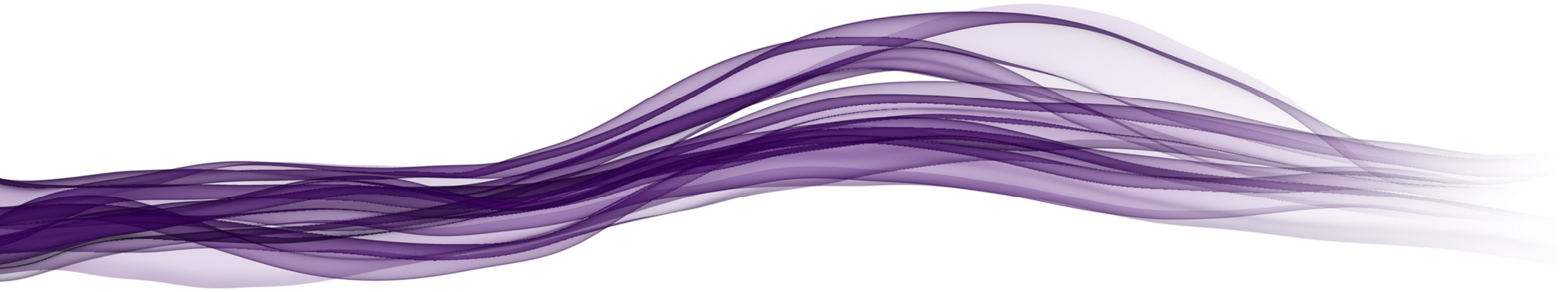


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Royal London Sustainable Managed Income Trust

Quarterly Investment Report

31 December 2023



Quarterly Report

The fund as at 31 December 2023

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Royal London Sustainable Managed Income Trust. 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 investment objective is to achieve an income over a 12-month period that consistently exceeds typical cash deposit rates (measured by SONIA), paid out on a monthly basis, by predominantly investing in sterling-denominated bonds that are deemed to make a positive contribution to society. Investments in the fund will adhere to the Manager's ethical and sustainable investment policy. The Markit iBoxx GBP Non Gilts Index Index is regarded as a good measure of the returns of investment-grade corporate bonds denominated in sterling.

Benchmark: iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilt All Maturities Index

Fund value

	Total £m
31 December 2023	255.02

Asset allocation

	Fund (%)	Benchmark
Conventional credit bonds	95.25%	99.38%
Securitised	4.68%	-
Index linked credit bonds	0.07%	-
Conventional foreign sovereign	-	0.62%

Fund analytics

	Fund	Benchmark
Fund launch date	7 December 2012	
Base currency	GBP	
Duration (years)	5.86	5.54
Gross redemption yield (%)	6.26	4.77
Number of holdings	268	1,264
Number of issuers	181	501

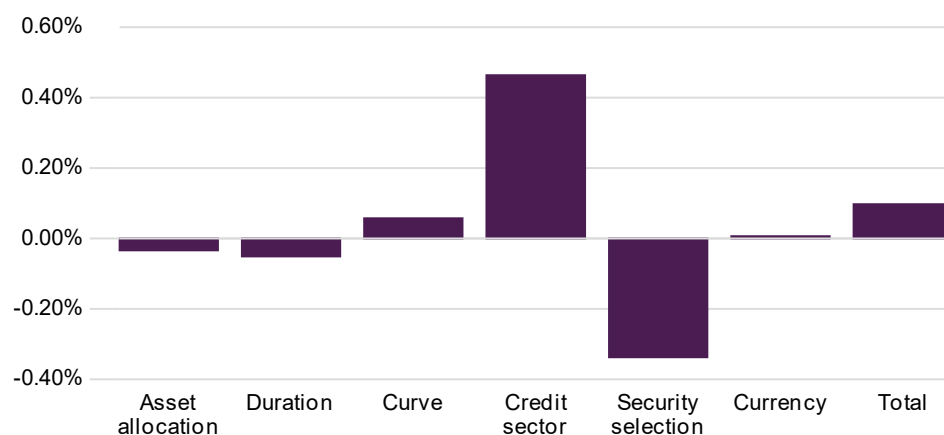
Performance and activity

Performance

	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)	Relative (%)
Quarter	7.49	7.35	0.14
1 Year	10.29	8.60	1.69
3 Years (p.a.)	(3.05)	(4.69)	1.64
5 Years (p.a.)	1.71	0.40	1.32
10 Years (p.a.)	3.59	2.71	0.87
Since inception (p.a.)	3.38	2.54	0.84

