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#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The fund aims to achieve a target average return of 3% over the benchmark before fees over a market cycle (typically 3 years) by primarily investing in fixed income instruments issued in the Chinese local currency markets. There can be no guarantee that the fund will ultimately achieve its investment objective and capital invested is at risk.

The fund invests in bonds (debt securities) issued within the People's Republic of China ("PRC") by PRC government, PRC government agencies or companies which have their head office or exercise an overriding part of their economic activity in the PRC and which are denominated in or are exposed to the currency of the PRC.

## **CHINA FIXED INCOME TEAM**

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## **FUND FACTS**

Inception Date (Fund)	08 September 2015
Inception Date (Share Class)	08 June 2018
Base Currency (Fund)	CNY
Currency (Share Class)	CNY
Fund AUM (CNY million)	186.57
NAV	90.86
Domicile	Ireland
Listing	Ireland
Vehicle	UCITS
Valuation	Daily
Settlement (Subscription)	T+1
Trading Deadline	T-1 15:00 (Dublin Time)
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland
Management Fee	0.65%
Ongoing Charge (incl. mana	agement fee)* 0.85%
Bloomberg	NBCOICD ID
ISIN	IE00BYRGQM22
Morningstar Category™	RMB Bond - Onshore
Benchmark	FTSE Chinese Government

and Policy Bank Bond 0-1 Year Select Index (CNY, Total Return) CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE Past performance does not predict future returns.



Fund — Benchmark

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

PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1m²	3m	2 <b>Y</b> 7	ΓD²	1y²	3y³	5	y³	10y³	SI <sup>3,4</sup>
Fund	0.48	0.79	9 0	.79	1.31	-0.96	0.3	35	-	1.47
Benchmark	0.13	0.60	0	.60	2.28	2.26	2.3	32	-	2.49
12 MONTH PERIODS (%)	Mar14 Mar15	Mar15 Mar16				Mar19 Mar20	Mar20 Mar21			
Fund	-	-	-	-	-	3.10	1.59	-3.25	-0.90	1.31
Benchmark	-	-	-	-	-	2.93	1.87	2.46	2.05	2.28
CALENDAR (%)	2015	2016	2017	20185	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fund	-	-	-	3.49	7.51	0.05	-0.05	-6.13	3.39	0.79
Benchmark	-	-	-	2.08	2.87	1.99	2.60	2.08	2.21	0.60

Effective 25 May 2018 the Fund changed its name from the Neuberger Berman China Onshore Bond Fund to the Neuberger Berman China Bond Fund. Please note that until 3 May 2018 the Fund performance was compared against the J.P. Morgan JADE Broad – Asia Diversified Broad China Index. As of 4 May 2018 the Fund adopted an unconstrained, benchmark agnostic approach, referencing the ChinaBond New Composite Index.

Effective 2 September 2019, the benchmark was changed from the ChinaBond New Composite Index to the FTSE Chinese Government and Policy Bank Bond 0-1 Year Select Index (CNY, Total Return). The fund is actively managed, which means that the investments are selected at the discretion of the investment manager. The fund is not constrained by its benchmark, which is used for comparison purposes only. This change does not affect how the fund is managed.

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

2Returns for these periods are cumulative.

3Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

4Returns from 08 June 2018 to latest month end.

**5**Data shown since the share class inception date.

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

Fund performance is representative of the CNY I Distributing Class and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Investors who subscribe in a currency ofter 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.

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

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China Peoples Republic Of (Government)	38.60
Central Huijin Investment Ltd	11.04
China Development Bank	8.80
China Minmetals Corp	5.51
Lenovo Group Ltd	4.02
TFI Overseas Investment Ltd	4.01
ENN Clean Energy International Investment Ltd	3.77
Guotai Junan Securities Co Ltd	2.77
Huarong Finance II Co Ltd	2.76
Studio City Finance Ltd	2.73

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# CHARACTERISTICSFundTime to Maturity (Years)2.92Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%)4.20Weighted Average Current Yield (%)3.52Duration (years)2.97

## **SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)**

	Fund
Sovereign	38.60
Corporates	57.21
Quasi-Sov	27.20
Financials	11.82
Consumer	5.12
Industrials	4.02
Utilities	3.77
Technology, Media and	2.81
Telecommunications	
Infrastructure	1.88
Transport	0.33
Oil & Gas	0.27
Cash & Equivalents	4.19

