

# Countrywide Assured DISTRIBUTION BOND FUND (S&P Series)

Factsheet data as of 30 September 2016

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To invest in bonds to achieve high and increasing income with the prospect of capital growth.

## FUND REVIEW

UK equities rebounded in the third quarter from the lows reached after the European Union (EU) referendum, helped by sterling weakness. The bond market gained support from the Bank of England's (BoE's) announcement that it would purchase sterling corporate bonds as part of its wider quantitative easing (QE) programme in response to the referendum result.

The equity portfolio outperformed its benchmark. Positive contributors to relative returns included stock selection in support services, and stock selection and an overweight position in financial services. Stock selection and underweights in technology, hardware & equipment and banks detracted the most at the sector level. At the stock level, an overweight in Micro Focus contributed the most to returns. The stock benefited from upgrades following positive news flow in relation to its merger with Hewlett Packard Enterprise's Software Business Segment. An underweight in ARM was the biggest detractor as the chip designer rose on news it had accepted a GBP 24 billion takeover from Japan's SoftBank.

Further central bank easing was evident in the third quarter, as the shock Brexit vote saw the BoE cut rates and extend QE, while US rate hikes were pushed out into late 2016 and there was speculation that both the European Central Bank and Bank of Japan would add to their extensive QE programmes. In this environment, yields fell sharply and credit spreads tightened. This benefited the portfolio as we continue to favour credit, which is likely to benefit from our assessment that we will continue to remain in a low inflation, modest growth environment.

## FUND OUTLOOK

A weak currency is supportive, but further volatility can be expected until there is greater clarity on the timing and nature of the UK's departure from the EU.

### FUND STATISTICS

Fund launch date	11/97
Fund size (as at 30/09/16)	GBP 4.1m

### PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

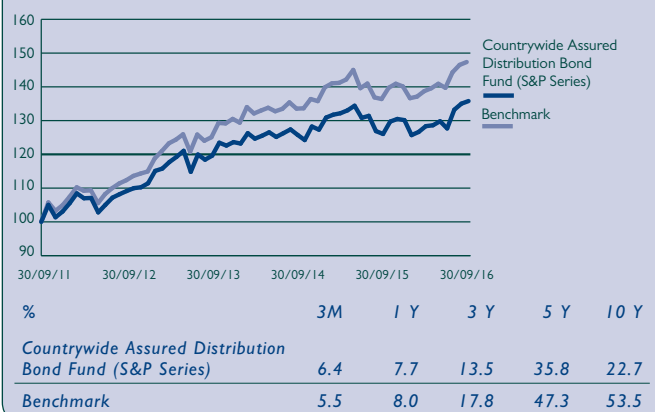
As at 30/09/16	%
JPM UK Equity & Bond Income Fund	81.9
Property Fund	13.4
Deposit Fund	4.7

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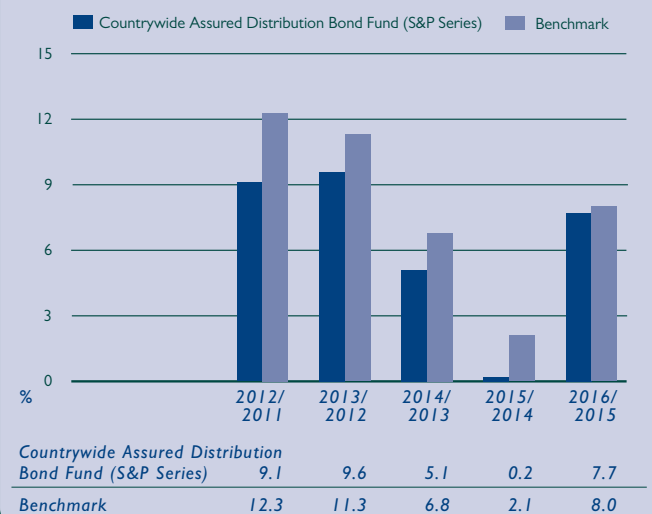
Customised Index

80% JPM UK Equity & Bond Income Fund, 15% Countrywide Assured Property Fund (S&P Series) and 5% JPM Sterling Liquidity Fund.

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (as at 30/09/16)



### ROLLING 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (as at 30/09/16)



Returns calculated on an offer to offer, net income reinvested basis.

Source: J.P. Morgan.



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