This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the fund prospectus and offering documents, including the Key Information Document ("KID") or Key Investor Information Document ("KID") as applicable, before making any final investment decisions. Investors should note that by making an investment they will own shares in the fund, and not the underlying assets.

NEUBERGER BERMAN

# Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund

#### 28 March 2024

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The fund aims to maximise total return through high current income and long-term growth from investments in fixed and floating rate bonds (debt securities) under varying market environments and with a focus on downside protection. The fund will invest primarily in debt securities issued by US corporations or by the US government and its agencies. Investments may be made in investment grade, high yield or unrated debt securities. Investment grade refers to sovereign and corporate bond issuers with a higher credit rating. High yield bonds have a lower credit rating because they carry a greater risk of not being paid back. High yield bonds typically offer a higher income to make them attractive to investors.

#### **MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Ashok Bhatia

Senior Portfolio Manager Brad Tank^

Senior Portfolio Manager

**Jon Jonsson** Senior Portfolio Manager

# **FUND FACTS**

Inception Date (Fund)	26 April 2013
Base Currency (Fund)	USD
Fund AUM (USD million)	2755.23
Domicile	Ireland
Vehicle	UCITS
Valuation	Daily
Settlement (Subscription)	T+3
Trading Deadline	15:00 (Dublin Time)
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland
Benchmark	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index (Total Return, USD)

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE Past performance does not predict future returns.



This chart shows how an investment of USD 100 in the fund on its inception date would have performed and compares it against how a hypothetical investment of USD 100 in the Benchmark(s) would have performed.

PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1m²	3m <sup>2</sup>	YTD <sup>2</sup>	1y²	3y³	5y³	10y³	<b>SI</b> <sup>3,4</sup>
USD A Accumulating Class	0.98	0.08	0.08	4.67	-0.35	2.18	-	2.31
Benchmark (USD)	0.92	-0.78	-0.78	1.70	-2.46	0.36	-	1.15

12 MONTH PERIODS (%)									Mar22 Mar23	
USD A Accumulating Class	-	-1.88	6.16	2.57	2.60	-5.15	18.68	-1.77	-3.76	4.67
Benchmark (USD)	-	1.96	0.44	1.20	4.48	8.93	0.71	-4.15	-4.78	1.70
CALENDAR (%)	2015⁵	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	20246
USD A Accumulating Class	-2.50	5.33	6.23	-3.02	9.45	7.51	2.17	-10.61	8.27	0.08
Benchmark (USD)	-0.34	2.65	3.54	0.01	8.72	7.51	-1.54	-13.01	5.53	-0.78

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benchmark constituents in the selection of securities and may not hold all or many of the benchmark's components.

1Performance to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception.

2Returns for these periods are cumulative.

3Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

4Returns from 11 February 2015 to latest month end

5Data shown since the share class inception date.

6Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Fund performance is representative of the USD A Accumulating Class and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund should note that returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. **Fund performance does not take account of any commission or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares**.

#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

	Fund	Bmrk
Duration (years)	4.59	6.28
Number of Securities	1,349	13,530
Number of Issuers	682	2,310
Average Credit Quality	A+	AA
Yield to Worst (%)	5.86	4.83
Yield to maturity (%)	5.91	4.84

#### SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
Emerging Market Debt	4.48	1.41
Non-IG Credit	15.35	0.00
IG Credit	18.42	26.96
Securitized Credit	12.06	2.08
Muni	0.47	0.58
Agency MBS	47.78	25.94
Global Gov	0.06	0.00
US Gov	5.75	43.03
Cash & Other	7.91	0.00

The table does not reflect the derivatives and net unsettled positions and consequently, aggregate allocations may not add up to 100%. Negative cash position on a trade date basis is due to pending settlement of certain forward mortgage-backed securities purchases. Net unsettled positions reflect the Fund's mortgage-backed to-be-announced (TBA) transactions and other trades pending settlement. Pending settlement means a transaction traded on or before the reporting date that is anticipated to settle in the following period.

#### **ESG DISCLOSURES**

Investors should note that, relative to the expectations of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, the fund presents disproportionate communication on the consideration of non-financial critteria in its investment policy. The fund complies with the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (the "SFDR") and is classified as an Article 8 SFDR fund. Neuberger Berman believes that Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") factors, like any other factor, should be incorporated in a manner appropriate for the specific asset class, investment objective and style of each investment strategy.

