# Evli European Investment Grade IB



Long-term fixed income fund that invests in European corporate bonds with high credit ratings.

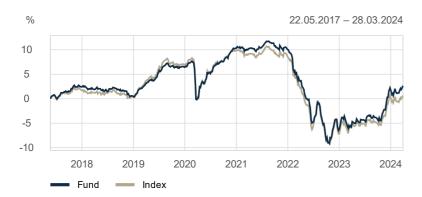
#### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT**



Inflation is slowing in Europe. The German 10-year yield fell to 2.30%. The corporate bond market continued to be strong and investment grade bond spreads narrowed by about 9 basis points. Among central banks, Switzerland unexpectedly cut its key interest rate and the Swedish central bank also announced that it is likely to lower interest rates in either May or June. The first rate cut by the ECB is still priced in for June 2024. In total, the ECB is expected to make cuts amounting to around 1 percentage point over the course of the year.

The fund's monthly return was high at +1.27% (B series), as interest rates fell and spreads narrowed. The return was also better than the index. Corporate selection added value and the best-performing bonds were those from insurance companies. The fund's duration was slightly longer than that of the index. The fund's duration was 4.69 and the yield level was 3.93%.

#### PERFORMANCE SINCE SERIES START



Past performance is no guarantee of future returns.

# PERFORMANCE, %

|                                       | Fund   | Benchmark | Difference |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------|------------|
| Year-to-Date                          | 0.76   | 0.30      | 0.46       |
| 1 Month                               | 1.29   | 1.19      | 0.10       |
| 3 Months                              | 0.76   | 0.30      | 0.46       |
| 6 Months                              | 7.15   | 6.00      | 1.15       |
| 1 Year                                | 8.08   | 6.62      | 1.45       |
| 3 Years, annualized return            | -2.28  | -2.60     | 0.32       |
| 5 Years, annualized return            | -0.09  | -0.58     | 0.49       |
| Since Series Start (22.5.2017)        | 2.65   | 0.66      | 2.00       |
| Since Series Start, annualized return | 0.38   | 0.10      | 0.29       |
| 2023                                  | 8.77   | 8.08      | 0.69       |
| 2022                                  | -14.91 | -14.47    | -0.44      |
| 2021                                  | -0.21  | -1.11     | 0.90       |
| 2020                                  | 3.64   | 2.73      | 0.91       |

#### **BASIC INFORMATION**

Fund Manager Jani Kurppa ICE BofA Euro Corporate Benchmark Index FI4000243209 CNMV Registry Number 1731 Fund Starting Date 7.5.2001 Morningstar Fund Category<sup>TM</sup> EUR Corporate Bond  ${\it Morningstar}\ {\it Rating}^{\rm TM}$ **★★★☆ SFDR** Article 8 Responsibility Score AA Carbon Footprint (t CO2e/\$M sales) 80 Subscription Fee, % Redemption Fee % Management and Custody Fee p.a., % 0.40 Performance Fee. % Yes

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

Lower risk Typically lower rewards Higher risk Typically higher rewards

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Read more about the fund risks and calculating the risk category from the Key Investor Document (KID).

## RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT HORIZON

at least 3 years

# **KEY FIGURES, 12 MONTHS**

|                        | Fund    | Benchmark |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| NAV per IB Unit, EUR   | 102.652 | -         |
| Fund Size, EUR million | 445.42  | -         |
| Volatility, %          | 4.13    | 4.13      |
| Sharpe Ratio           | 1.09    | 0.73      |
| Tracking Error, %      | 0.75    | -         |
| Information Ratio      | 1.95    | -         |
| R2                     | 0.97    | -         |
| Beta                   | 0.98    | 1.00      |
| Alpha, %               | 1.50    | -         |
| TER, %                 | 0.41    | -         |
| Portfolio Turnover     | 0.03    | -         |
| Modified Duration      | 4.69    | 4.40      |
| Yield (YTM), %         | 3.93    | 3.75      |
| OAS                    | 146     | -         |
| Avg. Rating            | BBB+    | -         |

If an investor wishes to give feedback about the fund or receive more information, the investor may contact Evli at: Evli Plc, Investor Service, PO Box 1081, FI-00101 or fundinfo@evli.com, or may contact the local distributor of the fund which has sold the fund to the investor. Investors may also send a message via our website: www.evli.com/en/contact-us. Information on how Evli handles client feedback is available at: www.evli.com/en/client-information.