## **CURRENCY ALLOCATIONS % (MV)**

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China Yuan Renminbi	70.58
China Yuan Renminbi (Offshore)	27.23
United States Dollar	2.19

# **DURATION DISTRIBUTION % (MV)**

	Fund
Less than 1 year	12.92
1 - 3 years	73.41
3 - 5 years	6.87
5 - 7 years	0.00
7 - 10 years	6.17
15 - 20 years	0.63

# CREDIT QUALITY: ONSHORE BONDS (CHINESE DOMESTIC RATINGS, % MV)

	Fund
Total Onshore Bonds	69.00
Sovereign / Policy Bank	52.94
AAA	14.78
AA+	0.82
AA	0.46
Cash & Equivalents	1.58

This table shows the lowest rating of China onshore rating agencies. Governments, Policy Bank and Local Government Bonds are unrated, but are widely recognised as having the highest credit quality.

# CREDIT QUALITY: OFFSHORE BONDS (INTERNATIONAL RATINGS, % MV)

Total Offshore Bonds	26.81
A	5.64
BBB	18.43
В	2.73
Not rated	0.00
Cash & Equivalents (incl. FX Residuals)	2.61

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.

# **RISK MEASURES**

	3 years
Alpha	-3.39
Tracking Error (%)	3.28
Beta	5.00
Sharpe Ratio	-1.09
Information Ratio	-0.98
R-Squared (%)	0.99
Standard Deviation	3.37

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#### I SHARE CLASS DATA

Share Class	Currency	Inception Date (Share Class)	ISIN	Bloomberg	Fund Price	Last Distribution	Annual Yield
CNY I Distributing Class	CNY	08-06-2018	IE00BYRGQM22	NBCOICD ID	90.86	0.439855	1.95%
USD I Accumulating Class Unhedged	USD	08-09-2015	IE00BYQX7S71	NBCIUSU ID	10.14	-	-

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

Investors who subscribe in a currency different from their local currency should note that the costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.

Before subscribing please refer to the Prospectus.

For a full glossary of terms, please refer to www.nb.com/glossary

Fund price is as of the date of the factsheet. Please note that the last distribution quoted is the dividend payout per share on the relevant share class's last distribution date which varies (monthly, weekly, quarterly, semi-annually) and may be different from the date of the factsheet.

The annual yield figure quoted is the distribution yield, calculated by multiplying the dividend by pay periods, dividing by the net asset value (NAV) of the last distribution date and then multiplying by 100%. It is for reference only and is not indicative of the return of the Fund's future dividend to be received by investors.

In respect of distributing share classes, the Directors of the Company may at their discretion pay dividends out of the capital of the Fund. Dividends paid out of capital amount to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Such dividends may result in an immediate decrease in the net asset value (NAV) of the relevant shares. Dividends are not paid for all share classes and are not guaranteed. A positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return, and some share classes listed are subject to further restrictions. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for further details.

### **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

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.

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

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.

Single Country Risk: Where a fund invests primarily in a single country, it may be subject to greater risk and above average market volatility than an investment in a broader range of securities covering multiple countries.

Counterparty Risk: The risk that a counterparty will not fulfill 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.

**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.

Concentration Risk: The fund's investments may be concentrated in a small number of investments and its performance may therefore be more variable than the performance of a more diversified fund.

**QFII Risk:** The fund's ability to make the relevant investments or to fully implement or pursue its investment objective and strategy is subject to the applicable qualified foreign institutional investor laws, licensing status, rules and regulations (including restrictions on investments and repatriation of principal and profits) in the People's Republic of China, which are subject to change and such change may have potential retrospective effect, as well as inherent risks associated with illiquidity and execution of settlement of securities transactions in the Chinese securities market. Additional risks needs to be considered and you should refer to the 'investment risk' section of the prospectus for details.

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.

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Except for performance, the data shown is for the fund and is not specific to the share class, it has not been adjusted to reflect the different fees and expenses of the

Performance of another share class may vary from the results shown based on differences in fees and expenses, and currency.

Source: Neuberger Berman, Blackrock Aladdin and Morningstar

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