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### **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Market Risk: The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

Liquidity Risk: The risk that the fund may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value. In extreme market conditions this can affect the fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

Credit Risk: The risk that bond issuers may fail to meet their interest repayments, or repay debt, resulting in temporary or permanent losses to the fund.

Interest Rate Risk: The risk of interest rate movements affecting the value of fixed-rate bonds.

Derivatives Risk: The fund is permitted to use certain types of financial derivative instruments (including certain complex instruments). This may increase the fund's leverage significantly which may cause large variations in the value of your share. Investors should note that the fund may achieve its investment objective by investing principally in Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI). There are certain investment risks that apply in relation to the use of FDI. The fund's use of FDI can involve significant risks of loss.

Emerging Markets Risk: Emerging markets are likely to bear higher risk due to a possible lack of adequate financial, legal, social, political and economic structures, protection and stability as well as uncertain tax positions which may lead to lower liquidity. The NAV of the fund may experience medium to high volatility due to lower liquidity and the availability of reliable information, as well as due to the fund's investment policies or portfolio management techniques.

Counterparty Risk: The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction, on the due date.

Operational Risk: The risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems including those relating to the safekeeping of assets or from external events.

Currency Risk: Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund are exposed to currency risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the return on investment. Where past performance is shown it is based on the share class to which this factsheet relates. If the currency of this share class is different from your local currency, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance shown may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency.

For full information on the risks please refer to the fund prospectus and offering documents, including the KID or KIID, as applicable.

### **SECURITY CREDIT QUALITY % (MV)**

	Fund	Bmrk
AAA	5.17	3.50
AA	54.98	72.03
A	6.95	11.92
BBB	14.39	12.51
BB	11.66	0.00
В	8.57	0.00
CCC Rated and Below	1.31	0.00
Not rated	1.02	0.03
Cash & Other	7.91	0.00

Source: Bloomberg Barclays PLC. Bloomberg Barclays credit quality rating is based on the conservative average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch. If Moody's, S&P and Fitch all provide a credit rating, the rating is the median of the three agency ratings. If only two agencies provide ratings, the rating is the more conservative rating. If only one agency provides a rating, then the rating reflects that agency's rating. If none of the agencies provide ratings, the security is considered not rated and may be assigned an equivalent rating by the investment adviser. The table does not reflect the derivatives and net unsettled positions and consequently, aggregate allocations may not add up to 100%. Negative cash position on a trade date basis is due to pending settlement of certain forward mortgage-backed securities purchases. Net unsettled positions reflect the Fund's mortgage-backed to-beannounced (TBA) transactions and other trades pending settlement. Pending settlement means a transaction traded on or before the reporting date that is anticipated to settle in the following period.

# TOP 10 CURRENCY ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
United States Dollar	96.43	100.00
Euro	1.64	0.00
British Pound	0.26	0.00
Brazilian Real	0.25	0.00
Hungarian Forint	0.18	0.00
Japanese Yen	0.16	0.00
Romanian New Leu	0.15	0.00
Indonesian Rupiah	0.14	0.00
China Yuan Renminbi	0.14	0.00
Peruvian Nuevo Sol	0.14	0.00

#### **REGIONAL ALLOCATIONS % (MV)**

	Fund	Bmrk
North America	85.33	93.95
Emerging Latin America	4.41	0.73
Europe ex-UK	4.27	2.80
UK	2.14	1.04
Emerging Asia + MEA	1.61	0.46
Asia Pacific ex-Japan	1.02	0.35
Emerging Europe	0.90	0.07
Japan	0.33	0.62

## **TOP 10 HOLDINGS % (MV)**

	Fund	Bmrk
UMBS 30YR TBA CASH 5.5	3.84	0.00
UMBS 30YR TBA CASH 2.5	2.03	0.00
UMBS 30YR TBA CASH 4.5	1.62	0.00
GNMA2 30YR TBA CASH 6.0	1.61	0.00
TREASURY (CPI) NOTE 0.125 15-APR-2027	1.39	0.00
GNMA2 30YR TBA CASH 5.0	1.16	0.00
UMBS 30YR TBA CASH 4.0	1.03	0.00
UMBS 30YR TBA CASH 5.0	0.89	0.00
UMBS 30YR TBA CASH 6.0	0.89	0.00
TREASURY NOTE 1.625 15-MAY-2031	0.88	0.33

#### **RISK MEASURES**

	3 years
Sharpe Ratio	-0.36
Standard Deviation	7.75

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### A SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE

