

# European Loans

## OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- To provide investors with periodic returns from an actively managed portfolio of predominantly European debt obligations and primarily senior secured obligations
- To make investments based on their characteristics that demonstrate their capacity to provide the liquidity required in order to be able to make any payments due by the Fund
- To select obligations or other instruments considered to offer superior yields and relative credit stability
- To monitor individual obligor, country risk, maturity and asset type categorisation in order to avoid excessive concentrations of risk to protect against any significant effects from underperformance by any single investment
- Ability to hedge or reduce tail risk and to protect the portfolio from systematic market shocks primarily through the swap market
- Independent team providing risk management framework and monitoring

## PROGRAMME INFORMATION

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**Programme inception date:** 21 November 2008

**Financial year-end:** 30 September

**Programme size:** 186.22m (EUR)

**Base currency:** EUR

**Benchmark:** Credit Suisse WELLI Non-USD Index<sup>1</sup>

**Dealer cutoff**

Luxembourg: 10pm

United States: 4pm ET

## LARGEST HOLDINGS (%)

	Programme
EVIOSYS	1.40
CEVA SANTE	1.34
UNIVAR	1.31
ROVENSA	1.29
MFG/MRH	1.20
QA	1.20
TILNEY	1.20
CUPA GROUP	1.17
Cooper	1.15
ION Trading	1.14

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments. The information shown is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, a recommendation to buy or sell an individual security.

## Calendar-year performance (%)

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
European Loans (EUR) (21 Nov 2008)*	-8.35	8.92	2.03	5.36	2.52	4.99	6.86	4.99	6.77	9.83
Credit Suisse WELLI Non-USD Index <sup>1</sup>	-3.13	4.44	-4.56	4.51	1.51	3.58	5.46	4.31	3.50	6.91

## Performance (%)

	1 Month	3 Months	Year to date	Annualized				
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since incep.			
European Loans (EUR) (21 Nov 2008)*	0.40	2.59	5.91	6.85	4.76	2.57	4.51	6.54
Credit Suisse WELLI Non-USD Index <sup>1</sup>	0.48	2.99	6.15	10.62	4.26	1.53	2.92	2.66

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## Sector weights (%)

	Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>		
Commercial services	11.01	-1.25	
Internet	9.70	+6.54	
Retail	9.66	+4.56	
Pharmaceuticals	6.74	-1.08	
Entertainment	6.17	+2.95	
Chemicals	4.16	-1.29	
Distribution & wholesale	3.77	+1.23	
Machinery-Diversified	3.76	+1.57	
Healthcare services	3.73	-3.68	
Telecommunication services	3.66	-0.17	

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## Key statistics

	Programme
Average credit rating	B+
Obligors	134
Yield to worst	8.74%
Credit Spread (bps)	816
Average Maturity (Years)	2.80
Interest Rate duration (yrs)	0.43
Credit-spread duration (yrs)	2.67
Ex-ante volatility (bps)	614
Ex-post volatility (bps)	524
Beta Against Index	1.03
99% Monthly VaR	3.71%
Yield to maturity	8.76%

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

## Geographic allocation (%)

	Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>		
United Kingdom	24.32	+4.48	
France	14.64	-3.26	
Luxembourg	11.58	+0.04	
Netherlands	9.08	-5.90	
Germany	8.46	-2.43	
United States	7.85	-0.35	
Spain	6.84	+3.48	
Sweden	3.82	+0.31	
Italy	3.38	+3.38	
Ireland	1.14	-0.95	

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet.

## Maturity distribution (%)



- 0.12 - MATURED
- 25.18 - 0-3 years
- 42.79 - 3-5 years
- 28.98 - 5-7 years

Based on ending weights as of month-end.

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## CREDIT RATING ALLOCATION (%)

	Programme	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
BB/Ba	20.04	23.20
B/B	73.29	68.86
CCC/Caa and below	3.73	0.34
Cash & equivalents	0.00	—

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

## CREDIT ASSET CLASS (%)

	Programme
Senior secured loans	78.85
Senior secured high yield	13.09
Senior unsecured high yield	3.74
2nd lien loans	0.56
Emerging market (High yield)	0.49
Non-Financial corporates subordinated (HY)	0.23
PIK loans	0.11
Equity Sub	0.00
Cash & equivalents	0.00

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## KEY RISKS

**Sub-Investment Grade Debt Obligations Risk:** These have a greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher-rated Debt Obligations and are likely to be significantly less liquid than Investment Grade securities. **Liquidity Risk:** Credit markets may from time to time become less liquid, leading to valuation losses on Investments. The sale of portions of the Investments under these circumstances could incur losses, which would not have occurred otherwise. **Derivatives risk:** the use of derivatives presents risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in traditional securities. The use of derivatives can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the underlying asset, index or rate, which may be magnified by certain features of the derivatives. **Distressed and Defaulted Obligations risk:** It may be difficult to obtain information as to the true condition of companies issuing these obligations. In any reorganisation or liquidation proceeding relating to a company in which the Fund invests, the Fund may lose all or part of its investment, and/or may be required to accept payment over an extended period of time.

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