# MONTLAKE ALPHA FIXED INCOME UCITS FUND

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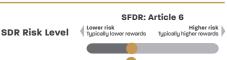


# USD Institutional (FIUI) share class NAVps: \$105.28

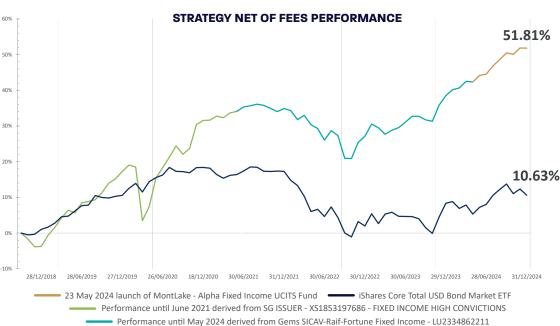
Country Registrations:







CARACT	ERISTICS
Legal Structure	UCITS - ICAV
Domicile	Ireland
Custodian / Depositary	Northern Trust
Administrator & Transfer Agent	Northern Trust International Fund Administration
Management Company	Waystone Fund Management (IE) Limited
Auditor	KPMG - Ireland
Investment Manager	Fortune Financial Strategies S.A.
Portfolio Manager	Simon Khalili
Share class type	USD Insti. (FIUI)
ISIN - Sedole	IE000RDB0I49 - BRPS289
Fund Launch Date	23 May 2024
Valuation Frequency	Daily
Subscription & Redemptions	Daily T+1
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.69%
Management & Performance fee	0.45% & 10% HWM above hurdle (SOFR)
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### MONTHLY NET % PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION

Historical performance is not an indicator of current or future performance. Performance data does not take into account the commissions and costs charged on the issue and redemption of units.

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD	CUM
2024	1.22%	0.35%	1.32%	-0.10%	1.27%	0.27%	1.59%	1.20%	1.26%	-0.28%	1.19%	-0.02%	9.64%	51.81%
2023	2.71%	-0.53%	-1.68%	0.87%	0.07%	1.67%	1.03%	-0.18%	-0.34%	-0.31%	3.47%	1.91%	8.92%	38.43%
2022	-0.27%	-1.89%	-0.33%	-0.90%	-1.49%	-1.40%	1.64%	-0.38%	-5.65%	0.06%	3.27%	1.71%	-5.76%	27.10%
2021	0.12%	0.85%	-0.57%	1.28%	0.40%	0.81%	0.23%	0.04%	0.47%	-1.03%	-0.43%	0.39%	2.56%	34.86%
2020	1.85%	-0.45%	-13.99%	6.81%	5.97%	2.10%	2.95%	2.57%	-1.70%	1.19%	5.44%	0.77%	12.49%	31.49%
2019	3.79%	2.71%	1.70%	2.07%	-0.74%	2.60%	0.71%	0.11%	1.82%	2.21%	1.25%	1.46%	21.48%	16.89%
2018									0.00%	-1.65%	-2.21%	0.05%	-3.78%	-3.78%

# ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

The Prospectus is in English & the PRIIPs

are in EN, PT, ES, DE, FR, IT

Consolidated AUM of Fortune Group	2,287,643,813 USD
Strategy AUM	530,628,085 USD
Montlake Alpha Fixed Income UCITS	130,980,728 USD

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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Performance since inception to June 2021 derived from the Certificate - SG ISSUER - XS1853197686 - FIXED INCOME HIGH CONVICTIONS

June 2021 to May 2024 from Gems SICAV-Raif-Fortune Fixed Income- LU2334862211

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# TRACK RECORD STATISTICS

	Sharpe 1Y	Sortino 1Y	Vol 1Y	YTD	1 M	3 M	6 M	12 M	3 Y	5Y	Since Inception <sup>(a)</sup>	Annualized return <sup>(a)</sup>
Montlake Alpha Fixed Income UCITS	2.49	2.75	2.41%	9.64%	-0.02%	0.88%	5.03%	9.64%	11.21%	31.63%	51.85%	7.05%
Benchmark	(0.39)	(0.37)	5.28%	2.11%	-1.52%	-2.75%	2.37%	2.11%	-5.29%	1.12%	10.63%	1.80%

<sup>(</sup>a) - Performance since the inception of the strategy.