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PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>7</sup>	Inception Date	1m <sup>8</sup>		3m <sup>8</sup>	YTD <sup>8</sup>	1y <sup>8</sup>	Зу	9	5y <sup>9</sup>	10y <sup>9</sup>	SI <sup>9</sup>
AUD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	15-09-2017	0.77	-	0.37	-0.37	2.94	-1.48	3	1.00	-	1.05
EUR A (Monthly) Distributing Class	07-08-2017	0.79	-	0.39	-0.39	2.64	-2.22	2	0.17	-	-0.15
EUR A Accumulating Class	14-11-2022	0.86	-	0.38	-0.38	2.61	-		-	-	4.32
GBP A (Monthly) Distributing Class	15-09-2017	0.90	-	0.01	-0.01	4.32	-0.89	9	1.22	-	0.84
HKD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	15-09-2017	0.88	-	0.06	-0.06	3.64	-0.92	2	1.77	-	1.47
SGD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	31-10-2014	0.84	-	0.40	-0.40	2.99	-1.08	3	1.45	-	1.84
SGD A Accumulating Class	15-09-2017	0.79	-	0.41	-0.41	2.95	-1.10	)	1.44	-	1.21
USD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	31-10-2014	0.89		0.04	0.04	4.72	-0.34	1	2.17	-	2.26
USD A Accumulating Class	11-02-2015	0.98		0.08	0.08	4.67	-0.35	5	2.18	-	2.31
USD A Distributing Class	10-08-2016	0.92		0.08	0.08	4.70	-0.35	5	2.20	-	2.24
Benchmark (USD)	-	0.92	-	0.78	-0.78	1.70	-2.46	5	0.36	-	1.1510
12 MONTH PERIODS (%)	Inception Date	Mar 14 Mar 15	Mar 15 Mar 16	Mar 16 Mar 17	Mar 17 Mar 18	Mar 18 Mar 19	Mar 19 Mar 20	Mar 20 Mar 21	Mar 21 Mar 22	Mar 22 Mar 23	Mar 23 Mar 24
AUD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	15-09-2017	-	-	-	-	2.26	-6.94	18.14	-2.05	-5.17	2.94
EUR A (Monthly) Distributing Class	07-08-2017	-	-	-	-	-0.55	-8.09	17.37	-2.60	-6.50	2.64
EUR A Accumulating Class	14-11-2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.61
GBP A (Monthly) Distributing Class	15-09-2017	-	-	-	-	0.76	-7.44	17.93	-1.86	-4.91	4.32
HKD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	15-09-2017	-	-	-	-	1.84	-5.53	18.79	-1.83	-4.39	3.64
SGD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	31-10-2014	-	-0.87	6.03	2.09	1.54	-6.11	18.23	-1.78	-4.31	2.99
SGD A Accumulating Class	15-09-2017	-	-	-	-	1.56	-6.15	18.30	-1.79	-4.32	2.95
USD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	31-10-2014	-	-1.88	6.05	2.61	2.64	-5.29	18.75	-1.80	-3.75	4.72
USD A Accumulating Class	11-02-2015	-	-1.88	6.16	2.57	2.60	-5.15	18.68	-1.77	-3.76	4.67
USD A Distributing Class	10-08-2016	-	-	-	2.67	2.52	-5.16	18.79	-1.80	-3.77	4.70
Benchmark (USD)	-	-	1.96	0.44	1.20	4.48	8.93	0.71	-4.15	-4.78	1.70
CALENDAR (%)	Inception Date	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	<b>2024</b> <sup>11</sup>
AUD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	15-09-2017	-	-	0.75 <sup>12</sup>	-3.15	8.49	5.94	1.85	-11.58	6.42	-0.37
EUR A (Monthly) Distributing Class	07-08-2017	-	-	0.3612	-5.68	6.17	5.69	1.18	-12.73	5.95	-0.39
EUR A Accumulating Class	14-11-2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.50 <sup>12</sup>	5.87	-0.38
GBP A (Monthly) Distributing Class	15-09-2017	-	-	0.12 <sup>12</sup>	-4.61	7.63	5.75	1.91	-11.37	7.61	-0.01
HKD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	15-09-2017	-	-	0.3212	-3.65	8.72	7.66	2.10	-11.15	7.28	-0.06
SGD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	31-10-2014	-0.97	5.78	5.70	-3.92	8.66	6.62	2.17	-10.99	6.79	-0.40
SGD A Accumulating Class	15-09-2017	-	-	0.50 <sup>12</sup>	-3.88	8.64	6.67	2.10	-10.94	6.73	-0.41
USD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	31-10-2014	-1.82	5.29	6.17	-3.01	9.48	7.55	2.14	-10.63	8.34	0.04
USD A Accumulating Class	11-02-2015	-2.50 <sup>12</sup>	5.33	6.23	-3.02	9.45	7.51	2.17	-10.61	8.27	0.08
USD A Distributing Class	10-08-2016	-	-1.26 <sup>12</sup>	6.12	-3.00	9.59	7.53	2.14	-10.62	8.24	0.08
Benchmark (USD)	-	-0.3410	2.65	3.54	0.01	8.72	7.51	-1.54	-13.01	5.53	-0.78

