

Asset Management  
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# CS Nova (Lux) European Senior Loan Fund EB EUR

## Fund information

Fixed income

**198'363'166**

Fund total net assets in EUR

Share class TNA, EUR <b>9'298'355</b>	Share class NAV, EUR <b>1'237.28</b>	Management fee p.a. <sup>1</sup> <b>0.55%</b>
MTD (net) return <b>-0.31%</b> Bench. <b>0.29%</b>	QTD (net) return <b>2.23%</b> Bench. <b>2.39%</b>	YTD (net) return <b>2.23%</b> Bench. <b>2.39%</b>

## Fund details

Investment Manager	Credit Suisse AM Credit Investments Group
Fund launch date	15.12.2017
Share class launch date	24.05.2018
Share class	EB
Share class currency	EUR
Distribution policy	Accumulating
Fund domicile	Luxembourg
ISIN	LU1735553346
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	CS West Euro Leveraged Loan Non USD loans (TR) (hedged to EUR)

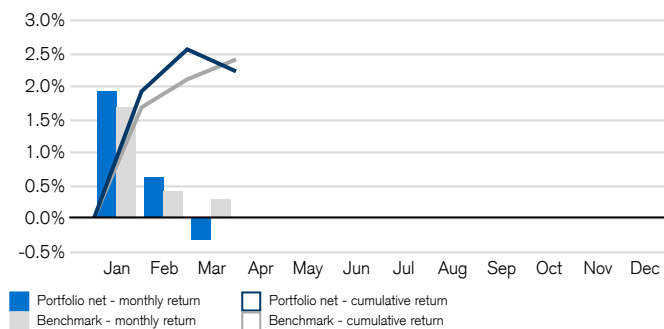
## Investment Policy

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 mainly European corporations and other businesses in any currency. 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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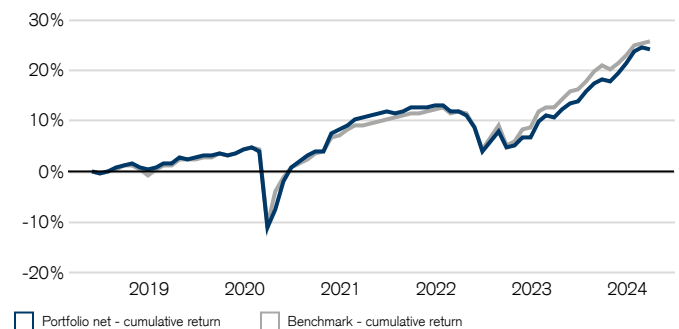
## Performance overview - monthly & cumulative

since 01.01.2024



## Performance overview - cumulative

since 01.06.2018



## Performance overview - monthly & YTD

since 01.01.2024, in %

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Portfolio net	1.92	0.62	-0.31										2.23
Benchmark	1.69	0.40	0.29										2.39
Relative net	0.23	0.21	-0.60										-0.17

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## Performance overview

since 01.06.2018, in %

	Rolling Returns			Annualized Returns		
	1 months	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	ITD
Portfolio net	-0.31	2.23	12.02	3.89	4.07	3.75
Benchmark	0.29	2.39	11.66	4.87	4.44	4.00
<b>Relative net</b>	<b>-0.60</b>	<b>-0.17</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>-0.98</b>	<b>-0.37</b>	<b>-0.25</b>

## Performance overview - yearly

since 01.06.2018, in %

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Portfolio net	0.04	4.07	3.86	4.48	-5.51	13.56	2.23
Benchmark	-0.84	5.03	2.81	4.87	-3.39	13.17	2.39
<b>Relative net</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>-0.96</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>-0.39</b>	<b>-2.12</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>-0.17</b>

## Key figures

Yield to maturity	8.63%
Average price	95.14
Average coupon	7.77%
3-Yr Discount Margin / Spread to Worst	579
Current yield	8.19%
Average remaining term to maturity in years	4.09

## Asset breakdown by asset class

In % of total economic exposure

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio Benchmark
Senior Loans	77.09%	100.00%	
High Yield bonds	13.93%	0.00%	
Floating-rate Notes (FRN)	4.24%	0.00%	
Equities	0.01%	0.00%	
Cash/Cash Equivalents	4.72%	0.00%	