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY DESCRIPTION**

The Montlake Alpha Fixed Income UCITS Fund focuses on investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed income related securities with return enhancing strategies. The fund maintains an average investment grade rating at the issue level at all times. The main goal of the fund is to seek alpha through capital gains & carry. Portfolio construction is benchmark agnostic and based on a top-down diversified allocation approach. The Investment Manager allocates to a minimum of 50 positions at any given time. Fund objectives include extracting an average spread of 300 basis points all. Our approach is to select "national champions" (mainly investment grade, developed markets).

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### **MONTHLY REVIEW**

December was a challenging month for fixed income markets. The US 10-year yield ended the month at 4.5690%, up 39 basis points from the end of November. Similarly, the US 2-year yield rose by 8 basis points, finishing the month at 4.2416%. As a result, the yield curve steepened, with the spread between the 10-year and 2-year yields increasing by 31 basis points compared to November. This movement was driven by expectations of potential measures(tariffs and tax cut) that might be announced by Donald Trump once he takes office. However, the primary driver was the Federal Reserve's hawkish stance. In mid-December, the Fed cut rates by 25 basis points but signaled that further cuts in January are unlikely. Currently, the market is pricing in only two additional 25-basis-point rate cuts by the end of

On the derivatives side, our portfolio ended the month nearly flat. Gains were generated from the steepening of yield curves in the US, Europe, and Canada, as well as from FX carry trades favoring long positions in USD, BRL, and MXN against CHF and JPY. However, these gains were offset by losses from the long German 10-year yield versus short Japanese 10-year yield position, and from long positions in the short end of the curve in both Europe and the US. At the end of the month, we closed our long positions against the USD and shifted to short USD, as we believe the market has already priced in the impact of tariffs.

## MONTH TO DATE SECTOR PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

	Allocation	NAV Contribution	Return by Sector	Benchmark Return		ING <sup>®</sup>
Total	100.00%	-0.02%	-0.19%	-1.33%	AAA	21.64%
Financials Non - AT1	31.92%	0.04%	0.11%	-2.13%	А	1.10%
Corporate Non-Investment Grade	9.81%	-0.08%	-0.78%	-0.43%	A-	1.63%
Financials European - AT1s	9.75%	0.10%	1.00%	0.38%	BBB+	4.76%
MBS Danish Mortgage	8.42%	0.01%	0.12%	-1.74%	ВВВ	16.76%
Sovereign - US Short Term (up to 2yrs)	7.80%	0.02%	0.23%	0.39%	BBB-	25.23%
Sovereign - Non US Investment Grade	7.68%	-0.11%	-1.49%	-2.49%	BB+	15.51%
Corporate Investment Grade	7.60%	-0.06%	-0.79%	-1.94%	ВВ	9.70%
Sovereign - Non US Non-Investment Grade	e 7.56%	-0.06%	-0.84%	-1.90%	BB-	1.97%
Sovereign - US Long-Term (above 7Yrs)	3.15%	-0.03%	-0.94%	-1.54%	CCC	1.69%
■ Interest Rate Derivatives	1.02%	0.17%	-	-		

TOP 3 PERFORME MTD	RS	BOND BO	
RESLIF 8 ¼ 07/17/31	6.53%	Financial	52.31%
ARGENT 3 % 07/09/35	5.02%	Government	28.82%
ALVGR 2 % PERP	2.95%	Utilities	4.84%
(b) Source: Average rating of the 3 agencies, when available. If only two	0	Basic Materials	4.00%
the average of the 2 will be used, etc. to issue ratings from Moody's, S&P,	This applies	Energy	3.91%
		Other	6.13%

BOND BO		BOND BOO GEOGRAPH	
Financial	52.31%	Europe	41.78%
Government	28.82%	Latin America	26.53%
Utilities	4.84%	North America	23.07%
Basic Materials	4.00%	Emerging Markets	5.35%
Energy	3.91%	*Fully hedged to U	JSD.
Other	6.13%		

# **BOND BOOK SPECIFICS**

Bond	Average Position	1M Bond	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Credit	MTD Return from Carry
Positions	Size	Transactions	Issuer Rating*	Bond Rating*	YTW	Duration	Coupon	Spread	
84	1.19%	83	A-	BBB+	7.18%	6.55	5.19	279.23	0.23%

<sup>\*</sup> Source: Average rating of the 3 main rating agencies, when available. If only two ratings exist, the average of the 2 will be used, etc. This applies to issue ratings from Moody's, S&P, and Fitch.

