

Asset Management  
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# CS Nova (Lux) Global Senior Loan Fund EA USD

## Fund information

Fixed income

**2'833'072'447**

Fund total net assets in USD

Share class TNA, USD <b>21'721'664</b>	Share class NAV, USD <b>1'030.75</b>	Management fee p.a. <sup>1</sup> <b>0.55%</b>
MTD (net) return <b>0.40%</b> Bench. 0.83%	QTD (net) return <b>2.51%</b> Bench. 2.52%	YTD (net) return <b>2.51%</b> Bench. 2.52%

## Fund details

Investment Manager	Credit Suisse AM Credit Investments Group
Fund launch date	01.07.2011
Share class launch date	20.01.2015
Share class	EA
Share class currency	USD
Distribution policy	Distributing
Fund domicile	Luxembourg
ISIN	LU0996462098
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	CS Leveraged Loan Index (TR)

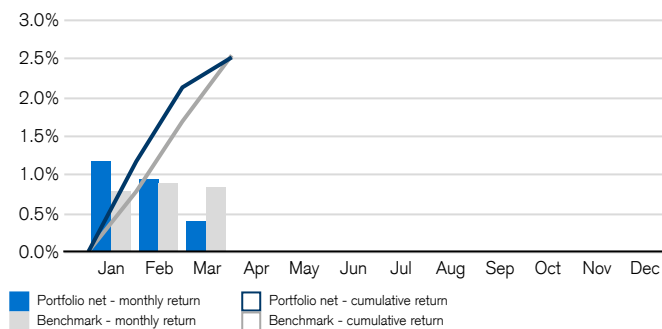
## Investment Policy

The aim of the Fund is to provide a high level of risk adjusted income by investing in higher yielding, secured and unsecured floating rate senior loans and other secured and unsecured senior floating rate debt instruments issued by corporations and other businesses globally. The Fund can also invest in certain derivative instruments. The Fund invests in instruments which are typically rated below investment grade credit quality (BB+ or below) or, if not rated, will be of equivalent credit quality. The underlying portfolio seeks to diversify its investments across issuers and industries at all times.

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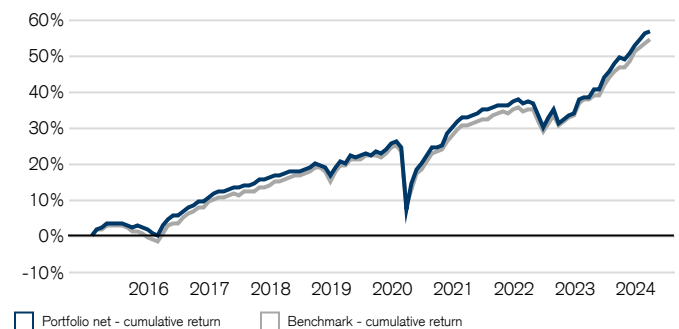
## Performance overview - monthly & cumulative

since 01.01.2024



## Performance overview - cumulative

since 01.02.2015



## Performance overview - monthly & YTD

since 01.01.2024, in %

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Portfolio net	1.17	0.92	0.40										2.51
Benchmark	0.78	0.89	0.83										2.52
Relative net	0.39	0.03	-0.44										-0.01

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## Performance overview

since 01.02.2015, in %

	Rolling Returns			Annualized Returns		
	1 months	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	ITD
Portfolio net	0.40	2.51	13.36	5.69	5.45	5.03
Benchmark	0.83	2.52	12.40	5.82	5.30	4.87
<b>Relative net</b>	<b>-0.44</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>-0.12</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.15</b>

## Performance overview - yearly

since 01.02.2015, in %

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Portfolio net	1.45	9.06	4.69	0.57	7.66	3.76	5.42	-2.47	14.30	2.51
Benchmark	-0.64	9.88	4.25	1.14	8.17	2.78	5.40	-1.06	13.04	2.52
<b>Relative net</b>	<b>2.09</b>	<b>-0.82</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>-0.57</b>	<b>-0.51</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>-1.41</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>-0.01</b>

## Key figures

Yield to maturity	9.77%
Average price	94.74
Average coupon	8.77%
3-Yr Discount Margin / Spread to Worst	574
Current yield	9.31%
Average remaining term to maturity in years	4.30

## Asset breakdown by asset class

In % of total economic exposure

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio Benchmark
Senior Loans	86.04%	100.00%	
High Yield bonds	10.77%	0.00%	
Floating-rate Notes (FRN)	0.27%	0.00%	
Equities	0.74%	0.00%	
Cash/Cash Equivalents	2.18%	0.00%	

