

# **US dollar Blue Chip**

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### March 2024

Launch date

#### **Zurich fund information** (as at 29/02/2024)

Current bid USD 8.819 Fund size(m) USD 1175.57 (as at 29/02/2024) FE sector Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares ZIL fund management charge\* 1 50% USD Fund currency Fund manager Alex Lyle Investment house Columbia Threadneedle Investments

Crown rating†	<b>ATA ATA ATA ATA</b> ATA		
Risk rating**	3		

## **Top ten holdings** (as at 31/12/2023)

Government Of The United States Of America 1.0% 31-jul-2028	3.5%
Government Of The United States Of America 0.625% 15-may-2030	2.6%
Microsoft Corporation Amazon.com. Inc.	1.9% 1.9%
Government Of The United States Of America 1.0% 15-dec-2024	1.8%
Government Of The United States Of America 3.375% 15-may-2033	1.8%
Government Of The United States Of America 1.375% 15-nov-2040	1.7%
Government Of The United States Of America 0.625% 31-jul-2026	1.5%
Broadcom Inc. TE Connectivity Ltd.	1.5% 1.4%
Source: Columbia Threadneedle Invest	ments

<sup>\*</sup> Please note, this charge is deducted daily before calculating the unit price. This does not include any product charges. For further information on product charges, please refer to the relevant policy terms and conditions.

## Fund objective

The US dollar Blue Chip fund aims to provide the potential for medium-to-long-term growth and invests in equities and a proportion of fixed-interest securities. The risk profile of this investment choice is the middle of the five managed funds.

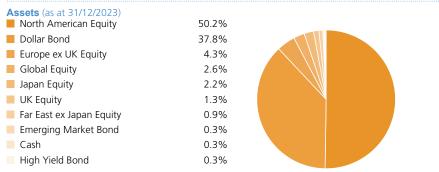
#### **Fund information**

This investment choice is a portfolio internally managed by Zurich on a discretionary basis. The investment policy is overseen by Columbia Threadneedle Investments according to investment mandates set and controlled by Zurich.

#### Fund commentary (as at 31/12/2023)

A sizeable portion of the portfolio is invested in US equities and government bonds, with an emphasis on the former. It was a good quarter for both asset classes. Throughout the period, the US Federal Reserve held interest rates steady at a target of 5.25%-5.50%. However, a continued easing of inflationary pressures and some cooling of the labour market should pave the way for interestrate cuts in 2024. Following their recent strong performance, we realised some gains on US equities, switching a large part of the proceeds into US government bonds. However, we also added to our US equity income strategy. Additionally, within the equity allocation, we reduced exposure to the UK and a global fund but increased continental Europe.

Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments



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Cumulative performance (as at 29/02/2024)								
	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
% growth	1.03%	7.74%	6.93%	11.52%	3.76%	35.78%	67.97%	842.15%
Sector	1.69%	5.91%	6.13%	7.84%	2.06%	19.78%	41.57%	358.22%
Quartile	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	-
Rank	327/443	95/443	174/441	109/431	185/415	60/362	38/227	<del>-</del>

3 year statistical fund data (as at 29/02/2024)				
Monthly volatility	3.52%			
Best 3 month return	14.50%			
Worst 3 month return	-13.29%			

Source: FE, figures to 29/02/2024, bid to bid gross in USD. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Discrete performance (as at 31/12/2023)						
	Dec 18 -Dec 19	Dec 19 -Dec 20	Dec 20 -Dec 21	Dec 21 -Dec 22	Dec 22 -Dec 23	
% growth	20.6%	15.9%	11.5%	-18.5%	12.8%	
Sector	15.4%	6.9%	8.9%	-14.5%	9.3%	
Quartile	1	1	2	4	1	
Rank	54/362	27/384	132/412	320/421	90/431	

Source: FE, figures to 31/12/2023, bid to bid gross in USD. Percentage growth figures are for discrete years, for example Dec 18-Dec 19 equals 31/12/2018 to 31/12/2019. Quartile and rank are based on the FE sector category as highlighted on page 1. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.



28/02/2019 - 29/02/2024 Powered by data from FE

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