

RATHBONE HIGH QUALITY BOND FUND

INTERIM REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the fund is to preserve capital and pay an income by delivering a greater total return than the Bank of England's Base Rate + 0.5%, after fees, over any rolling three-year period. There is no guarantee that this investment objective will be achieved over three years, or any other time period. We use the Bank of England's Base Rate + 0.5% as a target for our fund's return because we aim to provide a return in excess of what you would receive in a UK savings account. This is an investment product, not a cash savings account. Your capital is at risk.

INVESTMENT POLICY

To meet the objective, the fund manager will invest at least 80% of the fund in government and corporate bonds with high credit ratings (AAA to A-). The remaining 20% of the fund is invested in investment grade government and corporate bonds with lower credit ratings (BBB+ to BBB-) or bonds with no rating at all. Up to 10% of the fund can be invested directly in contingent convertible bonds. If a bond's rating falls below BBB-, otherwise known as high yield, the fund manager will sell it within six months.

The fund may invest globally but at least 80% of the portfolio will be invested in sterling denominated assets or hedged back to sterling. Derivatives may be used by the fund for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and hedging. The manager may use all investment powers as permitted by the prospectus, outside the ranges described above, to ensure the fund is managed in the best interest of investors in times of market irregularities or stress. The fund may invest at the fund manager's discretion in other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stock lending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted by the FCA Rules.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

When picking our investments, there are three assessments we make. First, we look at the economic environment to determine which industries we want to own and the duration of our investments. Then we use the Four C approach to evaluate creditworthiness. We assess:

- Character: Whether a company's managers have integrity and competence
- Capacity: Ensuring a company isn't over-borrowing and has the cash to pay its debts
- Collateral: Are there assets backing the loan, which reduces the risk of a loan
- Covenants: These loan agreements set out the terms of the bond and restrictions on the company

Finally, we compare prices to determine the best value bonds to include in our fund.

INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

PERFORMANCE

In the six months to 31 October 2024, the Rathbone High Quality Bond Fund gained 2.90%, compared with the Bank of England base rate +0.5%, which rose by 2.81%.

MARKET OVERVIEW

At the start of the period, government bond yields were falling (meaning their prices were rising) as investors grew more confident that longed-for interest rate cuts might finally be on the horizon. But it wasn't until August and September that monetary policy easing finally began in earnest in the UK and the US. Government bond yields tend to fall alongside interest rates. But this time around, yields fell only briefly on relief that rates were heading lower as investors began to re-evaluate whether the Bank of England (BoE) and US Federal Reserve (Fed) would keep cutting at the pace they'd hoped. Indeed, over the period as a whole, the benchmark 10-year government bond (gilt) yield rose from 4.35% to 4.45%. By contrast, the 10-year US Treasury yield fell from to 4.68% to 4.28% over the period, though it reversed course in early November and rose back up again to nearly 4.50%.

Rising levels of government debt seems to have been a key driver behind the spike in longer-term yields. Most major developed countries are struggling to rein in their budget deficits (the gap between government expenses and revenues). And that's led to a glut in the supply of government debt. Supply and demand are key in determining bond prices so all the extra supply is exerting downward pressure on prices. At the same time, investors worry that extra government spending funded by new debt issuance could reignite inflation, meaning central banks will cut rates less and more slowly.

By and large, the broader global economy has proved remarkably resilient in the face of high interest rates. The US in particular has defied gloomy predictions of a looming recession driven by much higher borrowing costs that squeezed

away at businesses and consumers' spending power. A rash of poor jobs data in early August fuelled a pessimistic turn in investors' views on the US economy. But there's since been a punchy rebound in some of the figures, painting a very different picture. Meanwhile, the UK economy continued to hum along quite nicely, while growing more slowly than in the first half of the year.

