

Quarterly Investment Report

31 March 2026



Quarterly Report

The fund as at 31 March 2026

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Royal London Sustainable Short Duration Corporate Bond 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 Fund's financial objective is to achieve a total return and outperform, after the deduction of charges, the ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch Sterling Non-Gilt (1-5 Years) Total Return (GBP Unhedged) over rolling 5-year periods. The Fund's sustainability objective is to invest in companies or issuers that make a positive contribution to one or more of the "Sustainability Themes" (Clean, Healthy, Safe, Inclusive), through their products or services as determined by the Investment Manager using its "Sustainability Standard". The Index has been selected as a target benchmark because it is representative of the type of bonds in which the Fund invests, and it is therefore an appropriate measure for the Fund's performance. The performance comparator for the Fund is the IA Sterling Corporate Bond sector (the "IA Sector").

Fund value

	Total £m
31 March 2026	150.40

Asset allocation

	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
Conventional credit bonds	99.17	99.11
Conventional gilts	0.83	-
Conventional foreign sovereigns	-	0.89

Fund analytics

	Fund	Benchmark
Fund launch date	23 November 2022	
Fund base currency	GBP	
Benchmark	ICE BofA 1–5 Year Sterling Non-Gilt Index (Total Return, GBP)	
Duration (years)	3.60	2.61
Redemption yield (%)	5.82	5.14
Number of holdings	226	557
Number of issuers	154	280

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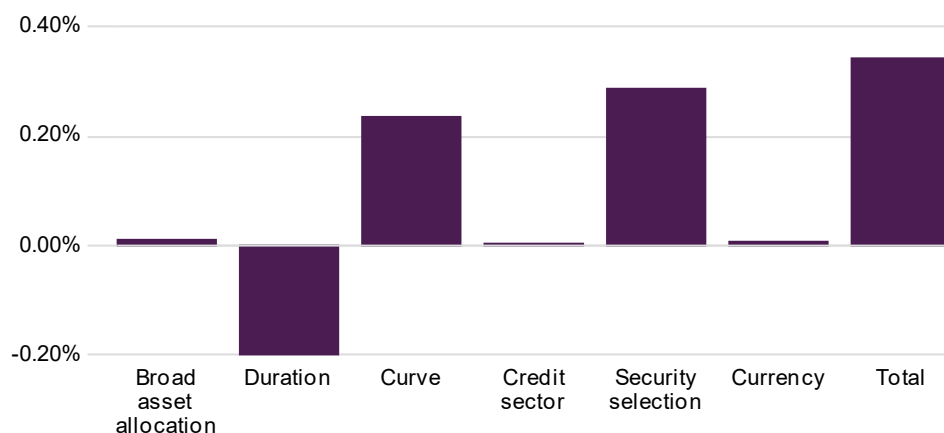
Performance and activity

Performance

	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)	Relative (%)
Quarter	(0.33)	(0.64)	0.31
1 Year	5.41	4.23	1.18
3 Years (p.a.)	6.58	4.99	1.60
Since inception (p.a.)	6.41	4.82	1.59

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Attribution over the quarter



Performance commentary

The fund's sustainability objective is to invest in companies that make a positive contribution to one or more of the Sustainability Themes – clean, healthy, safe, and inclusive. Our sustainable credit funds combine our long-standing credit philosophy with our heritage in sustainable investing, and most notably provide access to critical sectors that are not available via equity markets. These areas can include non-for-profit UK housing associations providing homes at social and affordable rents, building societies providing basic financial services to households, and privately held regulated utilities enabling the transition to a lower-carbon economy. Our sustainable funds have no exposure to bonds of oil & gas companies or extractive industries. We are also underweight in the general industrial and consumer goods sectors, and to a lesser extent in consumer services.

The first quarter saw negative returns from sterling credit investment grade markets (iBoxx). Against this, the fund outperformed the index.

Our bias towards longer duration was a slight negative for relative performance over the quarter. At the same time, the fund's bias towards medium and longer dated bonds was helpful over the quarter as the short-dated part of the market performed poorly due to weakness in underlying gilts, which moved to reprice Bank of England interest rate expectations.