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Please refer to the Glossary for the basis of calculation and impact of fees. Performance and since inception date based on RL Sustainable Managed Income Trust (C Acc). Source: Royal London Asset Management; Gross performance; Since inception date of the shareclass is 7 December 2012.

Attribution over the quarter



Performance commentary

The trust produced a positive absolute return for the quarter, thanks to the impact of falling gilt yields, narrower credit spreads and the income on the portfolios. On a relative basis, the portfolios performed broadly in line with the iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilt index.

The main positive driver of performance was our sector positioning, notably our underweight position in supranationals, which continued to lag the wider market having done so in the third quarter. Stock selection effects were mixed: we saw positive selection in insurance bonds, notably longer dated subordinated bonds from M&G and Legal & General, but this was outweighed by negative selection effects in structured bonds, which generally have a lower sensitivity to wider market moves.

Our sterling credit fixed income strategies are generally positive on the banking sector, particularly subordinated bonds. Whilst most banks will be well resourced to meet the needs of external ESG rating providers, and will look very attractive on a scope 1 and 2 emissions basis, we think there is no substitute for in-house primary sustainability analysis. Our more rigorous sustainable approach has led to more selective financials exposure than other funds, although with banks performing in line with the benchmark in the fourth quarter, this had little impact on performance.

Our holding in Thames Water was a detractor from performance over the quarter. We maintained exposure to Thames Water as part of a diversified portfolio, based on the attractiveness of the overall blended yield across holdings in operating company and holding company debt. Whilst structurally junior holding company debt underperformed and was downgraded, our larger exposure to the operating company debt was beneficial for performance over the quarter. We continue to believe that the sector remains attractively valued – largely based on our view that spreads in the sector overcompensate when compared to other regulated infrastructure assets such as UK electricity distribution.

Performance and activity

Top 10 holdings

	Weighting (%)
AVIVA PLC 6.875000000 2058-05-20	1.96
LEGAL & GENERAL GROUP 5.500000000 2064-06-27	1.93
HSBC BANK PLC 5.375000000 2030-11-04	1.51
M&G PLC 6.340000000 2063-12-19	1.28
HSBC BNK CAO FND STER 1 5.844000000	1.20
GUINNESS PARTNERSHIP LTD 7.500000000 2037-11-30	1.17
SUNDERLAND (SHG) FINANCE 6.380000000 2042-03-31	1.15
HAVEN FUNDING PLC 8.125000000 2037-09-30	1.06
HARBOUR FUNDING PLC 5.280000000 2034-03-31	1.03
HSBC HOLDINGS PLC 8.201000000 2034-11-16	1.03
Total	13.32

Fund activity

All issuers within our sustainable holdings offer a net benefit to society or show ESG leadership. As well as reducing risk, we seek out opportunities that are under-researched e.g., bonds that do not fall into mainstream indices or benchmarks and/or are unrated by ratings agencies. Importantly, the sustainable credit proposition provides access to critical sectors that most investors can't access via equity markets. Key themes in the funds include social housing, social & environmental infrastructure, community funding (regulated banks and building societies focused on SME and retail lending), financial inclusion & resilience (such as insurance products to support individuals through shocks) and the energy transition. On sustainability grounds, we 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.

Financials remain the largest part of the market and continued to dominate market issuance during the quarter. We added senior bonds from New York Life, issued at the same level as policyholders, and subordinated new issues from Close Brothers, at a yield of over 11%, and defined benefit pension buy-in and buy-out specialist Pension Insurance Corporation.

