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## **INCOME PARTNERS** RMB BOND FUND - CLASS 2

Fund Manager's Report - 29 December 2023

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Record Date: 29 December 2023

Ex-Dividend Date: 1 January 2024

Risk Measures

Annualized Volatility

Fund Characteristics

Modified Duration (years)

Top 5 Holdings<sup>7</sup>: 96.4% of NAV

Average Credit Rating

China Government Bond

China Development Bank

Sinopharm Group

2B Dis (RMB)

Yield in RMB

Payment/Reinvestment Date: 3 January 2024

dividend information for all applicable share classes.

Please see www.incomepartners.com for details of historical

- Income Partners RMB Bond Fund (the "Fund") invests primarily in RMB-denominated fixed income securities issued within the People's Republic of China ("PRC") directly through the Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor ("RQFII") quota of Income Partners Asset Management (HK) Limited (the "Manager").
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- The Fund is denominated in RMB and is subject to RMB currency risk. RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. The Fund invests substantially in PRC bonds issued in mainland China and is subject to the risks relating to PRC bonds such as credit risk, credit rating related risks, risk relating to higher default bonds, interest rates risk, liquidity and valuation risks. The PRC bonds market may be subject to higher volatility compared to more developed markets. Ш. IV. The Fund may be subject to the risks associated with changes in the PRC laws and regulations, including PRC tax laws, and such changes may have retrospective effect. Investment
- in the China market is subject to emerging market risk including political, economic, legal, regulatory and liquidity risks. The Fund invests in PRC securities through the RQFII quota of the Manager. It may not have exclusive use of the entire RQFII quota granted to the Manager. There is no assurance V.
- that the Manager will make available ROFII guota that is sufficient for the Fund's investment at all times.

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- The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments for hedging purposes. There is no guarantee that the hedging techniques will be effective.
- VII. The Manager may at its discretion pay distributions out of the capital of the Fund. Payment of distributions out of capital represents a return or withdrawal of part of the amount they originally invested or from any capital gains attributable to the original investment. Any such distributions may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per unit of the Fund.
- VIII. Investment involves risk. Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results and no guarantee is being made that similar returns will be achieved in the future.
- IX. In making investment decisions, investors should not rely solely on the information in this document and should read the offering document of the Fund for further details including the risk factors. This document does not constitute an offering document.

Share Class	NAV per share²	Dividend per share	Annualized Dividend Yield⁴
2A Acc (USD)	\$103.32		
2B Acc (RMB)	¥100.14		
2B Dis (RMB)	¥96.40	¥0.09	1.1%

Years

1.82%

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks long-term interest income and capital appreciation through investing all or substantially all of its assets in Renminbi ("RMB") -denominated fixed income securities issued within mainland China directly through the Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor ("RQFII") quota of Income Partners Asset Management (HK) Limited or through the Bond Connect scheme.

### TOTAL RETURN<sup>2,3</sup>: CLASS 2B DISTRIBUTION (RMB)



### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE AND CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE\*2

	Share Class	Year-to- date (YTD)	1 Year	3 Years (Annual- ized)	5 Years (Annualized)	Since Inception (Annualized)	2018 <sup>5</sup>	2019	2020	2021	2022	Inception Date (dd/mm/yy)
	2A Acc (USD)	-2.86%	-2.86%	-1.02%	1.06%	0.34%	-1.91%	-0.43%	9.16%	7.15%	-6.84%	04/07/14
6	2B Acc (RMB)	-0.05%	-0.05%			0.12%					0.19%	04/07/14
5	2B Dis (RMB)	-0.05%	-0.05%	2.00%	1.77%	1.84%	3.53%	0.80%	2.03%	4.60%	1.50%	11/07/14

### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE<sup>2</sup>: CLASS 2B DISTRIBUTION (RMB)<sup>6</sup>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	0.01%	-0.50%	0.22%	0.23%	-0.05%	0.43%	-0.40%	0.54%	-0.65%	-0.46%	0.21%	0.39%	-0.05%
2022	0.83%	-0.59%	-0.05%	0.19%	0.50%	-0.28%	0.65%	0.97%	-0.78%	-0.11%	-0.28%	0.47%	1.50%
2021	-0.17%	-0.25%	0.79%	0.49%	0.57%	0.00%	1.59%	0.27%	-0.03%	-0.28%	0.86%	0.69%	4.60%
2020	0.91%	1.74%	1.16%	1.51%	-1.80%	-1.08%	-1.34%	-0.23%	-0.30%	0.37%	0.24%	0.91%	2.03%
2019	0.22%	-0.23%	0.33%	-1.25%	0.46%	0.48%	0.52%	0.44%	-0.25%	-0.61%	0.62%	0.09%	0.80%
2018	-0.15%	0.38%	0.26%	0.69%	-0.38%	0.06%	0.58%	-0.41%	0.08%	0.71%	0.77%	0.90%	3.53%
2017	-0.09%	-0.16%	-0.37%	-0.30%	-0.53%	0.54%	-0.26%	0.31%	0.06%	-0.57%	-0.92%	-0.32%	-2.58%
2016	0.12%	0.07%	0.08%	-0.69%	0.32%	0.60%	0.37%	0.06%	0.15%	-0.01%	-0.90%	-1.39%	-1.25%
2015	0.98%	0.93%	-1.07%	1.07%	0.66%	0.11%	0.97%	0.69%	0.53%	0.78%	-0.26%	0.84%	6.37%
2014							0.00%	0.34%	1.01%	1.02%	0.59%	-0.22%	2.77%

