



# Artemis Target Return Bond Fund

## Class I accumulation shares, GBP

MARKETING COMMUNICATION

106.82p

price at 28 Feb 2023

0.400%

ongoing charge

March 2023 (data as of 28 February 2023)

## OBJECTIVE AND INVESTMENT POLICY

### Objective

To achieve a positive return of at least 2.5% above the Bank of England (BOE) base rate, after fees, on an annualised basis over rolling three-year periods.

### Investment policy

#### What the fund invests in

- Bonds in any currency, directly or indirectly using derivatives, including:
  - Government bonds
  - Corporate bonds
  - Asset-backed securities
  - Mortgage-backed securities
- The fund may also invest in cash and near cash, other transferable securities, other funds (up to 10%) managed by Artemis and third party funds, and money market instruments.

#### Use of derivatives

The fund may use derivatives:

- for investment purposes to achieve the fund objective, including taking long and short positions in sovereign bonds, credit spreads (via credit default swaps on single issuers or indices), interest rates or inflation expectations
- to produce additional income or growth
- for efficient portfolio management purposes to reduce risk and manage the fund efficiently.

#### Where the fund invests

- Globally.
- No more than 40% net exposure (longs minus shorts) in emerging market debt securities.
- At least 90% of the sub-fund will be denominated in or hedged back to sterling.

#### Industries the fund invests in

- Any

#### Credit quality of bonds the fund invests in

- Investment grade, being:
  - BBB- or above by Standard & Poor's; or
  - BBB- or above by Fitch; or
  - Baa3 or above by Moody's
- No more than 40% net exposure (longs minus shorts) in below investment grade securities.
- Up to 10% in unrated bonds.
- The fund will not invest in bonds below B3 by Moody's, B- by S&P or B- by Fitch (the Minimum Bond Rating). Where the fund has exposure to an index the Minimum Bond Rating will apply to the average credit rating of bonds making up the index.

#### Other limitations specific to this fund

- The fund's portfolio duration will vary between -2 years and +4 years.
- No more than 40% net exposure (longs minus shorts) in aggregate in a combination of emerging market debt securities and below investment grade securities.
- Up to 5% exposure to any non-government issuer of investment grade securities.
- Up to 3% exposure to an individual issuer of below investment grade securities or an issuer listed, headquartered or having significant business in emerging markets. In this context, emerging market countries means countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index and those included in the World Bank definition of developing economies or those countries which are, in the manager's opinion, developing countries.

#### Investment strategy

- The fund is actively managed.
- A combination of three strategies is used:
  - Carry strategy: a global portfolio of investment grade corporate and government bonds. This aims to generate predictable returns over the medium term.
  - Credit strategy: aims to generate returns through the manager's highest-conviction ideas on credit assets which are expected to rise or fall in value over a particular period. These ideas may be implemented through trades which are intended to exploit the relative prospects of two assets or indices, for example by taking a long position in one and a short position in the other.
  - Rates strategy: aims to exploit expected movements in inflation rates, interest rates globally and the value of global government bonds. The manager seeks to generate returns by using derivatives to take long and short positions in global government bonds, inflation rates or interest rates.

#### Benchmarks

- Bank of England (BOE) base rate +2.5%  
BOE base rate is a measure of the interest rate at which the BOE, the UK's central bank, lends money to other banks. It is used as a way of estimating the amount of interest which could be earned on cash. It acts as a 'target benchmark' that the sub-fund aims to outperform by at least 2.5%, after fees, on an annualised basis over rolling three-year periods.

There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve a positive return over a rolling three-year period or any other time period and your capital is at risk.

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## THE FUND'S APPROACH TO RESPONSIBLE INVESTING



Source: Artemis as at 31 March 2022.