## Asset breakdown by sector

In % of total economic exposure

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio Benchmark
Information Technology	18.58%	15.19%	
Financial	13.06%	7.28%	
Service	11.93%	11.83%	
Health Care	8.40%	12.46%	
Media/Telecom	8.31%	10.12%	
Manufacturing	5.96%	4.28%	
Chemicals	5.55%	4.35%	
Transportation	4.06%	4.18%	
Forest Prod/Containers	3.99%	2.80%	
Housing	3.74%	3.89%	
Aerospace	3.33%	3.55%	
Gaming/Leisure	2.96%	4.86%	
Consumer Durables	2.75%	1.17%	
Food/Tobacco	1.87%	3.69%	
Consumer Non-Durables	1.86%	2.14%	
Energy	1.39%	2.42%	
Metals/Minerals	1.02%	0.41%	
Food and Drug	0.47%	0.14%	
Utility	0.46%	2.32%	
Retail	0.29%	2.94%	
Other	0.00%	0.00%	

## Risk overview - ex post

since 01.02.2015, in %

	Annualized risk, in %			
	1 year	3 years	5 years	ITD
Portfolio volatility	2.33	4.17	8.07	6.21
Benchmark volatility	2.16	3.70	7.12	5.60
<b>Tracking error</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>1.17</b>

## Key figures

Modified duration	0.61
% 1st Lien (Loans Portfolio)	94.51%
Number of Issuers	383
Linear weighted average credit rating	B
Percentage of top 10 positions	10.07%

## Asset breakdown by rating bucket

In % of total economic exposure

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio Benchmark
BBB	4.18%	2.14%	
BB	19.92%	25.46%	
B	62.05%	60.18%	
CCC	9.20%	4.77%	
CC	1.22%	0.18%	
C	0.28%	0.10%	
D	0.00%	0.00%	
Not rated	3.16%	7.18%	

## Asset breakdown by country

In % of total economic exposure

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio Benchmark
United States	74.90%	88.54%	
United Kingdom	5.25%	3.35%	
Netherlands	4.39%	1.57%	
France	3.77%	0.62%	
Canada	3.38%	1.89%	
Luxembourg	2.36%	1.13%	
Germany	2.23%	0.61%	
Jersey, Channel Islands	1.44%	0.00%	
Italy	0.61%	0.00%	
Others	1.67%	2.30%	

## Asset breakdown by currency

In % of total economic exposure

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio Benchmark
USD	81.44%	100.00%	
EUR	15.75%	0.00%	
GBP	2.81%	0.00%	

## Top 10 issuers

In % of total economic exposure

Issuer name <sup>3</sup>	Portfolio
UKG Inc	1.25%
Keter Group BV	1.16%
Polaris Newco LLC	1.13%
HUB International Ltd	1.02%
LTI Holdings Inc	1.01%
Idemia Group S.A.S.	0.95%
William Morris Endeavor Entertainment LLC	0.91%
Aston Finco Sarl	0.91%
Form Technologies Inc	0.89%
ABG Intermediate Holdings 2 LLC	0.85%

## Fund Statistics - ex post

	3 years	5 years
	Portfolio	Portfolio
Information ratio	-0.11	0.15
Maximum drawdown, in %	-5.54	-15.09

## Potential Risks

The Fund's risk and reward profile does not reflect the risk inherent in future circumstances that differ from what the Fund has experienced in the recent past. This includes the following events which are rare but can have a large impact.

- Credit risk: Issuers of assets held by the Fund may not pay income or repay capital when due. The Fund's investments have considerable credit risk.
- Liquidity risk: Assets cannot necessarily be sold at regular cost in an adequately short timeframe. The Fund's investments may be prone to very limited liquidity. The Fund will endeavor to mitigate this risk by various measures.
- Valuation risk: The value of certain assets held by the Fund may be inherently difficult to establish and is potentially the subject of substantial uncertainty.
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- Operational risk: Deficient processes, technical failures or catastrophic events may cause losses.
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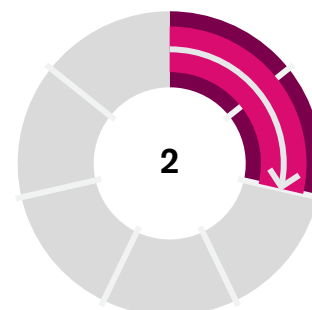
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## Risk profile<sup>4</sup>

PRIIP SRI



Larger values (up to 7) indicate higher risk while lower values (up to 1) indicate lower risk.

## Key identifiers

Instrument Name	Credit Suisse Nova (Lux) Global Senior Loan Fund EA USD
Bloomberg ticker	CGSLEAU LX
ISIN	LU0996462098
Valor no.	22900055
Benchmark	CS Leveraged Loan Index (TR)
Benchmark Bloomberg ticker	CSLLLTOT

## Key facts

Fund management company	Credit Suisse Fund Management S.A.
Investment Manager	Credit Suisse AM Credit Investments Group
UCITS	No
SFDR Classification	Article 6
Accounting year end	31. October
Securities lending	No
Ongoing charges <sup>5</sup>	0.67%
Subscription notice period	daily
Redemption notice period	Twice monthly (1st & 15th or the next business day) with 10 business days notice
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
Last distribution	05.03.2024
Distribution value	20.66
Distribution currency	USD
Swinging single pricing (SSP <sup>6</sup> )	partial swing NAV

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## Quarterly Portfolio Commentary

The CS Nova (Lux) Global Senior Loan Fund returned 2.72% on a gross basis in Q1 2024, outperforming the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index by 20 basis points.

