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# Neuberger Berman China Bond Fund

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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.

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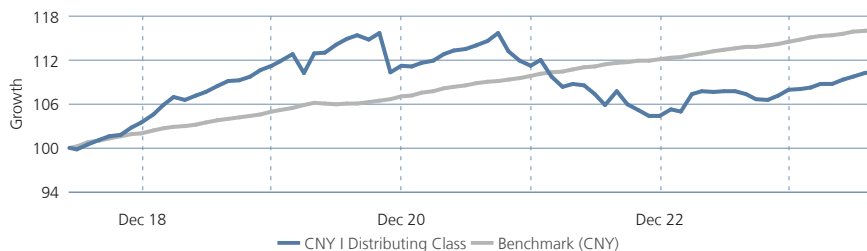
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## FUND FACTS

Inception Date (Fund)	08 September 2015
Base Currency (Fund)	CNY
Fund AUM (CNY million)	186.60
Domicile	Ireland
Vehicle	UCITS
Valuation	Daily
Settlement (Subscription)	T+1
Trading Deadline	T-1 15:00 (Dublin Time)
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland
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.



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>	1m <sup>2</sup>	3m <sup>2</sup>	YTD <sup>2</sup>	1y <sup>2</sup>	3y <sup>3</sup>	5y <sup>3</sup>	10y <sup>3</sup>	SI <sup>3,4</sup>
CNY I Distributing Class	0.16	1.04	2.33	2.93	-1.24	0.24	-	1.61
Benchmark (CNY)	0.10	0.44	1.41	2.08	2.15	2.26	-	2.45

## 12 MONTH PERIODS (%)<sup>1</sup>

	Aug14	Aug15	Aug16	Aug17	Aug18	Aug19	Aug20	Aug21	Aug22	Aug23	Aug24
CNY I Distributing Class	-	-	-	-	8.00	5.75	-0.66	-5.99	-0.44	2.93	
Benchmark (CNY)	-	-	-	-	2.88	2.09	2.76	2.41	1.98	2.08	

## CALENDAR (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018 <sup>5</sup>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 <sup>6</sup>
CNY I Distributing Class	-	-	-	3.49	7.51	0.05	-0.05	-6.13	3.39	2.33
Benchmark (CNY)	-	-	-	2.08	2.87	1.99	2.60	2.08	2.21	1.41

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.

<sup>1</sup>Performance to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception, m – month, y - year. 12 month period based on month end NAVs.

<sup>2</sup>Returns for these periods are cumulative.

<sup>3</sup>Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

<sup>4</sup>Returns from 08 June 2018 to latest month end.

<sup>5</sup>Data shown since the share class inception date.

<sup>6</sup>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 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.**

## TOP 10 ISSUERS % (MV)

	Fund
China Peoples Republic Of (Government)	31.37
Agricultural Development Bank Of China	9.16
China Development Bank	8.66
Central Huijin Investment Ltd	5.48
China Minmetals Corp	5.41
Agricultural Bank Of China Ltd	5.36
ENN Clean Energy International Investment Ltd	2.92
Guotai Junan Securities Co Ltd	2.72
Huarong Finance II Co Ltd	2.63
Lenovo Group Ltd	1.93

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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.

**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 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.

**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.

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**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 these and other risks, please refer to the fund prospectus and offering documents, including the KID or KIID, as applicable.

## CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund
Time to Maturity (years)	2.84
Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%)	2.05
Weighted Average Current Yield (%)	2.78
Duration (years)	2.41

## SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

	Fund
Sovereign	31.37
Corporates	62.23
Quasi-Sov	30.53
Financials	11.98
Consumer	4.87
Technology, Media and Telecommunications	3.60
Utilities	2.92
Industrials	2.89
Infrastructure	1.82
Diversified	1.63
Real Estate	1.59
Oil & Gas	0.24
Transport	0.16
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6.40

## CURRENCY ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

	Fund
China Yuan Renminbi	69.90
China Yuan Renminbi (Offshore)	24.08
United States Dollar	6.03

## DURATION DISTRIBUTION % (MV)

	Fund
Less than 1 year	18.66
1 - 3 years	67.99
3 - 5 years	8.88
5 - 7 years	0.00
7 - 10 years	3.87
15 - 20 years	0.00
20+ years	0.60

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

	Fund
<b>Total Onshore Bonds</b>	<b>70.01</b>
Sovereign / Policy Bank	54.67
AAA	14.50
AA+	0.41
AA	0.43
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>	<b>-0.11</b>

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)

	Fund
<b>Total Offshore Bonds</b>	<b>23.59</b>
A	5.52
BBB	12.70
BB	3.63
B	1.74
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents (incl. FX Residuals)</b>	<b>6.51</b>

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 (%)	-5.17
Tracking Error (%)	3.26
Beta	4.20
Sharpe Ratio	-1.49
Information Ratio	-1.04
R-Squared (%)	0.97
Standard Deviation	3.33

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## I SHARE CLASS DATA

Share Class	NAV	Initial Sales Charge (Max)	Ongoing Charges	Management Fee	Minimum Investment
CNY I Dist	91.34	0.00%	0.85%*	0.65%	10,000,000
USD I Acc. - Unhedged	10.55	0.00%	0.85%*	0.65%	1,000,000

Share Class	Inception Date	Morningstar Category™	ISIN	Bloomberg	VALOR
CNY I Dist	08-06-2018	RMB Bond - Onshore	IE00BYRGQM22	NBCOICD ID	28995371
USD I Acc. - Unhedged	08-09-2015	RMB Bond - Onshore	IE00BYQX7S71	NBCIUSU ID	29254217

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

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

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