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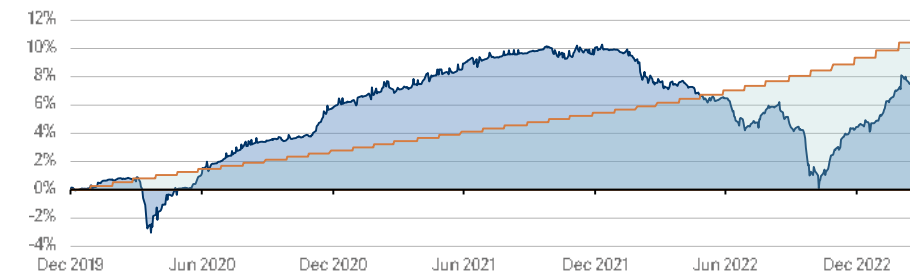
## PERFORMANCE

Past performance is not a guide to the future

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

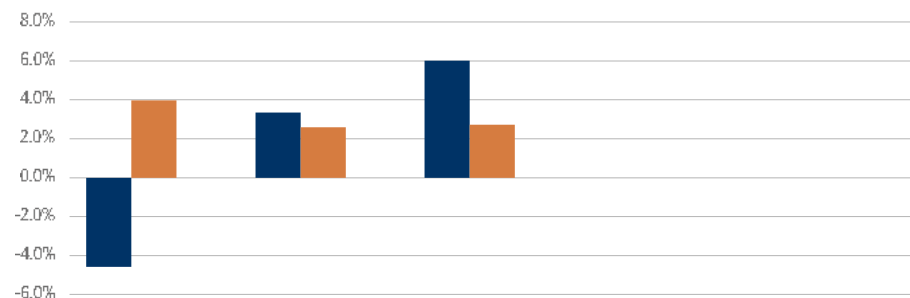
|                                  | Since launch | 3 yrs | 1 yr  | 6 mo | 3 mo | 1 mo  |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Artemis Target Return Bond Fund  | 6.8%         | 6.1%  | -0.7% | 2.0% | 2.4% | -0.4% |
| Bank Of England Base Rate + 2.5% | 11.0%        | 10.1% | 4.5%  | 2.7% | 1.5% | 0.5%  |

### PERCENTAGE GROWTH



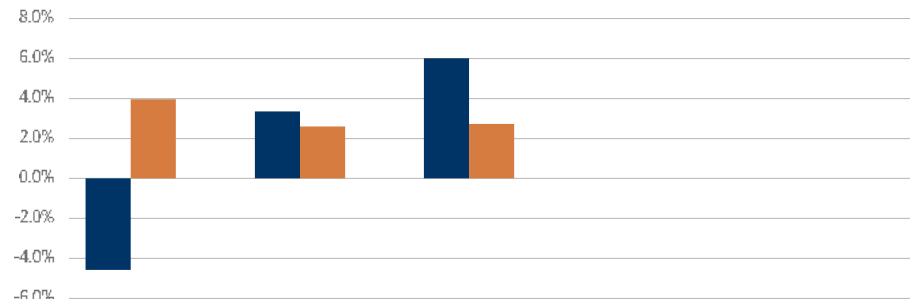
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|---|-------|------|------|------|------|
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Source: Lipper Limited from 3 December 2019 to 28 February 2023. All figures show total returns with dividends and/or income reinvested, net of all charges. Performance does not take account of any costs incurred when investors buy or sell the fund. Returns may vary as a result of currency fluctuations if the investor's currency is different to that of the class.

## COMPOSITION

### TOP 10 LONG HOLDINGS

|                       |                   |      |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------|
| Scottish Widows       | 5.5%              | 2.0% |
| Rothsay Life          | 5.5%              | 1.9% |
| Deutsche Bank         | 4%                | 1.9% |
| Wells Fargo           | 5.25% 08/01/2023  | 1.9% |
| Whitbread             |                   | 1.8% |
| Barclays Plc          | 3.75% 11/22/30    | 1.8% |
| Natwest               | 3.522% 14/08/2030 | 1.8% |
| Legal & General Group |                   | 1.7% |
| US Treasury           | 2.375%            | 1.7% |
| Thames Water          | 1.875%            | 1.7% |

Source: Artemis as at 28 February 2023. Physical long holdings only.

### MARKET SECTOR SPLIT

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Financials                 | 47.9% |
| Government Bonds           | 8.2%  |
| Consumer Services          | 6.6%  |
| Whole Business Securitized | 6.6%  |
| Utilities                  | 5.0%  |
| Industrials                | 4.8%  |
| Consumer Goods             | 4.7%  |
| Telecommunications         | 3.5%  |
| Health Care                | 2.8%  |
| Oil & Gas                  | 2.3%  |
| MBS                        | 1.1%  |
| Housing Associations       | 1.1%  |
| Agencies                   | 0.8%  |
| Basic Materials            | 0.3%  |
| Other Collateralized       | 0.2%  |

Source: Artemis as at 28 February 2023. Physical long holdings only. Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding and cash and derivative holdings.

