

# THE STERLING CONSERVATIVE ULTRA SHORT ESG FUND

AS OF MARCH 2021

## Investment Objective

The Sterling Conservative Ultra ESG Fund seeks to provide yield in excess of money market funds with lower volatility than short duration bond funds. It strives to maintain a target duration of 0.5 years and is intended for investors with an investment time horizon of three to nine months. Based on proprietary fundamental research the Fund invests in higher quality Sterling denominated investment grade government, corporate and asset backed securities with a maximum duration of three years and applies exclusionary ESG screens whilst integrating sustainability into the investment process.



## FUND OVERVIEW

Domicile	Ireland
Legal Structure	ICVC
Regulatory Structure	UCITS
Currencies Offered	GBP
Distributions	Accumulating
Total Fund Assets	178m GBP
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays Sterling Gilt/Bills 0-12 months Total Return Unhedged GBP
Fund Launch Date	6 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
Share Class Launch Date	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Bloomberg Ticker	THUSETG
ISIN	IE00BN71NZ26
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Dealing Deadline	2pm Irish Time
Settlement	T+2
Fund Rating; Fitch	AAf/S1
Portfolio Manager	Daniel Farrell

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## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Yield to Maturity (%)	0.56
WAM	269
WAL	346
Modified Duration (Years)	0.75
Spread Duration	0.89
MSCI ESG Weighted Avg. Rating	5.35

## UN SDG ALIGNMENT

Aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) 3, 7 & 16.



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## INSTRUMENT ALLOCATION %

	Fund
Agency	15.5%
Supranational	0.5%
Industrial	19.3%
Utility	12.0%
Financial Industries	35.4%
ABS	5.9%
Covered	8.1%
Other	3.3%

## CREDIT RATING ALLOCATION %

	Fund
AAA	8.3%
AA+	1.9%
AA	3.1%
AA-	8.8%
A+	14.9%
A	9.3%
A-	11.0%
BBB+	13.7%
BBB	8.5%
BBB-	0.0%
A1+ (Short Term)	4.9%
A1 (Short Term)	6.5%
A2 (Short Term)	0.0%
NR	9.1%

## MATURITY ALLOCATION %

	Fund
0-15 days	3.0%
16-30 days	3.9%
31-60 days	3.6%
61-97 days	10.4%
98-180 days	17.8%
181-270 days	8.3%
271-366 days	6.9%
367 days – 2 Years	29.3%
2 Years – 3 Years +	16.8%



## ESG EXCLUSIONS

ESG Screen	# of Issuers
Tobacco	1
UN Global Compact	3
Weapons	5
Coal	1
Combined Basket	8

From the universe of all investment grade bonds with zero to three years maturity (whilst excluding money market instruments)

## MSCI ESG RATING ALLOCATION %

	Fund
Leaders	32.8%
Average	29.4%
Laggards	28.9%
Unrated	8.9%

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