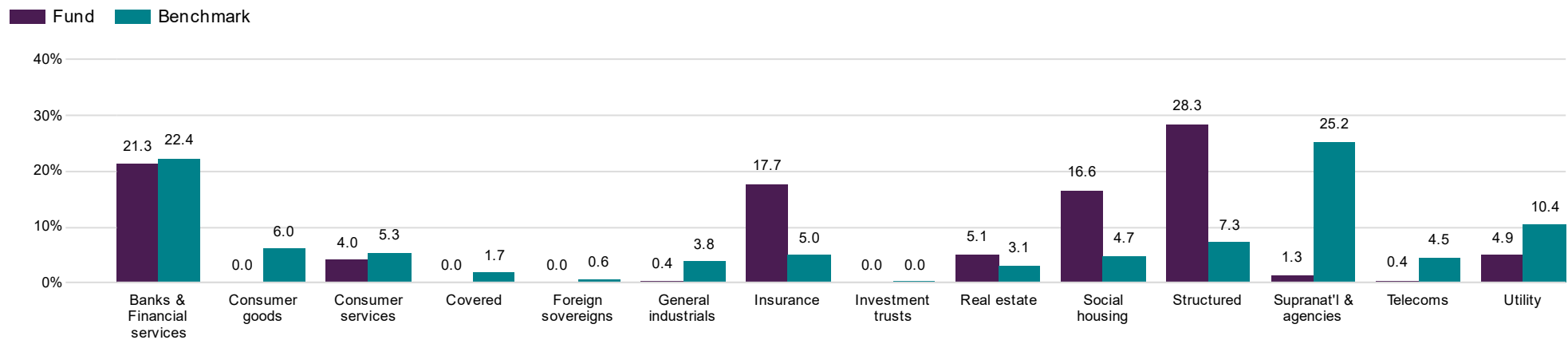
There were noteworthy new issues in the structured sector. We added a new issue of Stark Financing, a commercial mortgage-backed security secured against 103 UK property assets, predominantly 'last mile' warehouse assets. The floating rate A notes we bought are rated AAA and have an attractive loan-to-value, also paying an attractive premium to SONIA. We also added a five-year new issue from the RAC, these bonds yielding over 8% and benefiting from security over the business.

Social housing remains a key element in the strategy. We think there is very strong sustainability case for this sector: it houses around six million of the most at need in England, and is building around one in every four new homes. During the quarter, we picked up a new issue of 2041 bonds from social housing provider Places for People. The company owns and manages 240,000 properties across the UK and the bonds came at an attractive spread premium to the market.

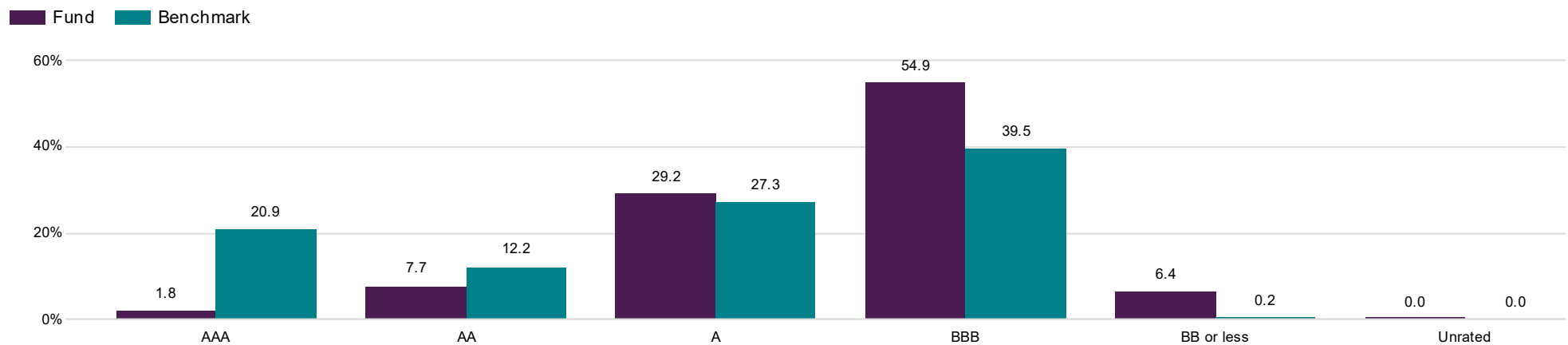
These key areas were also visible in our secondary market activity. We added selectively to subordinated bank and insurance debt – where yields still remain elevated– buying HSBC and Admiral at attractive levels. The trust was also active in the water sector, where we sold Wessex Water, investing the proceeds in Yorkshire Water, adding to credit spread but also moving into a higher quality name. We also increased exposure to social housing provider Haven Funding, an older style bond with far stronger covenants than more recent sector issuance.