That has driven growing investor confidence that the global economy will manage to swerve a deep recession that might trigger a deluge of defaults and downgrades, despite the big increase in borrowing costs over the last couple of years. As a result, credit spreads (the extra yields that corporate bonds offer over government debt to compensate for their higher default risks) tightened for much of the reporting period bar a couple of temporary spikes in June and August. The ICE Bank of America Sterling Corporate Bond Index, which measures credit spreads, narrowed from 115 basis points (bps) to 107bps during the period overall.

PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Because of our fund's lower-risk nature, we kept our portfolio significantly less sensitive to changes in prevailing yields than most bond funds ('shorter-duration' bonds). We continued to add to our corporate bonds, while emphasising high credit quality to limit our exposure to any volatility in credit spreads.

Early in the period, French President Emmanuel Macron announced surprise general elections, rattling continental European bond markets. Concerns that the polls could result in the election of a government that might step up public spending, further increasing France's already mighty debt burden, sparked significant volatility in French government bonds (known as OATs) and also the credit spreads of French companies (particularly banks). We don't hold OATs, but we do hold French corporate bonds. Ahead of the polls, we decided to pare back our exposure to French credit risk and sold some of our French bank Credit Agricole 5.375% 2029s.

INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (continued)

In June, we snapped up some newly issued Bank of Montreal 5.125% 2028 bonds that we felt looked attractively priced. At around the same time, we sold some US tractor manufacturer John Deere 5.125% 2028s to buy some Clydesdale Bank 3.75% 2028 covered bonds that offered a higher credit rating.

In July, we also bought some Clydesdale Bank 4.625% 2026 covered bonds. Covered bonds are backed ('covered') by high-quality assets on the issuer's balance sheet (for example, mortgages and public sector lending). This gives investors an extra layer of credit protection because they can be repaid through these asset pools if the issuer can't do so. As a result, covered bonds typically have AAA credit ratings, the highest rating possible. We sold some Swedish bank Skandinaviska Enskilda 5.5% 2026 bonds in July as we felt they looked a bit pricey and preferred the Clydesdale covered bonds instead.

As we explained above, the release of an exceptionally weak US jobs report right at the start of August sparked a really nasty bout of short-lived market mayhem as investors worried that they could signal a looming US recession. Equity markets plunged and investors rushed to buy super-safe government debt, driving US Treasury and other government debt yields to their lowest levels in more than a year. Corporate bonds got caught up in August's equity market sell-off, though the moves were a lot less savage than the huge drops in stock prices. And most of that panicked price action – including the widening in credit spreads – quickly reversed.

We took advantage of the temporary widening in credit spreads to buy some Dutch bank ING 3% 2026 bonds at particularly attractive prices. We also bought some UK insurer Legal & General 5.375% 2045 bonds with an embedded call option; the issuer can call (pay off) the bonds in October 2025. Because we expect Legal & General to exercise that call option, we viewed the bonds as high-quality short-dated credit offering an attractive yield.

In the wake of August's market turbulence, we felt that investors had become over-optimistic about the likely scale and speed of rate cuts and that this had driven up the prices of longer-dated bonds a bit too much. As a result, we pared back our longer duration (more interest rate-sensitive) bonds and sold some of our longest-dated bonds, including some Inter-American Development Bank 4.75% 2029s.

In late September and October, longer-term bond yields rapidly unravelled as stronger economic data made investors re-evaluate whether central banks could continue cutting at the pace many had hoped. At this point, we decided slightly to extend our duration exposure to take advantage of longer-dated bonds' higher yields. For example, we sold some of our Spanish bank Santander 4.875% 2028s in October to buy some of its longer-dated bonds instead.

OUTLOOK

As we've explained above, bond markets have remained volatile over the last six months. That volatility has been most intense at the long end of rates markets. With government borrowing unlikely to slow and big uncertainties about the outlook for inflation and economic growth, those gyrations seem unlikely to go away soon. Our focus on high quality short-dated credit means we can buy bonds offering attractive yields without taking on a lot of duration risk that might imply exposure to the greater price swings that come with volatility in rates.