Unless stated otherwise, all data as of 29 December 2023. Source: Income Partners, fund performance is calculated on NAV to NAV basis in denominated currency with dividends re-invested. Performance is presented on a net-of-fees basis. Past performance is not indicative of future results.
1. The award is based on the performance from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022. Any awards won are not indicative of Income Partners' future performance. The awards should not be considered an endorsement of Income Partners by any client. The awards may not be representative of any client's experience. Income Partners may be required to pay a fee to participate in the nomination of the award.
2. This document contains fund performance or NAV numbers which are estimates only and the final NAV may be subject to amendments and further verification by the fund administrator. The fund administrator, rather than the manager, publishes the official fund NAV. Any performance inception as official or final NAV of the fund.
3. The total return chart above shows the Fund's total return performance since inception.
4. Annualized Dividend 'Itelia' [11 + distribution per unit / ex-dividend NAV] of the performance as of 31 December 2018 and is based on unofficial NAV data on 31 December 2018 (which was a public holiday in the PRC).
5. From Augus 2022 converds, the Manager views (Lass 2B (Distribution) Unit as the most appropriate representative unit class, as it is the largest unit class currently offered to the public in Hong Kong, is broadly representative of the Fund's performance and is denominated in the base currency of the Fund.
5. Too 5 Holdings is grouped by issue; the fund administrate fund and Unit essentiate of the Fund.
7. Too 5 Holdings is grouped by issue; the fund administrate for 2021 and 26 August 2022 respectively

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### PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW<sup>8</sup>

### Industry Exposure



### MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

In December, China's 10-year government bond rallied from 2.68% to 2.56%. In mid-December, Beijing and Shanghai eased a series of housing purchase policies including reduced down-payment ratios, eased mortgage rates and relaxed qualifications of 'non-luxury' housing. While Beijing's second-hand housing transactions have not shown a significant change, Shanghai has witnessed a moderate increase in activity following the relaxation. While these recent measures are expected to stimulate short-term housing demand, we do not believe they will have a transformative impact.

In terms of fundamental data, China's December manufacturing PMI came in at 49.0, below expectation of 49.6 and down from 49.4 in November, marking the lowest reading since July 2023. It has stayed in contractionary territory for the third month. With no substantial improvements in property investment and exports, China's industrial production is likely to remain subdued. China's CPI for November was -0.5% YoY, the lowest reading since December 2020, and below market expectations of -0.2% YoY. This muted core inflation reflects ongoing weak domestic demand. Additionally, November's PPI dropped to -3.0% YoY (-0.3% MoM), mainly driven by a decrease in fuel prices. China's exports grew by 0.5% YoY in November, while imports declined by 0.6% YoY. The improvement in export growth can be largely attributed to base effects. In November, China's total social financing reached RMB 2.45 trillion, compared to RMB 2.0 trillion in the same month last year. This growth was primarily supported by government bond issuance, which amounted to RMB 1.15 trillion, roughly double the amount from the previous year. China's retail sales showed strong growth of 10.1% YoY in November, the highest in the past six months. However, when excluding base effects and considering a two-year average, retail sales only grew by 1.8% YoY, the lowest this year compared to 3.5% YoY in October or 4.0% YoY in September. This indicates a notable moderation in momentum within the month.

Looking ahead, we still expect the People's Bank of China to initiate policy rate cuts and/or reductions in the required reserve ratio (RRR) in early 2024, following recent record-high MLF injections. However, challenges such as weak domestic demand, ongoing issues in the property sector, and structural headwinds are likely to persist. Consequently, we anticipate that China's 10-year CGB will trade within a range of 2.5% to 2.8% in the short term.

Regarding the portfolio, we keep the duration similar to the benchmark.

Fund Details						
Base Currency	RMB					
Minimum Initial Investment	2A (USD): USD1,000 2B (RMB): RMB10,000 2C (HKD): HKD10,000 2D (EUR): EUR1,000					
Fees & Charges <sup>9</sup>	Management Fee: 0.80% p.a. Subscription Charge: Up to 5.00%					
Dealing Frequency	Daily					
Dividend Frequency	Monthly (Please information VII)	refer to important				
Portfolio Manager	James Hu, PhD					
RQFII Custodian	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited (ICBC)					
Trustee	Cititrust Limited					
Transfer Agent	Citicorp Financial Services Limi					
Share Class	Bloomberg Ticker	ISIN				
2A Acc (USD)	IPRB2AA HK	HK0000204534				
2A Dis (USD)	IPRB2AD HK	HK0000204526				
2B Acc (RMB)	IPRB2BA HK	HK0000204559				
2B Dis (RMB)	IPRB2BD HK	HK0000204542				
2C Acc (HKD)	IPRB2CA HK	HK0000204575				
2C Dis (HKD)	IPRB2CD HK	HK0000204567				
2D Acc (EUR)	IPRB2DA HK	HK0000204591				
2D Dis (EUR)	IPRB2DD HK	HK0000204583				
Fund AUM	RMB28 million /	USD4 million				

Total exposures may differ due to rounding. Please note the credit ratings exposures shown here use the best rating out of S&P/Moody's/Fitch ratings. Where S&P/Moody's/Fitch ratings for bond holdings are not available, Income Partners' internal credit ratings apply. For other fees and charges, please refer to the offering documents.

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