Fund breakdown

Sector breakdown

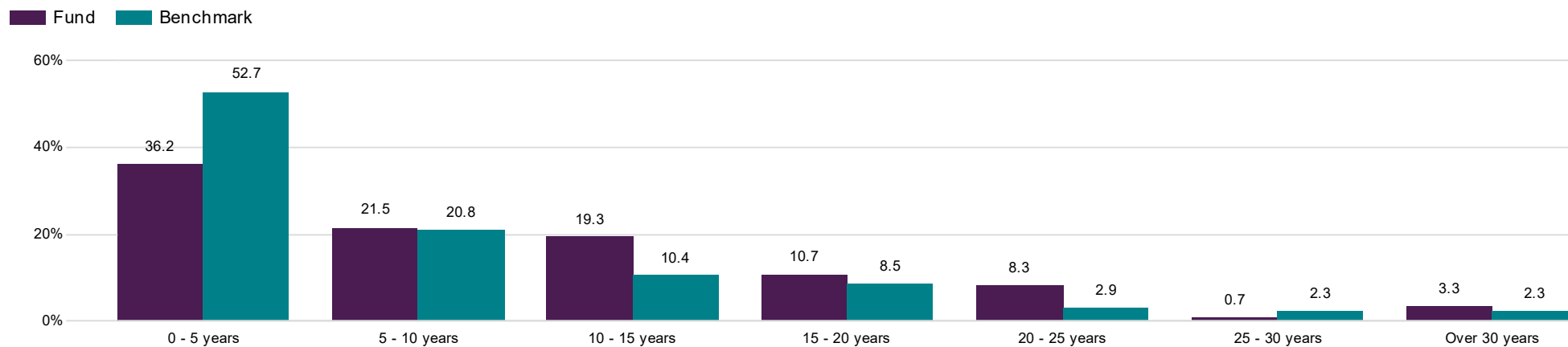


Credit ratings



Fund breakdown

Maturity profile



Characteristics and climate

ESG characteristics rationale

The Fund focuses on the sustainability of the products and services of the companies it invests in, as well as their standards of environmental, social, governance ("ESG") management, alongside financial analysis. The investment approach is fundamentally based on positive screening; identifying companies that are making a positive contribution towards a cleaner, healthier, safer and more inclusive society, through assessing both what a company does and how it does it, and through active engagement to encourage continual improvement. The fund will not invest in companies that undertake business activities deemed to be detrimental to society. Further details of the Funds Sustainable Investment process can be found in the ethical and sustainable investment policy at www.rlam.com

ESG characteristics

	Yes	No
ESG integration	✓	
Promotes environmental or social characteristics		✓
Sustainable fund objective	✓	
Additional exclusions	✓	

Additional 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.