For the first quarter, the fund's out of benchmark allocation to high yield bonds detracted from its relative performance versus the index.

From a sector perspective, Healthcare and Information Technology were both positive contributors to performance. Within both sectors, security selection contributed to outperformance. Media/Telecommunications and Financial were detractors to performance. Within Media/Telecommunications, security selection detracted from outperformance. And within Financial, security selection and an overweight position versus the benchmark detracted from outperformance.

From a rating perspective, B3 was a positive contributor to performance due to security selection, while Caa3 was a detractor to performance due to security selection.

The fund continues to be overweight in Financial, Information Technology, and Manufacturing, and is underweight in Healthcare, Retail, and Gaming/Leisure.

AUM finished the quarter at USD 2,833.07mn, up from USD 2,804.54mn at the end of December 2023.

## Quarterly Market Review

Senior loan market returns were positive in the first quarter of 2024, with the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index returning 2.52%, following 2.85% in the previous quarter.

The discount margin of the index, assuming a three-year average life, tightened by 19 basis points and finished the month of March at 509 basis points. The average price of the index increased by 69 basis points, finishing Q1 at 96.01.

Every industry in the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index posted positive returns in the first quarter and extends to the sixth consecutive quarter of positive returns. Retail, Chemicals, and Food and Drug were the top sector performers, returning 3.51%, 3.43%, and 3.17%, respectively. Media/Telecommunications, Metals/Minerals, and Financial were the bottom sector performers, returning 1.57%, 1.88%, and 1.94%, respectively.

Organized by rating tier, the lower tier, returning 5.13%, outperformed the middle tier with returns of 2.50%, and the upper tier with returns of 1.90%.

## Outlook

The momentum with which we ended 2023 continued through the first quarter of 2024. The loan market returned 2.5%, driven primarily by CCC issuers, followed by single B and then BB. The beginning of the quarter was disproportionately influenced by repricing transactions given limited new issue supply in the market, and a significant percentage of the market trading above par. As we moved through the quarter, we believe the combination of repricing fatigue, increased new issue supply, private credit deals refinanced into the BSL market, and CLOs (collateralized loan obligations) being called (i.e. "secondary supply") somewhat quelled the re-pricing wave (they are occurring, but the pace has seemed to slow). Monthly loan market returns were generally in line with the coupon as prices have been somewhat rangebound - so much of the market was trading around par, so price appreciation potential was limited. However, given the constructive demand for loans from CLO buyers - new CLOs, ramping funds, warehouses - that even despite trading near par, spreads compressing, and increasing supply, there was support for performing loans to keep prices in that near-par range. The primary segment where price appreciation was possible has been for lower rated, lower priced loans due to the discount. As such, we saw the pricing of cuspiers B3s and CCCs increase the most (given they are trading at the largest discount), single Bs have generally been flat, and double BB prices fell slightly to compensate for the lower spreads and rotation into riskier loans. We believe the support for the favorable technical environment is a strong macroeconomic backdrop. We expect rates to stay elevated given strong economic data, increased confidence in the economy, and the higher for longer mantra. As a result, the elevated carry has benefitted floating rate investors.

We believe the most attractive opportunities are buying primary issuance, increasing exposure to short-maturities issuers which we feel may get refinanced via BSL (Broadly Syndicated Loans) or private credit, and reducing exposure to issuers which we perceive to have credit risk which we believe are trading at elevated levels (due to the demand for the discount). Given where the market is trading, we believe there is downside risk related to earnings misses, bespoke end-market challenges, and overly aggressive issuers pursuing liability management exercises.

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Ex post	Refers to metrics based on historical data
Information ratio	This statistic measures how much a fund's out-performance may be attributed to manager skill as oppose to market movement. A high Information Ratio infers more manager skill than a low value would suggest.
ITD	Inception-to-date
Maximum drawdown	Represents the worst possible result (in percentage terms) that occurred during the period being analyzed.
MTD	Month-to-date
NAV	Net Asset Value
Ongoing Charges	The calculation of the ongoing charge is based on the Committee of European Securities Regulators/10-674 Directive. For a maximum of 12 months from fund fiscal year end and since inception, the ongoing charges figure is based on estimated expenses. After that, the ongoing charges correspond to the TER of the last annual report. It excludes performance fees and portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the fund when buying or selling shares/units in another collective investment undertaking.
QTD	Quarter-to-date
Rating	A measure of creditworthiness of a financial instrument (e.g. bond) or their issuer (e.g. corporate or sovereign). They are published by credit rating agencies and can be combined into a single representative metric.
Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR)	Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector
TNA	Total Net Assets
Tracking error	Measure of the deviation of the return of a fund compared to the return of a benchmark over a fixed period of time.
YTD	Year-to-date

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Performance start date	Performance calculation and presentation start with the first full month of an invested strategy. This can lead to a difference in launch and performance start dates.
PRIIP SRI	The Summary Risk Indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this Product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the Product will lose money because of movements in the markets.
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