

# THREADNEEDLE UK SOCIAL BOND FUND

## Targeting positive social impact and financial returns

A portfolio that invests in bonds and aims to deliver both positive social outcomes and corporate bond market returns, as well as providing daily liquidity.

We actively allocate capital to outcomes that address real social needs predominantly in the UK, using a broad universe of bonds, issued by government agencies, regional & local government bodies, mutuals and charities.



## Positive inclusion, evidence-based analysis and engagement

Using a dynamic social assessment methodology developed by ourselves and Big Issue Invest to integrate social impact considerations in the investment decision-making process. The portfolio manager works with our responsible investment analysts to identify the best opportunities based on evidence and engagement with issuing entities.

In parallel to this, our Investment Grade Credit team evaluates these bonds to ensure they meet the necessary financial requirements for inclusion within the portfolio.



## Strength in partnership

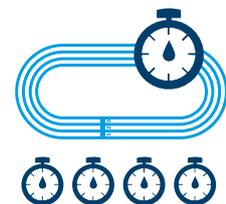
Our proven experience in both fixed income credit and responsible investment is enhanced by our social partnership with Big Issue Invest, social entrepreneurs and a leader and innovator in backing sustainable social businesses in the UK.

Big Issue Invest is responsible for deepening the research and verifying the social outcomes of investments, as well as forming part of the Social Advisory Committee to review, advise and monitor the Fund's investments – and report annually to investors – from a social performance perspective.



## Proven track record in social bond investing

We have successfully managed outcomes-based social bond strategies since 2013 and have over £1 billion invested in a range of strategies for investors in the UK, Europe and the US.



**PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

**Simon Bond** has over 30 years' industry experience and throughout his career has been a pioneer in the social investment space. He has managed the Threadneedle UK Social Bond Fund since its launch in December 2013, as well as our European Social Bond strategy since May 2017.

## Key risks & opportunities

### Risks

- The value of investments can fall as well as rise and investors might not get back the sum originally invested.
- The Fund aims to invest in assets that are deemed to be supporting and funding socially beneficial activities and development and utilises a Social Assessment Methodology. This will affect the Fund's exposure to certain issuers, industries, sectors, and regions, and may impact the relative performance of the Fund positively or negatively, depending on whether such investments are in or out of favour.
- The Fund invests in securities whose value would be significantly affected if the issuer refused, was unable to or was perceived to be unable to pay.
- The Fund holds assets which could prove difficult to sell. The Fund may have to lower the selling price, sell other investments or forego more appealing investment opportunities.
- Changes in interest rates are likely to affect the Fund's value. In general, as interest rates rise, the price of a fixed rate bond will fall, and vice versa.
- The Fund may invest in derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or minimising the cost of transactions. Such derivative transactions may benefit or negatively affect the performance of the Fund. The Manager does not intend that such use of derivatives will affect the overall risk profile of the Fund.

### Opportunities

- A dynamic and innovative daily priced social investment fund that uses Big Issue Invest's unique Social Assessment Methodology to guide investment decisions.
- The fund benefits from the strength in partnership between Big Issue Invest, a leader and innovator in backing sustainable social enterprise, and the Management Company, an established asset manager with a strong reputation across both bonds and social investment.
- The Fund unlocks the potential of bonds to target particular social outcomes as well as seeking to generate respectable financial returns in line with UK corporate bonds.
- Simon Bond has over 27 years' experience and has taken a keen interest in the social investment space, having analysed and invested in this area for many years. Simon is particularly passionate about the role of infrastructure in both economic growth and regeneration.

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