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#### RESPONSIBILITY SCORES

The Fund's responsibility scores are an assessment of the Fund's holdings from a responsibility perspective. The Fund's rating scale from best to worst is AAA, AA, A, BBB, BB, B and CCC. The ESG ratings distribution of the Fund's holdings are based on MSCI's analysis. MSCI is an independent ESG research provider offering a comprehensive global database.

| Responsibility Score         | AA  |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Environment                  | AA  |
| Social                       | BBB |
| Governance                   | А   |
| Coverage of the Analysis (%) | 86  |
|                              |     |



ESG means factors related to Environmental, Social and Governance issues.

**ESG Rating:** companies are analysed and measured by how well they manage key risks and opportunities arising from ESG factors. The assessment is done within the industry.

Responsibility Score: based on MSCI's methodology and taking into account the market value-weighted average of the fund's individual companies' ESG ratings.

#### **CARBON FOOTPRINT**

Evli uses weighted average carbon intensity to measure the carbon footprint according to the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). According to MSCl's analysis, the weighted average carbon intensity is categorized as following Very Low (0 to <15), Low (15 to <70), Moderate (70 to <250), High (250 to <525), and Very High (>=525).



Read more about Fund's responsibility from its ESG-report >

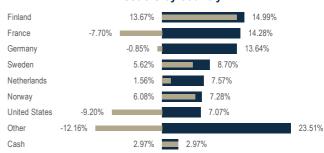
#### PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

Weight











# **10 LARGEST INVESTMENTS**

|   | %    |
|---|------|
| Elisa Oyj 27.1.2029 4% Callable Fixed               | 2.30 |
| Euroclear Invsts 11.4.2048 2.625%                   | 2.26 |
| Dnb Bank Asa 28.2.2033 4.625% Callable Variable     | 2.12 |
| Deutsche Boerse 28.9.2033 3.875% Callable Fixed     | 1.92 |
| Storebrand Livsf 30.9.2051 1.875% Callable Variable | 1.67 |
| Transmssn Financ 18.6.2028 0.375% Callable Fixed    | 1.63 |
| Kbc Group Nv 23.11.2027 4.375% Callable Variable    | 1.62 |
| Ing Groep Nv 13.11.2030 1% Callable Variable        | 1.58 |
| Societe Generale 30.6.2031 1.125% Callable Variable | 1.52 |
| Vattenfall Ab 19.3.2077 3% Callable VAR             | 1.50 |

# **10 LARGEST ISSUERS**

|                          | %    |
|--------------------------|------|
| DNB Bank ASA             | 2.68 |
| BNP Paribas SA           | 2.59 |
| Societe Generale SA      | 2.58 |
| ING Groep NV             | 2.45 |
| UBS Group AG             | 2.38 |
| Deutsche Boerse AG       | 2.33 |
| ELISA OYJ                | 2.30 |
| Euroclear Investments SA | 2.26 |
| Credit Agricole SA       | 2.22 |
| Orange SA                | 1.97 |

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#### SHARE CLASS INFORMATION

| Share Class                            | Α            | В              | IB             | BSEK         |
|--|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Launch Date                            | 7.5.2001     | 7.5.2001       | 22.5.2017      | 31.10.2012   |
| Currency                               | EUR          | EUR            | EUR            | SEK          |
| NAV 31.3.2024                          | 84.836       | 202.966        | 102.652        | 1,219.620    |
| Management and Custody Fee per Year, % | 0.75         | 0.75           | 0.40           | 0.75         |
| TER per Year, %                        | 0.76         | 0.76           | 0.41           | 0.76         |
| Sales Registration                     | FI,SE        | FI,SE,ES,IT,AT | FI,SE,ES,IT,AT | FI,SE        |
| ISIN                                   | FI0008803937 | FI0008803945   | FI4000243209   | FI4000043708 |
| Bloomberg                              | EVLEIGA FH   | EVLEIGB FH     | EVLEIIB FH     | EVEIBSH FH   |
| WKN                                    | -            | -              | -              | -            |
| Clean Share                            | No           | No             | Yes            | No           |
| Minimum Investment                     | 5,000        | 1,000          | 10,000,000     | 10,000       |
| Profit Distribution                    | Annually     | Accumulated    | Accumulated    | Accumulated  |
| Target Investor                        | Retail       | Retail         | Institutional  | Retail       |

#### **DICTIONARY**

Alpha describes the effect of the portfolio manager's investment choices on the fund's return compared with the return of an index portfolio ith corresponding market risk, i.e. the additional returns attained by the fund in relation to its market risk.

