FIDELITY FUNDS **US DOLLAR CASH FUND A-USD**

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REVIEW

30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Portfolio manager: Tim Foster

Performance for 12 month periods in USD (%)



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Market Environment

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Fund Performance

We prioritised security of capital and a strong liquidity profile along with yield enhancement, while adhering to the fund's strict credit quality guidelines.

Flexible approach to interest rate strategy The fund's weighted average maturity (WAM) (the length of time until the average security in a fund will mature or be redeemed by its issuer) was reduced to 28 days. We sold positions with maturities between 7 and 90 days, and raised the exposure to securities with maturities between 0 and 7 days.

Fund Positioning

The fund's strategy remains conservative, with a focus on high-quality issuers. Close to 46% of the fund's net assets are invested in securities rated Aa3 or higher. Liquidity remains high, with 82% of securities maturing within 90 days. Commercial paper and certificates of deposits are still the preferred securities held in the fund.

The portfolio also maintains a high level of global diversification.

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