Adult entertainment	✓	High environmental impact	✓
Alcohol	✓	Human rights issues	✓
Animal welfare	✓	Nuclear power	✓
Armaments	✓	Nuclear weapons	✓
Controversial weapons	✓	Tobacco	✓
Fossil fuels	✓		
Gambling	✓		

Climate metrics

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference (%)
Financed emissions (tCO2e)	2,205	n/a	n/a
Financed emissions coverage	36.78%	n/a	n/a
Carbon footprint (tCO2e/\$M invested)	6.93	35.73	(80.61)
Carbon footprint coverage	36.78%	48.85%	(24.71)
Weighted average carbon intensity (tCO2e/\$M sales)	28.62	58.05	(50.70)
Weighted average carbon intensity coverage	89.80%	94.93%	(5.41)

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	36.63	46.66	(21.50)
% of portfolio below 2°C ITR	46.11	46.56	(0.97)
% of portfolio below 1.5°C ITR	29.35	29.56	(0.74)

SBTi net - zero

	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)	Difference (%)
SBTi Net-Zero committed	9.36	16.59	(43.56)
SBTi Near-Term committed	4.89	6.88	(28.94)
SBTi Near-Term targets set	9.05	22.08	(59.00)

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	16	37
Number of engagements	20	67

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



Climate	2
Climate - Transition Risk	2
Governance	3
Remuneration	2
Corporate Governance	1
Health	2
Health - Community	2
Social & Financial Inclusion	14
Just transition	8
Social & Financial inclusion	5
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; 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.

Fund Engagement

Engagement outcomes

E.ON SE

Purpose:

As co-leads of the CA100+ initiative, we facilitated a meeting between NGO Influence Map and E.ON to provide feedback on the company's lobbying disclosures.

Outcome:

E.ON welcomed the feedback and agreed to update its disclosures with greater transparency on its direct engagement and a complete list of its trade associations. However, the company disagreed with the criteria used to assess the alignment of trade associations and its own positions with the goals of the Paris Agreement, citing methodological inaccuracies. E.ON agreed to connect Influence Map with the Federation of German Industries (BDI) for further discussion.

National Grid Plc

Purpose:

Following the release of National Grid's Responsible Business Charter update, we engaged in a meeting with the Chief Sustainability Officer to offer feedback and suggest further enhancements to their climate transition plans.

Outcome:

National Grid was receptive to the majority of our feedback and sought additional guidance on their Just Transition plans. We positively acknowledged the company's improved emission reduction target and renewed emphasis on biodiversity. The company will be improving its lobbying disclosures and developing a Climate Transition Plan. However, it was unable to provide further clarity on forward looking expenditures and maintained that gas will continue to play a vital role in balancing the grid and, most notably, in their heating retail business in the US.

Market commentary

Market overview

Economic attention over the quarter has been on inflation. At the start of the quarter investors focussed on the persistence of large price increases and central bank messaging on rates being held higher for longer. Yet, as headline inflation fell, sentiment swung dramatically towards the end of the quarter, pushing markets to price in interest rate cuts in 2024. The Federal Reserve (Fed), European Central Bank (ECB) and Bank of England (BoE) all left rates unchanged over the quarter, maintaining official rates at multi-year highs. The Fed has now held rates unchanged at its last three meetings. There has however been a significant shift in messaging, with the US central bank now indicating that it expects to cut rates by 0.75% in 2024. The ECB has similarly kept rates steady at its two most recent meetings, but central bankers in the eurozone said that no rate cuts have yet been discussed.

In tune with the other major central banks, and potentially marking the high point in the UK interest rate cycle, the Bank of England left interest rates unchanged over the period. The Monetary Policy Committee continued to be split – at the December meeting three of the nine members were still voting for a rate hike. UK inflation has fallen significantly, with the annual inflation rate falling to 3.9% in November. This is the lowest rate of increase in over two years. However, this remains well above the BoE 2% target, with core and wage inflation significantly higher than the headline rate.

Global government bond yields started the quarter continuing the rising trend that started in mid-2020. This reflected market views that rising inflation would necessitate even higher interest rates and the mantra of higher for longer. Yet, with inflation starting to come down, expectations of rate cuts in 2024 contributed to significant falls in bond yields in November and December. The fall in yields was such that yields along the length of the curve ended the quarter lower than they started, and closed 2023 at roughly the same levels as they started. UK government bonds produced strong returns due to falling yields, delivering an 8.1% return (FTSE Actuaries) over the fourth quarter with the benchmark 10-year gilt yield falling from 4.44% to 3.54%.