### ASSET ALLOCATION BY COUNTRY

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| United Kingdom | 47.8% |
| United States  | 12.2% |
| Jersey         | 8.3%  |
| Other          | 7.8%  |
| Netherlands    | 5.1%  |
| France         | 3.8%  |
| Germany        | 2.9%  |
| Spain          | 2.4%  |
| Luxembourg     | 2.2%  |
| Switzerland    | 1.8%  |
| Australia      | 1.7%  |

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### BOND RATING ALLOCATION

|     |       |
|-----|-------|
| AAA | 3.8%  |
| AA  | 5.1%  |
| A   | 11.3% |
| BBB | 51.6% |
| BB  | 19.8% |
| B   | 4.3%  |

Source: Artemis as at 28 February 2023. Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding, cash, equity and derivative holdings.

### CURRENCY EXPOSURE

|                    | Pre hedge | Post hedge |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| British pound      | 81.2%     | 99.7%      |
| Euro               | 9.7%      | 0.1%       |
| US dollar          | 7.0%      | -0.6%      |
| New Zealand dollar | 1.5%      | 0.0%       |
| Australian dollar  | 0.5%      | 0.0%       |
| Swiss Franc        | 0.1%      | 0.1%       |
| Canadian dollar    | 0.0%      | 0.0%       |
| Japanese yen       | 0.0%      | 0.7%       |
| Swedish krona      | 0.0%      | 0.0%       |

Source: Artemis as at 28 February 2023. Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding and cash holdings. The aim is that once hedged the currency exposure will be close to 100% GBP.

### ASSET CLASS ALLOCATION

|                                | Physical | Long  | Short  |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| Corporate investment grade     | 63.7%    |       |        |
| Corporate non-investment grade | 24.1%    |       |        |
| Government bond                | 8.2%     |       |        |
| Interest rate swap             |          | 44.0% | -26.8% |
| Government bond future         |          | 25.9% | -26.4% |
| Inflation swap                 |          | 2.7%  | -4.5%  |
| Credit default index           |          |       | -3.2%  |
| Credit default swap            |          |       | -10.1% |

Source: Artemis as at 28 February 2023.

## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

To ensure you understand whether this fund is suitable for you, please read the Key Investor Information which is available, along with the fund's Prospectus, from [www.artemisfunds.com](http://www.artemisfunds.com) or [www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com).

The fund is exposed to the following risks:

|                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Market volatility risk                    | The value of the fund and any income from it can fall or rise because of movements in stockmarkets, currencies and interest rates, each of which can move irrationally and be affected unpredictably by diverse factors, including political and economic events.                                                                                |
| Currency risk                             | The fund's assets may be priced in currencies other than the fund base currency. Changes in currency exchange rates can therefore affect the fund's value.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Bond liquidity risk                       | The fund holds bonds which could prove difficult to sell. As a result, the fund may have to lower the selling price, sell other investments or forego more appealing investment opportunities.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Higher-yielding bonds risk                | The fund may invest in higher-yielding bonds, which may increase the risk to capital. Investing in these types of assets (which are also known as sub-investment grade bonds) can produce a higher yield but also brings an increased risk of default, which would affect the capital value of the fund.                                         |
| Credit risk                               | Investments in bonds are affected by interest rates, inflation and credit ratings. It is possible that bond issuers will not pay interest or return the capital. All of these events can reduce the value of bonds held by the fund.                                                                                                             |
| Derivatives risk                          | The fund may invest in derivatives with the aim of profiting from falling ('shorting') as well as rising prices. Should the asset's value vary in an unexpected way, the fund value will reduce.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Charges from capital risk                 | Where charges are taken wholly or partly out of a fund's capital, distributable income may be increased at the expense of capital, which may constrain or erode capital growth.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Emerging markets risk                     | Compared to more established economies, investments in emerging markets may be subject to greater volatility due to differences in generally accepted accounting principles, less governed standards or from economic or political instability. Under certain market conditions assets may be difficult to sell.                                 |
| Absolute return risk                      | The fund is not guaranteed to produce a positive return and as an absolute return fund, performance may not move in line with general market trends or fully benefit from a positive market environment.                                                                                                                                         |
| Counterparty risk                         | Investments such as derivatives are made using financial contracts with third parties. Those third parties may fail to meet their obligations to the fund due to events beyond the fund's control. The fund's value could fall because of loss of monies owed by the counterparty and/or the cost of replacement financial contracts.            |
| Mortgage- or asset-backed securities risk | Mortgage- or asset-backed securities may not receive in full the amounts owed to them by underlying borrowers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Leverage risk                             | The fund may operate with a significant amount of leverage. Leverage occurs when the economic exposure created by the use of derivatives is greater than the amount invested. A leveraged portfolio may result in large fluctuations in its value and therefore entails a high degree of risk including the risk that losses may be substantial. |
| Target return risk                        | The fund is not guaranteed to produce a positive return over a rolling three year period or any other time period and capital is at risk.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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# FUND DATA

