

# Strategic Bond Fund



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Co-Fund Managers  
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## Fatima Luis biography

Fatima has over 14 years of investment experience and is Head of UK High Yield Credit. She is also the lead manager of the Strategic Bond and Maximum Income Bond Funds. Fatima has an MA from the London School of Economics and a BA in International Relations from Wheaton College, Massachusetts.

## Rebecca Seabrook biography

Rebecca has over 14 years of investment experience and is co-Head of UK Credit. She joined F&C in 2001 from Rothschild Asset Management. Rebecca has a BA in Accounting and Finance from the University of Wales and is a member of UK Society of Investment Professionals.

## Key details

Fund Type	OEIC
Sector	IMA £ Strategic Bond
Benchmark	£ Strategic Bond Median
Average annual return	2.12%
Launch Date	08 Feb 2000
Fund Size	£213.86m
Currency	Sterling
Year End	31 Dec
Distribution Policy	Monthly
Payment Dates	31 Jan
Front End Fee	5.00%
Management Fee	1% p.a.
Minimum Investment	£1,000.00
Net TER (Inc/Acc)	0.92% / 0.91%
Gross distribution yield	5.80%
Fund Price(inc/acc)	97.11p / 154.80p
Sedol : SC1 (inc)	3314515
Sedol : SC1 (acc)	3314526
ISIN : SC1 (inc)	GB0033145151
ISIN : SC1 (acc)	GB0033145268
Price listed	Financial Times, Daily Telegraph

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## Fund overview

The Fund aims to provide a high monthly income by investing in corporate bonds and other fixed interest securities. The Fund has the ability to significantly alter its weighting between lower risk investment grade bonds and high yield bonds. The more positive the outlook for the economy, the higher the weighting to high yield bonds and vice versa. Surprisingly, there are not that many bond funds available to investors that can do this, most are focused solely on investment grade or high yield bonds.

Fixed income investment lies at the very heart of F&C, providing us with a breadth and depth of experience. In bond markets size matters - F&C is one of the largest fixed interest managers in the City. One of the key strengths of F&C is its research capability and the use of our own proprietary investment model. The only way to make clear and informed investment decisions is to undertake detailed, proprietary, fundamental research of companies we are considering for inclusion in the Fund. Bottom up analysis and the assessment of the balance sheet and the franchise value of each business being considered plays a crucial role in stock evaluation. In particular, we look for companies that are able to pay their coupon throughout the lifetime of the bond and which can demonstrate improving credit fundamentals

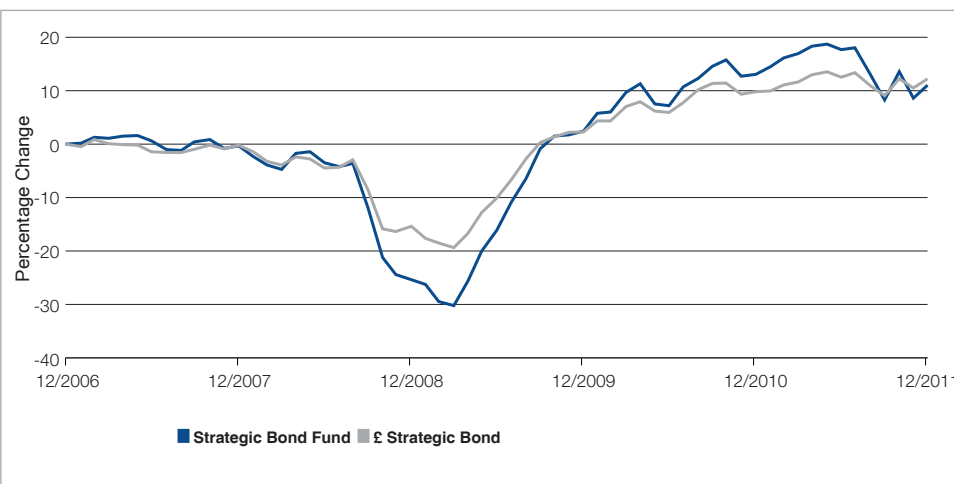
## Standardised performance % as at 31.12.11

	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011
Fund	-0.33	-25.12	37.27	10.37	-1.79
Benchmark	-0.33	-15.97	26.78	8.50	1.17

## Cumulative performance %

	1 Mth	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs*
Fund	2.24	-1.79	-1.79	48.78	11.04
Benchmark	1.47	1.17	1.17	37.08	12.48

## Fund Performance over 5 Years

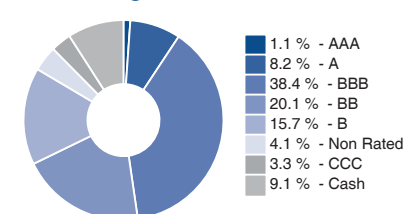


Past performance is not a guide to the future performance. Source: Lipper, percentage growth total return in Sterling, with no initial charges. For past performance data, updated quarterly, for the full range of F&C funds visit [www.fandc.com](http://www.fandc.com). \* This figure reflects funds that have been in this sector for the full five year period. This differs from the chart above which shows sector performance including funds that have been in the sector for five years or less

## Top ten holdings

Holdings	%
Paragon Grp 7% 2017	1.77%
Tesco Property Finance	1.68%
Southern Gas FRN 15	1.40%
Wind Acquisition 7.375% 2018	1.36%
Credit Suisse 6.875 29/06/49	1.23%
RSA Insurance 9.375% 20/05/39	1.21%
Rexam 6.75% 29/06/67	1.18%
Imperial 8.125% 24	1.17%
Barclays 4.875% 29/12/49	1.15%
Premiertel 6.175 32B	1.04%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13.19%</b>

## Credit rating breakdown



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