Stock selection was positive over the quarter. Sector selection was broadly neutral, with the positive impact of our bias towards structured bonds offset by the negative impact of our underweight in supranationals. Stock selection instead made a positive contribution, with strong performance from our structured bond exposure. Many of these bonds lagged the broader market during the spread-tightening environment of 2025, meaning they entered 2026 with greater scope to outperform.

In addition, as macro-driven uncertainty has increased, the greater visibility of cashflows and security underpinning these bonds has become more attractive. Key holdings such as ICSL (student loans) and Telereal (backed by BT telephone exchanges) saw positive returns in a quarter where most bonds generated negative performance. With regards to ICSL, our exposure remains to two securitisations comprising Plan 1 student loans – which offered more favourable borrowing terms relative to the more recent plans that are subject to increasing headlines.

Performance and activity

Top 10 holdings

	Weighting (%)
HSBC BANK FUNDING STERLING LP 5.844 31 Dec 2079	2.31
DIRECT LINE INSURANCE GROUP PLC 4.75 31 Dec 2079	1.78
SGSHR 2021-1X A 3.7281 17 Nov 2051	1.61
BAZALGETTE FINANCE PLC 2.375 29 Nov 2027	1.49
WSTSTR_2 1.642 04 Aug 2026	1.37
NATWEST GROUP PLC 2.105 28 Nov 2031	1.34
AVIVA PLC 4 05 Jun 2032	1.29
PRINCIPALITY BUILDING SOCIETY 8.625 12 Jul 2028	1.29
CO-OPERATIVE BANK FINANCE PLC 9.5 24 May 2028	1.25
VIRGIN MONEY UK PLC 7.625 23 Aug 2029	1.17
Total	14.91

Fund activity

New issue activity is typically high in the first quarter of the year, with this one no exception, despite the pace of overall issuance falling sharply in March. We continued to find attractive opportunities across the market – both in established, larger sectors such as financials, areas that we have historically favoured such as structured bonds, and newer areas that add diversification in terms of sector and underlying currency.

Our portfolios have a long-standing high level of exposure to banks as we believe that spreads looked very attractive for the risk taken. At the margin, we have been happy to allow exposure to the sector to fall modestly as holdings mature, but we also continue to be active in this area. An example over the quarter included senior bonds from French cooperative group BPCE.

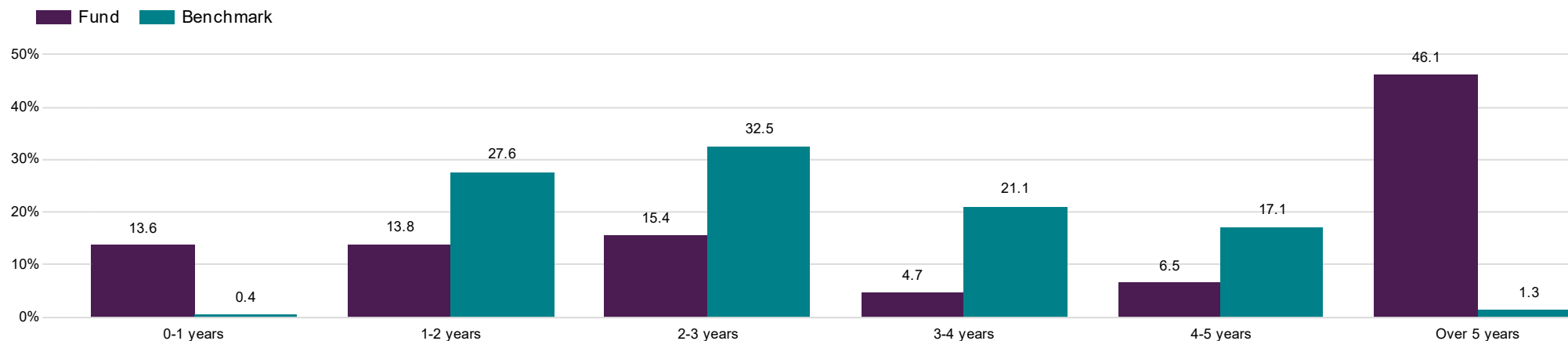
We also added selectively to new issues in the insurance sector, again taking a selective approach to both issuer and capital structure. We added GICS (Guaranteed Investment Contracts) bonds from New York Life, a leading US provider of retirement solutions that ultimately promote the financial resilience of individuals during later stages of life. These bonds are ranked alongside policyholders, therefore offering lower risk than other parts of the capital structure. In the secondary market, we added subordinated RT1 bonds including Direct Line, where the bonds no longer count as capital by Direct Line, following the Aviva acquisition, and therefore trade attractively for a legacy bond.