## INVESTMENT TEAM



**Stephen Snowden**  
Fund manager,  
since launch



**Juan Valenzuela**  
Fund manager,  
since launch

## KEY FACTS

|                    |                                           |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Fund type          | OEIC                                      |
| Asset class        | Bond                                      |
| Focus              | Capital growth                            |
| Regional focus     | Global                                    |
| SEDOL              | BJXPPH6                                   |
| ISIN               | GB00BJXPPH66                              |
| Fund launch date   | 3 December 2019                           |
| Class launch date  | 3 December 2019                           |
| Class launch price | 100.00p                                   |
| Class currency     | GBP                                       |
| Valuation point    | 12:00                                     |
| Year end           | 28th February                             |
| Accumulation date  | 30 April, 31 July, 31 October, 31 January |
| Modified duration  | 1.9                                       |
| Fund size          | £259.0m                                   |

Source: Artemis as at 28 February 2023.

## PRICE AND YIELD(S)

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Price              | 106.82p |
| Distribution yield | 4.51%   |
| Underlying yield   | 4.51%   |

Source: Artemis as at 28 February 2023.  
The distribution yield reflects the amount that may be expected to be distributed over the next twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market unit price of the fund as at the date shown. It is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on distributions. The underlying yield is calculated in the same way as the distribution yield but is net of charges and therefore lower than the distribution yield. These yields are not indicators of the future performance of the fund.

## CHARGES

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Initial charge | 0%     |
| Ongoing charge | 0.400% |

The ongoing charge covers the annual operating expenses of running the fund and is shown as at the date of the Key Investor Information Document, where further information about the fund's charges can be found. Additional costs may be incurred, such as portfolio transaction costs and transfer taxes, which may reduce performance.

## RISK AND REWARD PROFILE



The fund is in the category shown due to historic volatility (how much and how quickly the value of shares in the fund may have risen and fallen in the past due to movements in markets, currencies and interest rates). It may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund.

## DISTRIBUTION HISTORY

| Record date | Ex-dividend date | Payment date | Distribution |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 30 Nov 2022 | 01 Dec 2022      | 31 Jan 2023  | 1.0847p      |
| 31 Aug 2022 | 01 Sep 2022      | 31 Oct 2022  | 0.8446p      |
| 31 May 2022 | 01 Jun 2022      | 29 Jul 2022  | 0.8262p      |
| 28 Feb 2022 | 01 Mar 2022      | 29 Apr 2022  | 0.7457p      |
| 30 Nov 2021 | 01 Dec 2021      | 31 Jan 2022  | 0.6043p      |
| 31 Aug 2021 | 01 Sep 2021      | 29 Oct 2021  | 0.6090p      |
| 31 May 2021 | 01 Jun 2021      | 30 Jul 2021  | 0.5877p      |
| 28 Feb 2021 | 01 Mar 2021      | 30 Apr 2021  | 0.5975p      |
| 30 Nov 2020 | 01 Dec 2020      | 29 Jan 2021  | 0.6365p      |
| 31 Aug 2020 | 01 Sep 2020      | 30 Oct 2020  | 0.5485p      |

Source: Artemis. Distribution is per unit/share. For accumulation classes, distributions are reinvested and reflected in the price. Maximum last 10 distributions shown.

