

# ARCHITAS FLEXIBLE BOND

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Morningstar rating



Based on returns as of 28/03/2024



Morningstar Category

EAA Fund Global Flexible Bond - USD Hedged

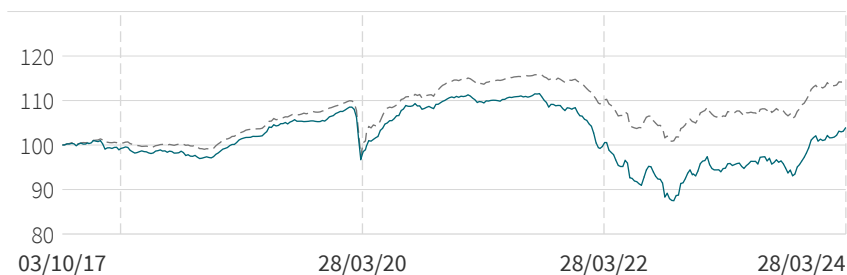
## IMPORTANT NOTES

- This Fund invests primarily in a diversified range of fixed income investments, in particular, by way of investment in other collective investment schemes.
- This Fund is subject to the following key risk factors: risk relating to dynamic asset allocation, risk of investing in other collective investment schemes, index fund risk, fixed income risk (including credit risk, interest rate risk, lower rated or unrated securities risk, downgrading risk and credit rating risk), Eurozone risk, emerging markets risk, valuation risk, currency risk, Renminbi currency and conversion risk, and risks associated with distribution effectively and/or directly out of capital.
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- Before you decide to invest, make sure the intermediary has explained to you that the Fund is suitable for you.

## Investment Objective and Policy Summary

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to achieve a return for investors over the medium to long term based on a combination of capital growth and income and with a low to medium volatility level mainly through exposure to a diversified range of fixed income sub-asset classes. The fund intends to hold a minimum of 50% and less than 100% of its Net Asset Value in Collective Investment Schemes (CIS). The CIS in which the Fund will invest will have a range of underlying investments which may reflect exposure to fixed income securities, money market instruments, financial derivative instruments, financial indices and/or currencies. In addition to investment in CIS, the Fund may invest directly in fixed income securities (including convertible bonds). Investments will be made following qualitative and quantitative assessments that are determined by the Manager and based on the Manager's views as to an appropriate allocation strategy.

## Performance (%) as at 28/03/2024



— Architas Flexible Bond Retail Class R (USD) Units

- - - EAA Fund Global Flexible Bond - USD Hedged

Cumulative performance (%)	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 years	5 Years	Inception
Portfolio	1.7	1.9	1.9	9.1	-5.2	2.4	3.9
Peer Group	1.0	1.1	1.1	7.4	0.7	11.4	14.6

Discrete performance (%)	01/04/23-31/03/24	01/04/22-31/03/23	01/04/21-31/03/22	01/04/20-31/03/21	01/04/19-31/03/20
Portfolio	9.1	-5.5	-8.0	10.3	-2.1
Peer Group	7.4	-3.2	-3.1	12.7	-1.9

Since Fund Inception(monthly returns)	Portfolio	Peer Group
Volatility (%)	6.79	5.47
Sharpe Ratio	0.20	0.41
Positive Months	43	45
Negative Months	34	32
Max Drawdown (%)	-20.92	-12.56
Max Gain (%)	17.83	16.84

Source: State Street Banque SA. Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance. Total return figures are calculated on a single pricing basis with net income (dividends) reinvested. Performance figures are shown in USD unless otherwise specified. Performance figures are net of all fees. Transaction costs are included for the period shown but may differ in the future as these costs cannot be determined with precision in advance.

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### FUND FACTS

AS AT 28/03/2024

#### Fund data

Launch date	03.10.2017
Fund size (\$m)	42.17
Base Currency <sup>1</sup>	USD
Fund Price <sup>1</sup>	103.89
Legal Structure	A sub-fund of a Unit Trust

#### Retail Class R(USD)

ISIN	IE00BZ122929
AMC <sup>2</sup> /OCF <sup>3</sup>	0.95%/1.45%

#### Retail Class R Distribution (USD)

ISIN	IE000BH4G066
AMC <sup>2</sup> /OCF <sup>3</sup>	0.40%/0.90%
Distribution Frequency <sup>4</sup>	Monthly
Distribution Yield <sup>5</sup>	5.72

<sup>1</sup> Fund information is for Retail Class R.