Stuart Chilvers
Fund Manager

NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES

I-CLASS INCOME SHARES

	31.10.24 pence per share	30.04.24 pence per share	30.04.23 pence per share	30.04.22 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	86.71p	85.95p	90.60p	98.01p
Return before operating charges*	2.69p	4.94p	(1.63p)	(4.64p)
Operating charges	(0.19p)	(0.36p)	(0.35p)	(0.39p)
Return after operating charges*	2.50p	4.58p	(1.98p)	(5.03p)
Distributions on income shares	(2.05p)	(3.82p)	(2.67p)	(2.38p)
Closing net asset value per share	87.16p	86.71p	85.95p	90.60p
*after direct transaction costs ¹ of:	0.01p	0.01p	0.00p	0.00p

¹ Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	2.88%	5.33%	(2.19%)	(5.13%)
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value	£5,288,668	£14,773,652	£9,429,890	£20,511,764
Closing number of shares	6,067,991	17,037,311	10,971,547	22,639,672
Operating charges**	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%

PRICES***

Highest share price	88.99p	88.87p	91.36p	99.18p
Lowest share price	86.72p	84.55p	81.93p	91.22p

** The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP.

*** These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES

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I-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES

	31.10.24 pence per share	30.04.24 pence per share	30.04.23 pence per share	30.04.22 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	99.93p	94.78p	96.90p	102.25p
Return before operating charges*	3.09p	5.53p	(1.75p)	(4.95p)
Operating charges	(0.21p)	(0.38p)	(0.37p)	(0.40p)
Return after operating charges*	2.88p	5.15p	(2.12p)	(5.35p)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.38p)	(4.32p)	(2.89p)	(2.51p)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.38p	4.32p	2.89p	2.51p
Closing net asset value per share	102.81p	99.93p	94.78p	96.90p
*after direct transaction costs ¹ of:	0.01p	0.02p	0.00p	0.00p

¹ Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	2.88%	5.43%	(2.19%)	(5.23%)
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value	£2,357,013	£2,589,799	£2,678,096	£11,905,249
Closing number of shares	2,292,540	2,591,630	2,825,454	12,285,846
Operating charges**	0.40%	0.40%	0.39%	0.40%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%

PRICES***

Highest share price	103.75p	100.64p	97.71p	103.58p
Lowest share price	99.94p	93.24p	88.23p	96.92p

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NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES

S-CLASS INCOME SHARES

	31.10.24 pence per share	30.04.24 pence per share	30.04.23 pence per share	30.04.22 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	88.60p	87.73p	92.35p	99.75p
Return before operating charges*	2.74p	5.03p	(1.67p)	(4.72p)
Operating charges	(0.12p)	(0.21p)	(0.22p)	(0.25p)
Return after operating charges*	2.62p	4.82p	(1.89p)	(4.97p)
Distributions on income shares	(2.09p)	(3.95p)	(2.73p)	(2.43p)
Closing net asset value per share	89.13p	88.60p	87.73p	92.35p
*after direct transaction costs ¹ of:	0.01p	0.01p	0.00p	0.00p

¹ Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	2.96%	5.49%	(2.05%)	(4.98%)
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value	£133,417,077	£143,327,307	£183,307,141	£190,230,851
Closing number of shares	149,694,221	161,777,076	208,953,600	205,999,047
Operating charges**	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%

PRICES***

Highest share price	91.01p	90.81p	93.12p	100.98p
Lowest share price	88.61p	86.32p	83.56p	92.97p

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NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES

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S-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES

	31.10.24 pence per share	30.04.24 pence per share	30.04.23 pence per share	30.04.22 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	103.71p	98.22p	100.26p	105.63p
Return before operating charges*	3.21p	5.73p	(1.80p)	(5.11p)
Operating charges	(0.14p)	(0.24p)	(0.24p)	(0.26p)
Return after operating charges*	3.07p	5.49p	(2.04p)	(5.37p)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.47p)	(4.50p)	(2.99p)	(2.60p)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.47p	4.50p	2.99p	2.60p
Closing net asset value per share	106.78p	103.71p	98.22p	100.26p
*after direct transaction costs ¹ of:	0.02p	0.02p	0.00p	0.00p