Technology and the growth in AI has been the trend of note in the past few years. One significant change in the past few months has been US hyperscalers looking beyond the US dollar market to raise capital. We added new issues of both 100-year and six-year bonds from Google parent company Alphabet at an attractive spread. This adds diversification to the portfolio, although a significant proportion of our exposure to this area remains secured – for instance adding an ABS new issue in February from Ramsgate (sponsored by data centre company Yondr), backed by two new data centres in Slough and a lengthy rental agreement to a highly rated technology company. This type of transactions provides us with exposure to the tech sector but with the added benefit of security over the underlying asset.

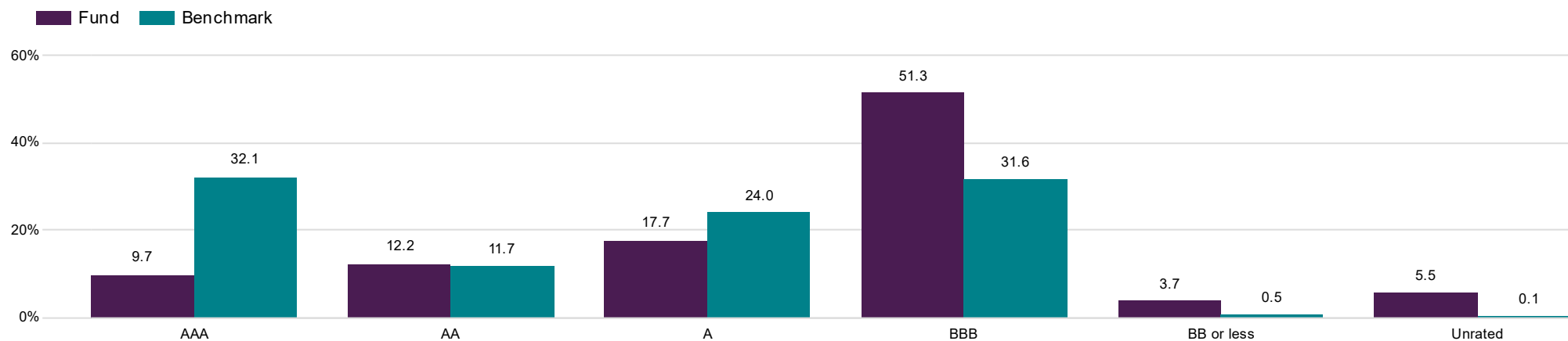
Structured bonds remain a key element in our portfolios. We believe that the market continues to overlook these issues that give investors greater certainty over cashflows and a higher yield. During the quarter we added an AAA rated new issue from Sirius – backed by a portfolio of UK logistics assets at a material spread premium to the market with a floating rate structure that helps manage overall interest rate risk. We also added a new issue from Telereal – backed by BT telephone exchanges – whose bonds offered an attractive above-market spread. Telephone exchanges continue to be a piece of critical infrastructure in BT's network, enabling the delivery of communications services across the UK.