The sterling investment grade credit market (iBoxx non-gilt index) returned 7.35% over the quarter, helped by lower government bond yields and tighter credit spreads. This was lower than the return from gilts due to the shorter duration of the credit market index. The average sterling investment grade credit spread (the average extra yield available from non-gilt bonds compared with government debt of equal maturity) tightened from 1.38% to 1.15% (iBoxx). Given the fall in yields, sectors with a greater proportion of long-dated bonds performed well, including utilities and social housing. Supranationals was the worst performing sector, while in financials, banks lagged slightly but insurance bonds modestly outperformed the market.

Issuance was relatively low in the fourth quarter, reflecting usual seasonal patterns. For the year as a whole, sterling issuance was £63.9 billion, or £28 billion in net terms, compared with £51.5 billion and -£2.7 billion respectively in 2022.

Outlook

Inflation has come down significantly in 2023 but remains well above the Bank of England's target, and now does not have the 'easy' wins of base effects to push this lower. In our view, wage inflation is the key metric to watch: we believe that the Bank will find it hard to start cutting rates if wages continue to rise at 5-6% per annum. Although the economic data remain very mixed, we still believe that higher interest rates will contribute to a slowdown in the UK. This could well impact company earnings and lead to some increase in pressure on credit markets. However, consumer resilience has been greater than expected in both the UK and globally, which has helped support growth and prevent a recession. How this continues into 2024 could prove critical.

As we came into November 2023, we felt that the all-in yield on sterling investment grade credit was looking very attractive, having risen significantly since the start of the year. The falls in gilt yields since then have largely reversed those rises. Our sterling credit strategy focuses on three sources of return: gilt yields, market credit spreads, and the additional credit spread we generate over credit benchmarks. Whilst ten-year gilt yields of 3.5% are not as attractive as the 4.5% seen in October, we feel that the excess yield available on investment grade credit overcompensates for default risk. Further, the additional yield embedded in our credit strategies, over that available from credit benchmarks, gives us confidence in our ability to deliver long-term outperformance.

We expect supply to weigh on credit markets in the first quarter but believe that underlying fundamentals will limit spread widening. Our emphasis remains on building diversified portfolios, with a high relative exposure to asset backed and strongly covenanted bonds offering attractive yields. This strategy underpins the excess yield of the portfolio relative to its benchmark.

Although recent outperformance means that the relative attractiveness of sterling credit bonds has reduced, we still favour holding them compared to UK government debt as credit spreads remain at levels that more than compensate for the credit risk. Given the potential challenges in the outlook, we remain focused on identifying companies with strong balance sheets, favouring issues with security and downside protection, and ensuring that portfolios are diversified across issuers and sectors.

Further Information

Please click on the links below for further information:



Find out more

Royal London Asset Management's Outlook 2024 document and podcasts are both available on our website. In this year's Outlook document, our fund managers assess the challenges and opportunities in their respective asset classes for 2024. With an environment of falling inflation and modest recession, the benefits or risk for equities or credit is not so clear cut and knowing your companies is key. We analyse the areas of concern and potential growth within this environment.

In our Outlook 2024 podcast, Piers Hillier, CIO, looks ahead to 2024 and discusses the issues he believes will be prominent over the next 12 months, and where the key investment risks and opportunities may lie.

Articles, videos and webinars explaining our investment thinking can be found in the Our Views section of www.rlam.com, including regular updates from our Fixed Income, Global Equity, Sustainable and Multi Asset teams.

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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.

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.

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

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. 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.

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.