¹ Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	2.96%	5.59%	(2.03%)	(5.08%)
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value	£6,249,356	£9,879,219	£13,848,314	£20,201,231
Closing number of shares	5,852,491	9,525,930	14,099,156	20,148,648
Operating charges**	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%

PRICES***

Highest share price	107.75p	104.43p	101.10p	107.04p
Lowest share price	103.72p	96.65p	91.35p	100.28p

** The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP.

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RISK AND REWARD PROFILE

RISK AND REWARD PROFILE AS PUBLISHED IN THE FUND'S MOST RECENT KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION DOCUMENT



Lower potential risk/reward
(Not risk-free)

Higher potential risk/reward

This indicator is a measure of the fund's past volatility (the extent and rapidity of up-and-down movements of the value of an investment). It may not be a reliable indication of the fund's future risk. The risk category shown is not a target or a guarantee and may change over time.

DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

QUARTER ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
I-class shares	1.94%	0.35%	-13.50%	7.94%	7.72%
S-class shares	2.41%	0.51%	-13.36%	8.10%	7.89%
Bank of England Base Rate +0.5%	0.89%	0.60%	1.28%	4.55%	5.76%

Source performance data Financial Express, mid to mid, net income reinvested.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment.

PORTFOLIO AND NET OTHER ASSETS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

Holding (Bonds unless otherwise stated)	Value £	Percentage of total net assets
Corporate Bonds (30.04.24: 79.92%)		
£2,200,000 ABN AMRO Bank 5.25% 26/05/2026	2,207,808	1.50
£1,500,000 Banco Santander 4.75% VRN 30/08/2028	1,485,247	1.01
£1,500,000 Banco Santander 5.375% 17/01/2031	1,503,608	1.02
£1,500,000 Banco Santander 5.5% 11/06/2029	1,505,209	1.02
£2,780,000 Bank of Montreal 5.125% 10/10/2028	2,788,353	1.89
£1,600,000 Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1% 16/07/2026	1,495,721	1.01
£2,500,000 Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 5% 19/01/2026	2,496,803	1.69
£2,200,000 BNP Paribas 6% VRN 18/08/2029	2,262,106	1.54
£1,400,000 BPCE 4.875% 22/10/2030	1,373,445	0.93
£2,000,000 Caterpillar Financial Services 5.72% 17/08/2026	2,026,035	1.38
€3,700,000 Clydesdale Bank 3.75% 22/08/2028	3,220,659	2.19
£2,850,000 Clydesdale Bank 4.625% 08/06/2026	2,841,788	1.93
£1,700,000 Coöperatieve Rabobank 1.875% VRN 12/07/2028	1,569,766	1.07
£2,000,000 Coöperatieve Rabobank 4.875% VRN 17/04/2029	1,985,991	1.35
£900,000 Coventry Building Society 1% 21/09/2025	867,839	0.59
€2,600,000 Coventry Building Society 3.125% 29/10/2029	2,171,466	1.47
£1,500,000 Credit Agricole 4.875% 23/10/2029	1,487,693	1.01
£2,000,000 DNB Bank 1.375% VRN 02/12/2025	1,993,396	1.35
£3,500,000 DNB Bank 2.625% VRN 10/06/2026	3,444,875	2.34
£2,069,000 First Abu Dhabi Bank 0.875% 09/12/2025	1,969,664	1.34
£2,157,000 Goldman Sachs 1% VRN 16/12/2025	2,145,667	1.46
£2,086,000 HSBC 1.75% VRN 24/07/2027	1,964,647	1.33
£3,000,000 ING Groep 3% 18/02/2026	2,921,431	1.98
£2,400,000 ING Groep 4.875% VRN 02/10/2029	2,368,176	1.61
£1,622,000 John Deere Bank 5.125% 18/10/2028	1,640,579	1.11
£2,730,000 JPMorgan Chase 0.991% VRN 28/04/2026	2,676,825	1.82
£1,000,000 KBC 5.5% VRN 20/09/2028	1,008,223	0.68
£2,641,000 Legal And General 5.375% VRN 27/10/2045	2,633,497	1.79
£2,000,000 Lloyds Bank 4.875% 30/03/2027	2,004,590	1.36
£1,500,000 Lloyds Bank 6% 08/02/2029	1,571,960	1.07
£1,900,000 Lloyds Bank 1.875% VRN 15/01/2026	1,886,567	1.28
£2,800,000 Logicor 2019-1 1.875% 17/11/2031	2,626,525	1.78
£1,378,000 London Power Network 6.125% 07/06/2027	1,414,356	0.96
£1,500,000 MassMutual Global Funding II 1.375% 15/12/2026	1,391,937	0.94
£1,500,000 MassMutual Global Funding II 4.625% 05/10/2029	1,478,664	1.00
£1,600,000 Metropolitan Life 4.125% 02/09/2025	1,588,397	1.08
£2,500,000 Metropolitan Life 5% 10/01/2030	2,500,843	1.70
£3,200,000 Motability Operations 1.75% 03/07/2029	2,795,265	1.90
£1,800,000 Motability Operations 4.375% 08/02/2027	1,775,064	1.20