Fund breakdown

Maturity profile

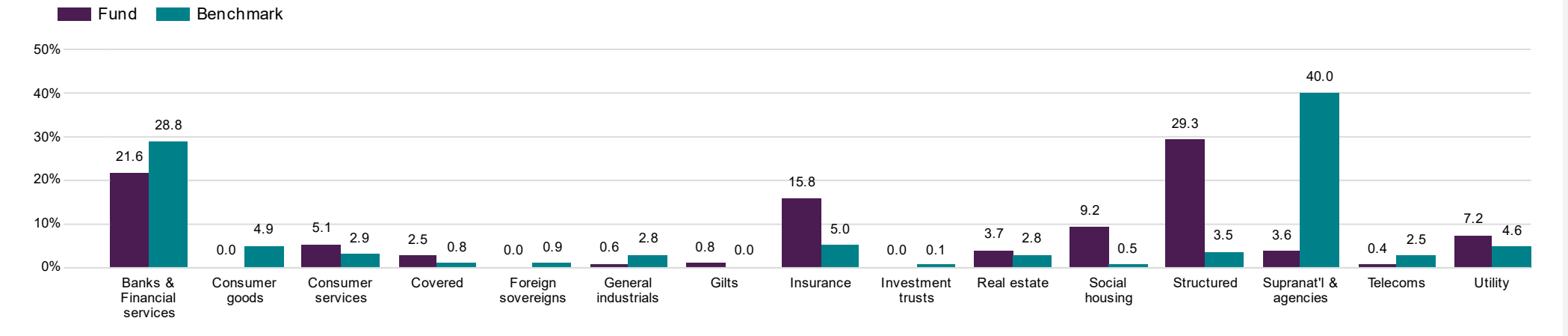


Credit ratings



Fund breakdown

Sector breakdown



Characteristics and climate








Sustainability approach

The Fund's sustainability objective is to invest in companies or issuers that make a positive contribution to one or more of the "Sustainability Themes" (Clean, Healthy, Safe, Inclusive), through their products or services as determined by the Investment Manager using its "Sustainability Standard". The Sustainability Standard requires 50% of a company or issuer's revenues to be derived from product or services aligned to one or more of the four Sustainability themes.

Overall, at least 70% of the Fund is invested in sustainable companies or issuers. Up to 30% may be held in non-sustainable companies or Issuers that do not conflict with the sustainability objective for any of the four sustainability themes of the Fund.

Fund exclusions

Exclusion criteria that make sure a fund does not invest into a specific service or product. Royal London Asset Management has a controversial weapons exclusion across all investments.

 Pornography production	✓	 Nuclear-power generation	✓
 Non-health animal testing	✓	 Tobacco manufacturing	✓
 Armament manufacturing	✓		
 Fossil fuel extraction	✓		
 Gambling establishments	✓		

Climate metrics

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference (%)
Financed emissions (tCO2e)	1,943	n/a	n/a
Financed emissions coverage	52.04%	n/a	n/a
Carbon footprint (tCO2e/\$M invested)	9.89	10.36	(4.54)
Carbon footprint coverage	52.04%	89.71%	(41.98)
Weighted average carbon intensity (tCO2e/\$M sales)	23.36	29.61	(21.11)
Weighted average carbon intensity coverage	94.11%	94.18%	(0.07)

All climate metrics presented above are for Scope 1-2 emissions. Unless specified in the objective, the data is for information only and should not be taken to mean they are being managed to/controlled.

Implied temperature rise

	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)	Difference (%)
Implied temperature rise (ITR) coverage	46.41	57.97	(19.95)
% of portfolio below 2°C ITR	31.46	36.62	(14.10)
% of portfolio below 1.5°C ITR	17.97	15.87	13.21

SBTi net - zero

	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)	Difference (%)
SBTi Net-Zero committed	9.41	6.08	54.69
SBTi Near-Term committed	5.72	3.76	52.13
SBTi Near-Term targets set	11.94	11.77	1.46

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	7	19
Number of engagements	9	46

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	3
Climate - Transition Risk	2
Climate - Physical Risk	1
Governance	2
Board	1
Strategy	1
Social & Financial Inclusion	4
Just transition	3
Labour & Human Rights	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

HSBC Holdings PLC – Just Transition

Purpose:

We engaged HSBC Holdings PLC, a UK-listed bank, to understand how it integrates social considerations into its climate transition strategy, including impacts on workers, communities, and regional economies.

Outcome:

HSBC now formally acknowledges the importance of a just transition and has taken initial steps to embed it into its strategy, such as updating internal governance and including social factors in its sector and regional engagement frameworks. While no single 'best-in-class' mechanism has emerged, the bank's development of inclusive product design and regional support for small and medium sized businesses demonstrates clear progress. Further work is needed to ensure these commitments are consistently applied across its financing activities.

Lloyds Banking Group PLC – Just Transition

Purpose:

Lloyds Banking Group PLC, a UK-listed bank, was engaged to explore how it is considering social risks, such as community resilience and customer inclusivity, as it transitions to a low-carbon economy.

Outcome:

Lloyds has begun integrating just transition principles into its climate strategy, highlighted through early implementation of region- and sector-focused lending criteria that reflect social and customer considerations. Through its lending to Community Development Financial Institutions, Lloyds demonstrates core just transition principles, fairness, inclusion and place-based support, within its community lending activity. Through our engagement, Lloyds has demonstrated meaningful improvements in product design and regional support initiatives. It acknowledges the need to further align these efforts across all financing activities.