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 December 2023

Cumulative (%)

	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)
Fund (gross)	7.49	10.08	10.29	(8.87)	8.87	(3.05)	1.71
Fund (net)	7.35	9.77	9.69	(10.36)	5.92	(3.58)	1.16

Annualised (%)

Year on year performance (%)

	31/12/2022 - 31/12/2023	31/12/2021 - 31/12/2022	31/12/2020 - 31/12/2021	31/12/2019 - 31/12/2020	31/12/2018 - 31/12/2019
Fund (gross)	10.29	(16.83)	(0.64)	8.72	9.88
Fund (net)	9.69	(17.29)	(1.19)	8.13	9.28

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

Source: RLAM as at 31 December 2023. All figures are mid-price to mid-price in GBP for the RL Sustainable Managed Income Trust (C Acc).

Glossary

Asset allocation

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

Carbon footprint

Exposure to high emitters in the portfolio, expressed in tCO₂e/\$M invested. Financed emissions (explained above) are divided by the portfolio value, the same approach for listed companies and private issuers is applied in this metric.

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.

ESG Integration

The systematic and explicit inclusion of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into investment analysis and investment decisions.

Exclusions

Explicitly prohibits investing in a particular company, sector, business activity, country or region.

Financed emissions

The emissions from activities in the real economy that are financed through lending and investment portfolios, expressed in tCO₂e. Emissions are attributed to a portfolio based on the portion of the company's value the portfolio holds, and using different accounting values for public and private corporates. We provide financed emissions for scope 1 and 2 emissions.

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.

Fund restrictions definitions

Adult Entertainment: Companies which own or produce adult entertainment services, or engage in the distribution or sale of adult entertainment services.

Alcohol: Companies which have involvement in brewing, distillation or sale of alcoholic drinks.

Animal Welfare: Companies that conduct animal testing (other than for purposes of human or animal health and/or where it is required by law or regulation).

Armaments: Companies who manufacture armaments or nuclear weapons or associated products.

Controversial Weapons: Weapons which have an indiscriminate and disproportional impact on civilians or weapons that are illegal and prohibited by international conventions and treaties.

Fossil Fuels: Companies involved in the exploration, extraction or refining of oil, or gas, or coal, plus any activity relating to thermal coal.

Gambling: Companies who promote irresponsible gambling which includes betting shops, casinos or amusement arcades.

High Environmental Impact: Companies which have a high environmental impact, and which have 'no evidence' of appropriate environmental management systems.

Human Rights Risks: Companies with a strategic presence operating in countries of concern and which have 'no evidence' of policies or systems to manage human rights risks.

Nuclear Power: Companies who generate energy from Nuclear Power.

Nuclear Weapons: Companies that manufacture, nuclear; or are involved in the production of intended-use parts, whole weapons systems, or exclusive delivery platforms.

Tobacco: Companies which are growing, processing or selling tobacco products.

Glossary

Fund value

Total value of the fund as of the last business day of the calendar month. The fund value is as at close of business and on a mid-price basis.

Gross redemption yield

Gross redemption yield is the rate of discount at which a bond's future obligations of interest and capital payments equates to its current price. The gross redemption yield shown for the fund is the average for its individual holdings, weighted by their current value, net of relevant fund management costs and gross of tax.

Implied temperature rise (ITR)

ITR aims to measure the global warming outcome from the emissions trajectory of a company, if the whole economy followed the same trajectory.

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

Performance is calculated using the daily end of day NAV per share produced by HSBC based on the mid price.

Promotes environmental or social factors

An ESG Fund promotes, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of those characteristics, provided that the companies in which the investments are made follow good governance practices.

SBTi

The Science-Based Targets initiative is a consortium of organisations that set up the definition and promotion of science-based target setting.

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.

Sustainable fund objective

A product that has sustainable investment or a reduction in carbon emissions as its objective.

Top 10 holdings

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

Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI)

Portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive companies, expressed in tCO₂e / \$M revenue. Scope 1 and scope 2 GHG emissions are divided by companies revenues, then multiplied based on portfolio weights (the current value of the investment relative to the current portfolio value). The WACI is calculated as a weighted average sum of the holdings with carbon intensity coverage.