PORTFOLIO AND NET OTHER ASSETS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

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Holding (Bonds unless otherwise stated)		Value (note 1e) £	Percentage of total net assets
£300,000	National Grid Electricity Distribution 5.5% 09/05/2025	300,776	0.20
€2,500,000	Nationwide Building Society 2.25% 25/06/2029	2,060,643	1.40
£2,051,000	Nationwide Building Society 6.125% 21/08/2028	2,120,811	1.44
£2,823,000	Nats En Route 1.375% 31/03/2031	2,224,626	1.51
£2,800,000	NatWest 3.619% VRN 29/03/2029	2,658,877	1.80
£2,600,000	NatWest Markets 6.375% 08/11/2027	2,691,873	1.83
£1,770,000	NatWest Markets 6.875% 17/05/2025	1,778,645	1.21
AUD3,200,000	NBN 1% 03/12/2025	1,564,896	1.06
£1,673,000	Nestle 5.25% 21/09/2026	1,686,147	1.14
£2,000,000	New York Life Global Funding 4.875% 30/04/2031	1,986,475	1.35
£3,278,000	New York Life Global Funding 4.95% 07/12/2029	3,293,247	2.24
£2,000,000	Northwestern Mutual Global Funding 4.88% 12/12/2029	2,004,534	1.36
£1,769,000	OP Corporate Bank 3.375% 14/01/2026	1,737,371	1.18
£2,100,000	PACCAR Financial Europe 2.375% 15/03/2025	2,078,259	1.41
£1,778,000	Pacific Life Global Funding II 5.375% 30/11/2028	1,798,977	1.22
£167,000	Places For People Treasury 2.875% 17/08/2026	159,630	0.11
£1,178,000	Rothsay Life 8% 30/10/2025	1,203,581	0.82
£2,000,000	Royal Bank of Canada 4.875% 01/11/2030	1,972,840	1.34
£1,757,000	Royal Bank of Canada 5% 24/01/2028	1,756,625	1.19
£1,500,000	Santander UK 5.25% 16/02/2029	1,528,762	1.04
£670,000	Telereal Securitisation 1.3657% 10/12/2033	347,975	0.24
£1,489,000	Toyota Motor Credit 5.625% 23/10/2028	1,515,968	1.03
£916,000	Toyota Motor Finance Netherland 4.625% 08/06/2026	910,089	0.62
£2,316,000	UBS 8.75% 18/12/2025	2,385,526	1.62
£2,300,000	Yorkshire Building Society 3.5% 21/04/2026	2,252,007	1.53
		123,109,845	83.57
Government Bonds (30.04.24: 5.74%)			
£4,000,000	KFW 0.75% 07/12/2027	3,578,730	2.43
£3,300,000	KFW 4.875% 10/10/2028	3,348,124	2.27
		6,926,854	4.70
Supranational Bonds (30.04.24: 13.31%)			
£3,600,000	Asian Development Bank 5.125% 24/10/2028	3,687,207	2.50
£3,100,000	Asian Development Bank 6.125% 15/08/2025	3,129,438	2.13
£5,900,000	European Investment Bank 0% 07/12/2028	4,941,840	3.36
£3,000,000	European Investment Bank 3.875% 12/04/2028	2,949,506	2.00
		14,707,991	9.99