NatWest Group PLC – Just Transition

Purpose:

NatWest Group PLC, a UK-listed bank, was engaged to explore how it considers the broader social impact, on workers and regions, when providing finance to clients through its transition strategy.

Outcome:

NatWest formally recognises the need for a just transition approach in its climate planning and has taken initial steps to reflect social aspects in lending and client engagement strategies. In particular, its Human Rights Report, an early version of which RLAM provided feedback on, demonstrates how financial institutions can align climate strategy with human rights principles. The bank illustrated improvements such as regional analysis and product design aligned with just transition goals. We will monitor how these considerations are scaled.

Fund Engagement

Engagement outcomes

Tesco PLC – Human Rights

Purpose:

Tesco PLC, a UK food retailer, was engaged to discuss how it identifies and manages human rights risks in its food and agricultural supply chains. The discussion focused on how the company assesses risk across different products and geographies, oversees suppliers, and addresses issues related to migrant workers, land rights and higher-risk supply chains.

Outcome:

Tesco described how it assesses and prioritises human rights risks across its supply chain using multiple lenses, including geography, product risk and workforce vulnerability, focusing action on higher-risk products where leverage is greatest. Recent progress includes strengthened supplier oversight, initiatives to improve worker transport safety, and supplier capability-building to support more effective prevention and remediation of human rights risks.

It also acknowledged ongoing challenges, particularly in relation to migrant workers and the need for collaboration across industry and with policymakers to address structural risks. Tesco indicated it will consider enhancing its public disclosures, including on land-use risks, and we agreed to continue engagement to monitor progress and encourage further improvements.

Market commentary

Market overview

The first quarter of 2026 was dominated by a sudden regime shift as geopolitics moved to the centre of the macro picture. Escalating tensions in the Gulf region came to a head in late February with the US-Israel offensive against Iran. The escalation added an additional layer of uncertainty and triggered concerns over oil and gas supplies, energy prices and near-term inflation risks. Brent crude hit more than 105 US dollars per barrel at the end of March as supply through the Strait of Hormuz was restricted and gas prices also surged, leading to a quickly deteriorating risk sentiment.

In the US, the spike in oil prices was a headwind, but the economy's energy sensitivity proved lower than in past shocks and the US benefits from being a major producer, helping US equities show relative resilience even as the quarter ended weakly.

Investors also had to digest policy uncertainty after legal constraints changed the scope for tariffs announced in April 2025 and new tariff proposals reintroduced volatility, complicating the outlook for inflation and limiting the Federal Reserve's room to cut rates. Markets weighed the risk of a prolonged energy shock elevating recession likelihood later in 2026, even if the base case remained for a modest growth hit and higher near-term inflation.

As a net importer and more exposed to gas prices, the eurozone faced a tougher growth–inflation trade-off, even as incoming data still pointed to modest expansion and easing headline inflation. The ECB kept its policy unchanged with the deposit rate at 2%, but the broader oil and gas price shock pushed markets to reassess the path of European rates.

In the UK, the macro backdrop was similarly shaped by the energy price shock, but equities proved comparatively more defensive than some global peers, echoing patterns seen in prior commodity-driven events. In sterling credit, spreads that had tightened through 2025 began to widen in early 2026, with concerns over US private credit having a greater influence than Iran developments, while higher underlying gilt yields further lifted all-in yields.

Primary markets were active over the first quarter, particularly during February. Credit performance was supported by areas such as structured bonds and financials, even as investors became more sensitive to inflation risk and the direction of policy rates.

Government bond markets bore the brunt of the repricing. Front-end yields jumped, and curves reset higher as investors moved from expecting rate cuts to pricing fewer cuts, or even hikes, with higher energy costs seen as an inflationary impulse that central banks could not ignore.

Moves in short-dated yields were especially pronounced as markets tried to map the oil shock into policy reaction functions, while longer-dated yields also swung as markets attempted to price the risks of any or all of higher inflation, lower growth and even potentially larger government borrowing.

UK 10-year gilt yields shot up to 4.92%, up from 4.48% at the end of December and surpassing their highest levels seen last year (4.89% in January 2025). In the US, 10-year treasury yields rose to 4.31% in March from 4.14% at the end of December. The German 10-year bund yield was 2.98% at the end of the first quarter, rising from 2.82% three months prior.