<sup>2</sup> The Annual Management Charge (AMC), is a charge taken from the fund. The charge is expressed as a percentage per annum but is normally taken daily from the fund and is calculated based on the value of funds under management. Normally the fund manager reserves the right to review the level of charge.

<sup>3</sup> The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) and other operating costs. If the investment is not denominated in your local currency this product is subject to exchange rate risk. The OCF equals the All-In Fee payable to the Manager which is currently fixed and captures all the ongoing operating fees and charges (including those of the underlying CIS) payable by the Fund. In case the actual ongoing operating fees and charges exceeds the amount of All-In Fee, the excess will be borne by the Manager.

<sup>4</sup> The Fund aims to pay dividend on a regular basis.

<sup>5</sup> The Distribution Yield refers to annualized yield of the distribution for the current month =  $(1 + \text{Dividend Yield})^{\text{Dividend Frequency}} - 1$ . Dividends are not guaranteed. Actual dividend is subject to the Manager's discretion.

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## FUND MANAGER(S)



**Niall Mc Donnell**  
Senior Investment  
Manager

## COMMENTARY

Markets moved into line with Fed projections of three rate cuts in 2024. The BoJ finally exited its negative interest rate policy, as well as bond market yield curve control.

The 10 year US Treasury yield closed at 4.20%, down 4 bps over the month, while the German Bund yield fell 12 bps to 2.30%. Corporate bonds outperformed, with credit spreads at the tightest level in over two years.

Global bond markets generated positive returns in March. Interest rates marginally declined with market expectation of future rate cuts remaining prominent. Investment grade outperformed Government bonds and High Yield for the month. Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt Hard Currency was the leading contributor to performance for the period driven as EMD outperformed other elements of fixed income during the month. AXAWF Asian High Yield Bonds lagged behind other holdings for the period.

## TOP HOLDINGS AS AT 28/03/2024

Name	%
Neuberger Berman EM Debt Hard Currency Fund	16.44
BlackRock Global High Yield Sustainable Credit Screened Fund	15.07
Barings Global High Yield Bond Fund	12.94
AXA World Funds Global Emerging Markets Bonds	11.40
Capital Group Global Corporate Bond Fund	10.14
PineBridge Asia Pacific Investment Grade Bond Fund	5.77
UBS Asian Investment Grade Bonds Sustainable	5.18
Robeco Capital Growth Global Credits Funds	4.84
iShares EM Government Bond Index Fund	4.78
iShares JP Morgan ESG EM Bond UCITS ETF	4.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>91.32</b>
<b>Total number of holdings</b>	<b>15</b>

## LATEST DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION (DISTRIBUTION CLASS ONLY)

Trade date	Dividend per unit (USD)	Annualized dividend rate*
13/10/2023	0.50	3.66
14/11/2023	0.50	4.22
14/12/2023	0.50	4.61
15/01/2024	0.50	4.57
15/02/2024	0.50	5.18
14/03/2024	0.50	5.72

\* Annualized Dividend Rate refers to annualized yield of the distribution. The formula used to calculate this is: Annualized Dividend Rate = (1 + Monthly Dividend Yield) ^ Dividend Frequency - 1. Dividends are not guaranteed. Actual dividend is subject to the Manager's discretion. More information can be found on the last page.