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8Returns for these periods are cumulative.

9Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

10Data shown since inception of the USD A Accumulating Class.

11Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

12Data shown since the share class inception date.

Where a benchmark is shown, the benchmark shown is provided in the base currency of the fund and therefore may not be a fair representative comparison to the hedged currency share class shown. The difference in the currency exposure and currency fluctuations in an unhedged benchmark may cause an unintended differential in any performance or risk comparison.

A SHARE CLASS DATA

Share Class	NAV	Initial Sales Charge (Max)	Ongoing Charges	Management Fee	Minimum Investment
AUD A (Monthly) Dist	7.91	5.00%	1.16%*	1.00%	1,000
CNY A (Monthly) Dist	97.79	5.00%	1.20%*	1.00%	10,000
EUR A (Monthly) Dist	7.35	5.00%	1.15%*	1.00%	1,000
EUR A Acc	10.60	5.00%	1.16%*	1.00%	1,000
GBP A (Monthly) Dist	7.88	5.00%	1.15%*	1.00%	1,000
HKD A (Monthly) Dist	8.21	5.00%	1.16%*	1.00%	10,000
JPY A (Monthly) Dist	1,002.66	5.00%	1.14%**	1.00%	100,000
SGD A (Monthly) Dist	15.58	5.00%	1.15%*	1.00%	1,000
SGD A Acc	21.64	5.00%	1.15%*	1.00%	1,000
USD A (Monthly) Dist	8.10	5.00%	1.15%*	1.00%	1,000
USD A Acc	12.32	5.00%	1.14%*	1.00%	1,000
USD A Dist	9.82	5.00%	1.14%*	1.00%	1,000

Share Class	Inception Date	Morningstar Category™	ISIN	Bloomberg	VALOR
AUD A (Monthly) Dist	15-09-2017	Other Bond	IE00BRJFZ213	NBSAAMI ID	26026861
CNY A (Monthly) Dist	31-05-2023	Other Bond	IE00BRJFZS74	NBSRAMI ID	26026867
EUR A (Monthly) Dist	07-08-2017	Other Bond	IE00BQR9PJ58	NBSIAEI ID	26658258
EUR A Acc	14-11-2022	Other Bond	IE0004VYIY29	NBUERAA	120393583
GBP A (Monthly) Dist	15-09-2017	Other Bond	IE00BRJFZD22	NBSIGAD ID	38180935
HKD A (Monthly) Dist	15-09-2017	USD Flexible Bond	IE00BRJFZH69	NBSHAMI ID	26026866
JPY A (Monthly) Dist	16-02-2024	Other Bond	IE000YBCW370	NEUBSJA	132973640
SGD A (Monthly) Dist	31-10-2014	Other Bond	IE00BRJFZM13	NBSSAMI ID	26018615
SGD A Acc	15-09-2017	Other Bond	IE00BQSBQV90	NBUSGAA ID	25494826
USD A (Monthly) Dist	31-10-2014	USD Flexible Bond	IE00B7BTH691	NBUSDAD ID	21268975
USD A Acc	11-02-2015	USD Flexible Bond	IE00B87L2R26	NBUSDAA ID	21268973
USD A Dist	10-08-2016	USD Flexible Bond	IE00BD0PCD21	NBUSADU ID	33354501

\*The ongoing charge figure (incl. management fee) is based on the annual expenses for the period ending 31 December 2023.

\*\*The ongoing charge shown (incl. management fee) is an estimate. This figure may vary from year to year.

Some share classes listed are subject to restrictions, please refer to the fund's prospectus for further details.

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Source: Neuberger Berman, Blackrock Aladdin and Morningstar

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