# **SHARE CLASS SPECIFICS**

Share Class name	Share class currency	Month End NAV	Туре	Minimum investment	Management Fee	HWM Performance Fee	Dividend Distributing	ISIN Code	Bloomberg Code
FIUI	USD	105.28	Institutional	USD 3m	0.45%	10% above risk free rate hurdle	No	IE000RDB0I49	FFSAFUI
FIEI	EUR	100.02	Institutional	EUR 3m	0.45%	10% above risk free rate hurdle	No	IE000C8NA243	FFSAFEI
FIEHI	EUR Hedged	98.84	Institutional	EUR 3m	0.45%	10% above risk free rate hurdle	No	IE000NWSZAG1	FFSAEHI
FIUA	USD	105.02	Advisory	No minimum	0.90%	10% above risk free rate hurdle	No	IE000L995I49	FFSAFUA
FIEHA	EUR Hedged	103.95	Advisory	USD 100,000	0.90%	10% above risk free rate hurdle	No	IE000Z9YV312	FFSAEHA
FICHA	CHF Hedged	100.70	Advisory	No minimum	0.90%	10% above risk free rate hurdle	No	IE000LFCJ698	FFSACHA
FIUNPF	USD	100.52	Advisory	No minimum	1.25%	None	No	IE00028CO2I7	FFSEHAD

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# **GLOSSARY**

#### **Sharpe Ratio**

Was developed by Nobel laureate William F. Sharpe and is used to help investors understand the return of an investment compared to its risk. The ratio is the average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk. Volatility is a measure of the price fluctuations of an asset or portfolio.

#### **Sortino Ratio**

Is a variation of the Sharpe ratio that differentiates harmful volatility from total overall volatility by using the asset's standard deviation of negative portfolio returns—downside deviation—instead of the total standard deviation of portfolio returns. The Sortino ratio takes an asset or portfolio's return and subtracts the risk-free rate, and then divides that amount by the asset's downside deviation. The ratio was named after Frank A. Sortino.

#### Vol (Volatilitu)

Volatility measures how much an investment's price fluctuates over time. Higher volatility indicates greater price swings and potentially higher risk, while lower volatility suggests more stable performance.

#### bps (Basis Points)

Basis points, or bps, are a unit of measurement used to describe percentage changes in interest rates or yields. One basis point equals one-hundredth of a percent (0.01%). For instance, 25 bps equals 0.25%.

#### **SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate)**

The Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) is a benchmark interest rate that reflects the cost of borrowing cash overnight, secured by U.S. Treasury securities. It is widely used as a replacement for LIBOR in financial markets

#### Var (Value at Risk)

Value at Risk (VaR) is a statistical measure that estimates the potential loss an investment or portfolio could face over a specified time period with a given level of confidence. For example, a one-day 5% VaR of \$1 million means there is a 5% chance the portfolio could lose more than \$1 million in one day. VaR is widely used for risk management.

### **HWM (High-Water Mark)**

The High-Water Mark is the highest value that an investment or fund has reached. It is commonly used in performance fee structures to ensure fees are only charged on gains above the previous peak value.

A type of regulatory capital under Basel III, issued as high-risk perpetual bonds or convertible instruments by banks to absorb losses during financial stress. Designed to ensure stability, AT1 can convert to equity or be written down if the bank's financial health declines.

### **Yield to Worst**

Yield to Worst (YTW) is the lowest possible yield that an investor can receive on a bond without the issuer defaulting, assuming the bond is held to its earliest callable date or maturity. It accounts for scenarios such as early redemption, prepayment, or call provisions, which may result in a lower yield than the stated yield to maturity. YTW is a conservative measure used to assess potential downside risk in fixed-income investments, ensuring investors understand the minimum return they might earn.

## **Duration**

Measures a bond's sensitivity to interest rate changes, expressed in years. It estimates how much the bond's price will change for a 1% change in interest rates, helping investors assess interest rate risk.

### Spread

Refers to the difference in yield between two bonds or financial instruments, typically of different credit qualities, maturities, or risk levels. It is often used to compare corporate bonds to risk-free government bonds, indicating the extra return investors demand for taking on additional risk.

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