## KEY FUND FACTS AS AT 28/03/2024

**\$42m**

assets under  
management

**15**

holdings  
spread across  
5 geographical  
regions

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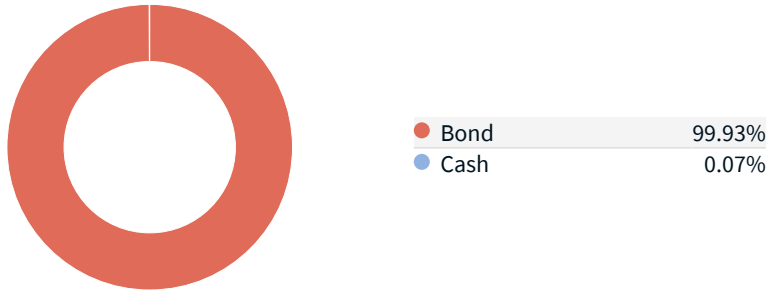
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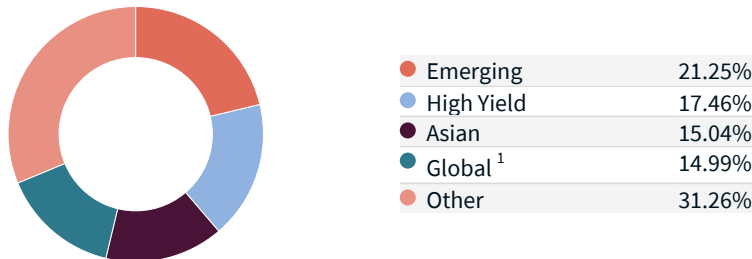


## ALLOCATION AS AT 28/03/2024

### ASSET ALLOCATION



### BONDS TYPE



### KEY RISK

Investment involves risks. The following sets out the key risks. Please refer to the offering document for details of other applicable risk factors.

**General investment risk:** The Fund's investment portfolio may fall in value due to any of the key risk factors below and therefore your investment in the Fund may suffer losses. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.

**Risk relating to dynamic asset allocation:** the Fund may incur greater transaction costs than a fund with static allocation strategy. Dynamic asset allocation may not enable the Fund to achieve the desired results under all circumstances and market conditions.

**Risk of investing in other CIS:** Investing in other CIS involves substantially the same risks as investing directly in the underlying investments, but the total return on such investments at the Fund level may be reduced by the operating expenses and fees of such underlying CIS. The Fund does not have control of the investments of the underlying CIS and there is no assurance that the investment objective and strategy of the underlying CIS will be successfully achieved which may have a negative impact on the net asset value of the Fund.

**Index fund risk:** The Fund may invest in CIS which seeks to track or replicate an index. This exposes the Fund to the market risks associated with fluctuations in the securities comprising the index and the value of securities comprised in the underlying CIS.

**Emerging markets risk:** The Fund which invests in emerging markets may be subject to greater risk of loss than a fund which invests in a developed market.

**Eurozone risk:** Any adverse events, such as credit downgrade of a sovereign or exit of EU Member States from the Eurozone, may have a negative impact on the value of the Fund.

**Equity risk:** Stocks and other equity securities generally fluctuate in value more than bonds and may decline in value over short or over extended periods.

**Small-cap and/or mid-cap company risk:** The Fund may invest in small-cap and mid-cap companies which may involve greater risks than investments in larger, more established issuers.

**Fixed income risk:** The Fund may invest in fixed income securities which expose the Fund to credit risk, interest rate risk, lower rated or unrated securities risk, downgrading risk and credit rating risk.

**Valuation risk:** Valuation of the Fund's investments may involve uncertainties and judgmental determinations.

**Currency risk:** Unfavourable fluctuations in currency exchange rates and exchange rate controls of these currencies will negatively affect the net asset value of the Fund.

**Renminbi ("RMB") currency and conversion risk:** RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. Subscription and redemption of the units of RMB unit class may involve currency conversion. RMB is traded in both onshore and offshore markets. Although offshore RMB ("CNH") and onshore RMB ("CNY") are the same currency, they trade at different rates.

**Risks associated with distribution effectively and/or directly out of capital:** Any such distributions may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per unit.

<sup>1</sup>The Global bonds in this portfolio are bonds from developed markets and are a mix of primarily US, Europe and Japan.

Due to rounding, the figures shown in each of the geographical and sector allocations may not add up to 100% and the allocations may change.

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Global Flexible Bond - USD Hedged funds have the flexibility to invest across a range of bond types and can exhibit significant risk concentrations. Such concentrations may include, but are not limited to, large exposures to non-investment grade and emerging-markets debt. The funds may take unlimited foreign currency exposure as part of their investment strategy and typically hedge their currency exposure back to USD. These funds may also use derivatives extensively to take long and short market and security-level positions; to credit, sectors, currency, or interest-rate sensitivity, though we expect them to remain directional in nature.

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