PORTFOLIO AND NET OTHER ASSETS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

(continued)

Holding (Bonds unless otherwise stated)	Value (note 1e) £	Percentage of total net assets
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.04.24: (0.04%))		
Buy £2,373,217, Sell AUD4,653,799	1,009	0.00
Buy £7,308,330, Sell €8,693,263	(47,632)	(0.03)
Buy AUD1,643,929, Sell £841,455	(3,486)	0.00
Buy \$3,528,459, Sell £2,697,336	47,451	0.03
Buy £2,693,503, Sell \$3,528,459	(51,285)	(0.04)
	(53,943)	(0.04)
Total value of investments (30.04.24: 98.93%)	144,690,747	98.22
Net other assets (30.04.24: 1.07%)	2,621,367	1.78
Total value of the fund as at 31 October 2024	147,312,114	100.00

SUMMARY OF PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

	Value £	Percentage of total net assets
Investment grade	144,744,690	98.26
Debt securites	144,744,690	98.26
Derivatives	(53,943)	(0.04)
Total value of investments	144,690,747	98.22

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	31.10.24 £	31.10.24 £	31.10.23 £	31.10.23 £
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		1,277,720		(680,376)
Revenue	3,632,581		4,599,705	
Expenses	(213,916)		(273,041)	
Net revenue before taxation	3,418,665		4,326,664	
Taxation	—		—	
Net revenue after taxation		3,418,665		4,326,664
Total return before distributions		4,696,385		3,646,288
Distributions		(3,625,143)		(4,238,664)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,071,242		(592,376)

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	31.10.24 £	31.10.24 £	31.10.23 £	31.10.23 £
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		170,569,977		209,263,441
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	7,239,671		18,080,030	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(31,785,682)		(20,830,490)	
		(24,546,011)		(2,750,460)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see Statement of total return above)		1,071,242		(592,376)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		216,906		292,086
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		147,312,114		206,212,691

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	31.10.24 £	31.10.24 £	30.04.24 £	30.04.24 £
Assets				
Fixed assets:				
Investments		144,793,150		168,809,414
Current assets:				
Debtors	4,094,720		4,864,706	
Cash and bank balances	4,962,095		1,404,232	
Total current assets		9,056,815		6,268,938
Total assets		153,849,965		175,078,352
Liabilities				
Investment liabilities		(102,403)		(63,462)
Creditors:				
Distribution payable on income shares	(1,649,259)		(1,783,033)	
Other creditors	(4,786,189)		(2,661,880)	
Total liabilities		(6,537,851)		(4,508,375)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		147,312,114		170,569,977

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 (and amended in June 2017).

All accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual report for the year ended 30 April 2024 and are detailed in full in those financial statements.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Total purchases and sales transactions for the half year ended 31 October 2024 were £42,308,073 (31 October 2023: £109,078,288) and £68,036,631 (31 October 2023: £108,660,597) respectively.

DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

INTEREST DISTRIBUTION TABLES (PENCE PER SHARE)

First Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2024

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 May 2024 and on or before 31 July 2024

I-class income shares	Income	Equalisation	Paid 30.09.24	Paid 29.09.23
Group 1	1.02	–	1.02	0.84
Group 2	0.65	0.37	1.02	0.84

I-class accumulation shares	Income	Equalisation	Accumulated 30.09.24	Accumulated 29.09.23
Group 1	1.17	–	1.17	0.92
Group 2	0.94	0.23	1.17	0.92

S-class income shares	Income	Equalisation	Paid 30.09.24	Paid 29.09.23
Group 1	1.03	–	1.03	0.85
Group 2	0.53	0.50	1.03	0.85

S-class accumulation shares	Income	Equalisation	Accumulated 30.09.24	Accumulated 29.09.23
Group 1	1.22	–	1.22	0.95
Group 2	0.72	0.50	1.22	0.95

DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024 (continued)

INTEREST DISTRIBUTION TABLES (PENCE PER SHARE) (continued)

Second Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2024

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 August 2024 and on or before 31 October 2024

I-class income shares	Income	Equalisation	Payable 31.12.24	Paid 29.12.23
Group 1	1.03	—	1.03	0.90
Group 2	0.50	0.53	1.03	0.90

I-class accumulation shares	Income	Equalisation	Allocated 31.12.24	Accumulated 29.12.23
Group 1	1.21	—	1.21	1.00
Group 2	0.65	0.56	1.21	1.00

S-class income shares	Income	Equalisation	Payable 31.12.24	Paid 29.12.23
Group 1	1.06	—	1.06	0.92
Group 2	0.46	0.60	1.06	0.92

S-class accumulation shares	Income	Equalisation	Allocated 31.12.24	Accumulated 29.12.23
Group 1	1.25	—	1.25	1.04
Group 2	0.77	0.48	1.25	1.04

Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

This report is approved in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook.

JA Rogers T Carroll
for Rathbones Asset Management Limited
ACD of Rathbone High Quality Bond Fund
20 December 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

AUTHORISED STATUS

The Rathbone High Quality Bond Fund (the Company) is a stand-alone open-ended investment company with variable capital ICVC, incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC002299 and authorised by the FCA with effect from 7 November 2018.

VALUATION OF THE FUND

The fund is valued on each business day at 12 noon for the purpose of determining prices at which shares in the fund may be bought or sold. Valuations may be made at other times on business days with the Depository's approval.

STEWARDSHIP CODE

Rathbones Asset Management Limited fully supports the UK Stewardship Code sponsored by the Financial Reporting Council. Our statement on complying with the Code can be found on our website: rathbonesam.com

BUYING AND SELLING OF SHARES

The ACD is available to receive requests for the buying and selling of shares on business days between 9.00am and 5.00pm and transactions will be effected at prices determined by the next valuation. Application forms for shares (obtainable from the ACD or the Administrator) should be completed and sent to the Administrator. In respect of telephoned orders, remittances should be sent on receipt of the contract note. Contract notes confirming transactions will be issued by the close of business on the next business day after the dealing date. Purchasers of shares are required to enter their registration details on the form supplied with their contract note. Once shares are paid for these details will be entered on the share register.

Shares can be sold by telephone, fax or letter followed by despatch to the Administrator of the authorisation to sell duly completed by all shareholders.

In the absence of clear written instructions signed by all the registered holders, a Form of Renunciation will be sent out together with their purchase contract note. This will need to be signed by all registered holders, and returned to our Administrators before settlement can be made. Settlement will be made on whichever is the later of our business days after the dealing date or four days after the receipt of written confirmation.

Shareholders may sell shares on submitting the purchase contract note and a duly executed Deed of Transfer. The issue and redemption of shares will not take place if dealing in the shares is suspended by operation of law or any statute for the time being in place.

The minimum initial and additional investment for S-class shares is set at £100,000,000 or Fund Manager's discretion. Any number of shares may be subscribed, sold or transferred so long as transaction complies with applicable minimums.

The ACD currently receives an annual remuneration for managing the S-class from the property of the fund at the rate of 0.2%.