The sterling investment grade credit market (iBoxx non-gilt index) returned -1.62% over the period under review. Spreads ended the quarter at 0.85% (iBoxx), compared to 0.77% (iBoxx) at the end of 2025. Sector returns were negative across the board, with more defensive areas such as covered bonds and supranationals less affected than areas with longer duration such as consumer services, telecoms and utilities.

Outlook

The ongoing global macro environment remained unsettled in the first quarter. Geopolitical risks, fiscal uncertainty and divergence in global monetary policy drove volatility in both nominal and real yields. More specifically the recent escalation in tensions around Iran, add an additional layer of uncertainty to the inflation and growth outlook.

While the immediate market focus tends to be on energy prices and near-term inflation risks, history suggests that prolonged geopolitical shocks are ultimately negative for global growth as higher input costs, tighter financial conditions and weaker confidence begin to bite. In this scenario, inflation may prove stickier than central banks would like, even as growth momentum fades.

The combination likely points to falling real yields over time, reinforcing the case for duration. Looking at our sterling credit strategy, this is a bias towards a long duration stance, rather than a meaningful use of risk budget.

Sterling credit markets modestly outperformed gilts during the first quarter, helped by shorter duration and the higher income. Spreads remain relatively tight compared to the past two decades, but as we pointed out at the start of the year, when looking at a company level, defaults are low, company balance sheets are generally healthy, and investors continue to look for yield.

Market commentary

At a fundamental level, we still believe that credit spreads over-compensate investors for default risk, and that the all-in yield on sterling 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 expect relative performance to continue to be meaningfully influenced by the comparative exposure to supranational bonds and to more economically sensitive or cyclical industrial and consumer sectors.

However, we believe that continued emphasis on diversification and our bias towards secured and collateralised debt to help mitigate default risk, as well as our focus on income, will continue to support returns as has been the case through the present environment of volatile yields.

We remain confident that we can further achieve an attractive yield premium in our sterling credit portfolios, as we look to exploit market inefficiencies, with long-standing beliefs such as the undervaluing of security now augmented by newer inefficiencies such as the 'mechanised' approaches used by annuity providers, exchange traded funds and passive funds that treat credit as a homogenous commodity area, buying in a relatively price insensitive manner. Experience suggests that the more credit is treated as a commoditised asset class, the greater the level of inefficiencies that an active manager can exploit.

Further Information

Please click on the links below for further information:



Find out more

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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

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 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

Responsible investment risk

The Fund can only invest in holdings that demonstrate compliance with certain sustainable indicators or ESG characteristics. This reduces the number securities in which the Fund can invest and there may as a result be occasions where it forgoes more strongly performing investment opportunities, potentially underperforming non-sustainable funds.

Performance to 31 March 2026

Cumulative (%)

Annualised (%)

	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception	3 Years (p.a.)	Since Inception (p.a.)
Fund (gross)	(0.33)	2.00	5.41	21.10	23.17	6.58	6.41
Fund (net)	(0.41)	1.84	5.09	19.98	21.90	6.25	6.08

Year on year performance (%)

	31/03/2025 - 31/03/2026	31/03/2024 - 31/03/2025	31/03/2023 - 31/03/2024	31/03/2022 - 31/03/2023	31/03/2021 - 31/03/2022
Fund (gross)	5.41	6.17	8.21	-	-
Fund (net)	5.09	5.84	7.87	-	-

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Source: RLAM as at 31 March 2026. All figures are mid-price to mid-price for the Royal London Sustainable Short Duration Corporate Bond Fund Z Acc GBP share class. Since inception date 23 November 2022.

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.

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.

Environmental, social and governance

A list of predefined criteria that determines how a company operates in terms of sustainability and overall corporate governance.

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

The Fund price is taken at mid-day using swing prices where applicable, while the index performance is priced at close of business. Significant intra-day market movements at the start or end of the day may therefore distort comparisons.

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.

Redemption yield

The weighted average rate of discount at which the future obligations of interest and capital payments of each of the fund's holdings equates to its current price, gross of relevant fund management costs and gross of tax.

Rolling 5-Year Period

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

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.

Top 10 holdings

Top 10 assets held by market value, excluding derivatives and cash.

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.