Beta describes the sensitivity of the fund's value to changes in the benchmark index. If the value of the benchmark index changes by one percent, the expected change in the fund's value is beta x 1 percent. On average, the fund's value will change more than the value of the benchmark index if the beta value is greater than 1. A beta value less than 1 indicates the opposite, i.e. that the fund's value will change

Carbon Footprint Evli uses weighted average carbon intensity to measure the carbon footprint according to the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TFCD). The funds holdings' carbon intensity figures are based on the emissions figures produced by MSCI.

**Duration** measures the average repayment term (in years) of a fixed income instrument. Modified duration indicates the price sensitivity of a fixed income security to changes in interest rates. The higher the duration number, the greater the interest rate risk of the fund portfolio.

Information Ratio describes the long-term ability of a portfolio manager to add value through active portfolio management. If the Information Ratio is zero, the long-term return of the fund equals that of the benchmark index. In practice this means that the fund has outperformed the benchmark index, on average, for five years out of ten. The higher the Information Ratio, the greater the probability that the fund will outperform its benchmark. With an IR of 0.5 the fund has outperformed the benchmark, on average, in seven years out of ten, and with

QAS describes average credit spread to similar maturity government bonds in basis points (0.01 percentage points). Measures the excess vield of corporate bonds to risk free rate.

Portfolio Turnover is a measure of the length of time that a security remains in a portfolio during a given period. The portfolio turnover rate is calculated by subtracting the sum of subscriptions and redemptions of fund units (EUR S+T) from the sum of the securities bought and sold by the fund (EUR X+Y). The turnover is the abovementioned difference divided by the average market value of the fund, which has been calculated from the daily market values over the past 12 months. For example, if all assets have been sold and bought once it would equal to a turnover rate of 1. Portfolio turnover rate = ((X + Y) - (S + T)) / M x 100 / 2, where X = Securities bought, Y = Securities sold, S = Fund's fund units issued / subscribed, T = Fund's fund units cancelled / redeemed, M = Average total value of net assets.

R2 (R-squared) describes the extent to which the fund's performance is dependent on the performance of the benchmark index. Rsquared is the square of the correlation coefficient.

SFDR in accordance with the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR), article 8 funds promote sustainability factors among other features, and article 9 funds aim to make sustainable investments. Other funds address only sustainability risks in their investments

Sharpe Ratio indicates the size of return relative to risk taken. The Sharpe ratio measures the fund's return (with volatility of one percent) in excess of a risk-free return. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the more favorable the relationship between return and risk.

TER (Total Expense Ratio) is a measure of a fund's total expenses in relation to its average assets and is expressed as an annualized percentage. The expenses include all the fund's management and custody fees and any profit-related fees. Securities commissions are excluded. TER = A + B + C + D, where A = Management fee charged from the fund's assets, B = Custodian fee that may be charged separately from the fund's assets, C = Account maintenance and other bank charges that may be charged from the fund's assets, D = Any other fees which, according to the fund's rules, are charged directly from the fund's assets. As a rule, funds registered in Finland do not make such charges on top of trading fees.

Tracking Error indicates the risk of active portfolio management in relation to the risk of the benchmark index. The higher the number, the more the fund's performance differs from the benchmark's performance. If the tracking error is 5%, the fund's return will deviate in about two years out of three ±5% of the benchmark's return. The tracking error is zero if the relative weights of the fund's investments are exactly the same as in the benchmark index. Tracking error increases if investment weights are changed relative to the weights of the benchmark

Volatility is a risk measure generally used in financial markets. It reflects variability in the return of an investment or a portfolio. The higher the volatility, the greater the variability in return and the risk involved. If the fund's expected return is 12% and the volatility is 20%, then the fund's return for two years out of three is  $12\pm20\%$ , that is, between -8% and +32%. Volatility is calculated on the basis of the standard deviation of weekly returns and expressed as an annual percentage.

Yield (YTM) Estimated annual rate of return to maturity (yield to maturity).

YTW Lowest estimated annual rate of return, if bonds are callable before maturity date (yield to worst)

#### **BASIC INFORMATION**

Finland Domicile Trade Frequency Daily Clearing Time Trade Date + 2 Cut Off Time 14:00 EET (Trade date)

Currency

Custodian Skandinaviska Enskilda

Banken AB (publ) Helsinki

Evli Fund Management

Ernst & Young

Company Ltd

Auditor

NAV Calculation, Fund Registry Keeper and Fund Management

**GIPS** Compliant

Company

Orders In Shares or currency

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