The minimum initial investment for I-class units is £1,000. Thereafter holders may invest additional amounts to the value of £500 or more from time to time as they wish. Any number of units may be subscribed, sold or transferred so long as transaction complies with applicable minimums.

The Manager currently receives an annual remuneration for managing the I-class property of the fund at the rate of 0.35%.

STATEMENTS

A distribution statement showing the rate per share and your shareholding will be sent half yearly on 30 June and 31 December.

The current value of your shares is shown on a valuation statement, which shows the number of shares bought over the previous six months, the total number of shares in your account and their current value.

Twice yearly on 30 June and 31 December, shareholders will receive a consolidated valuation statement showing, where applicable, their ICVC, Unit Trust and ISA holdings for each fund held.

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

PRICES

Prices are available on our website rathbonesam.com

OTHER INFORMATION

Copies of the Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document, Supplementary Information Document and the most recent Annual and Interim Reports may be obtained free of charge on application to the ACD or seen by visiting their registered office.

The Register of Shareholders can be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Registrar, SS&C Financial Services International Limited, SS&C House, St Nicholas Lane, Basildon, Essex SS15 5FS.

Further copies of this report are available upon request, free of charge, from Client Services Department, Rathbones Asset Management Limited, 30 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7QN.

If you have any queries or complaints about the operation of the fund you should put them to the Compliance Officer, Rathbones Asset Management Limited, 30 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7QN. Any complaint we receive will be handled in accordance with our internal complaint procedures. A copy of these are available from the Compliance Officer.

If you have occasion to complain, and in the unlikely event that you do not receive a satisfactory response, you may direct your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR. Further details about the Financial Ombudsman Service are available on their website at financial-ombudsman.org.uk

ISA ELIGIBILITY

The fund has been managed throughout the year to ensure that it is eligible to qualify and be included in an Individual Savings Account (ISA). The fund will at all times be invested in such a way that the units will constitute 'Qualifying Investments' for the purposes of the Individual Savings Account (ISA) Regulations 1998, as amended from time to time.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in an investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuations in exchange rates which can be favourable or unfavourable. Where the ACD's charge is fully or partly taken out of the fund's capital, distributable income will be increased at the expense of capital which will either be eroded or future growth restricted

OTHER FUNDS

Rathbones Asset Management Limited is also the Manager of the following funds:

Rathbone Active Income and Growth Fund
Rathbone Core Investment Fund for Charities
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund
Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund
Rathbone Income Fund
Rathbone Strategic Bond Fund
Rathbone UK Opportunities Fund

and the Authorised Corporate Director of:

Rathbone Defensive Growth Portfolio
Rathbone Dynamic Growth Portfolio
Rathbone Enhanced Growth Portfolio
Rathbone Greenbank Global Sustainability Fund
Rathbone Greenbank Global Sustainable Bond Fund
Rathbone Greenbank Defensive Growth Portfolio
Rathbone Greenbank Dynamic Growth Portfolio
Rathbone Greenbank Strategic Growth Portfolio
Rathbone Greenbank Total Return Portfolio
Rathbone Strategic Growth Portfolio
Rathbone Strategic Income Portfolio
Rathbone Total Return Portfolio

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FURTHER DETAILS

Should you require further details of this fund or any of the other funds managed by Rathbones Asset Management Limited, a Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document and Supplementary Information Document or an application form for the purchase of shares or units, please write to:

Client Services Department
Rathbones Asset Management Limited
30 Gresham Street
London EC2V 7QN

All literature is available free of charge.
Information is also available on our website:
rathbonesam.com

DATA PROTECTION

Where relevant, Rathbones' privacy notice for clients, together with our relevant terms of business, sets out how your personal data (as further detailed in the privacy notice) shall be processed by Rathbones. A copy of the privacy notice is available on request or on Rathbones' website.

From time to time Rathbones Asset Management Limited may wish to communicate with you with information on other products and services offered by the Rathbones Group. If you do not wish to receive these communications, please advise us in writing at the following address:

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