## Asset breakdown by sector

In % of total economic exposure

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio Benchmark
Service	22.38%	15.55%	
Health Care	17.12%	18.73%	
Media/Telecom	8.87%	10.15%	
Financial	8.32%	2.28%	
Information Technology	6.47%	11.13%	
Transportation	6.33%	2.52%	
Forest Prod/Containers	4.57%	2.47%	
Chemicals	4.42%	7.63%	
Manufacturing	3.97%	4.93%	
Housing	3.91%	5.19%	
Gaming/Leisure	3.17%	4.69%	
Food/Tobacco	2.58%	5.25%	
Retail	2.56%	3.55%	
Food and Drug	2.07%	1.61%	
Consumer Durables	1.50%	1.16%	
Consumer Non-Durables	1.32%	2.05%	
Aerospace	0.43%	0.75%	
Other	0.01%	0.00%	
Energy	0.00%	0.00%	
Metals/Minerals	0.00%	0.35%	

## Risk overview - ex post

since 01.06.2018, in %

	Annualized risk, in %			
	1 year	3 years	5 years	ITD
Portfolio volatility	2.65	4.86	8.52	7.92
Benchmark volatility	2.20	4.98	8.55	7.97
<b>Tracking error</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>1.08</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>2.25</b>

## Key figures

Modified duration	0.63
% 1st Lien (Loans Portfolio)	94.31%
Number of Issuers	144
Linear weighted average credit rating	B
Percentage of top 10 positions	16.01%

## Asset breakdown by rating bucket

In % of total economic exposure

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio Benchmark
BB+	0.00%	0.91%	
BB	4.34%	5.59%	
BB-	3.44%	6.55%	
B+	17.25%	11.81%	
B	43.95%	37.91%	
B-	20.02%	23.06%	
CCC+	5.07%	1.46%	
CCC	4.18%	0.53%	
CCC-	0.13%	0.33%	
CC+	0.00%	0.43%	
CC	1.30%	0.12%	
C	0.11%	0.06%	
D	0.00%	0.00%	
Not rated	0.21%	11.23%	

## Asset breakdown by country

In % of total economic exposure

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio Benchmark
France	23.10%	19.29%	
United Kingdom	16.93%	21.72%	
Netherlands	10.67%	13.98%	
Luxembourg	10.54%	11.03%	
Germany	9.94%	10.59%	
United States	9.58%	10.38%	
Sweden	6.17%	3.61%	
Italy	2.74%	0.00%	
Belgium	2.64%	1.20%	
Others	7.69%	8.20%	

## Top 10 issuers

In % of total economic exposure

Issuer name <sup>3</sup>	Portfolio
Markermeer Finance BV	2.01%
Lsf11 Folio Bidco GmbH	1.90%
Aston Finco Sarl	1.59%
Archroma Finance Sarl	1.56%
Garrett LX I Sarl	1.53%
IVC Acquisition Ltd	1.53%
DIOT-SIACI BidCo SAS	1.50%
Speedster Bidco GmbH	1.49%
Domidep	1.47%
Sector Alarm Holding AS	1.44%

## Fund Statistics - ex post

	3 years	5 years
	Portfolio	Portfolio
Information ratio	-0.89	-0.15
Maximum drawdown, in %	-8.28	-15.23

## 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. Part of the Fund's investments may have considerable credit risk.
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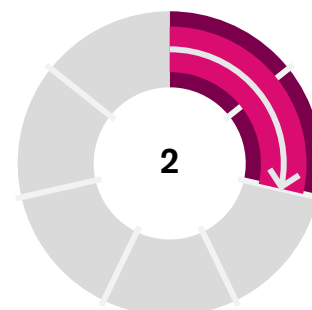
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## Risk profile<sup>4</sup>

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) European Senior Loan Fund EB EUR
Bloomberg ticker	CSNEEBE LX
ISIN	LU1735553346
Valor no.	39530156
Benchmark	CS West Euro Leveraged Loan Non USD loans (TR) (hedged to EUR)
Benchmark Bloomberg ticker	CSLLNTOT

## 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>	1.13%
Subscription notice period	daily
Redemption notice period	Twice monthly (1st & 15th or the next business day) with 22 business days notice
Swinging single pricing (SSP)	partial swing NAV

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## Quarterly Portfolio Commentary

The CS Nova (Lux) European Senior Loan Fund returned 2.51% in Q1 2024 on a gross basis, outperforming the Credit Suisse Western European Leveraged Loan Index by 12 basis points.

For the first quarter, the fund's security selection within bank loans positively contributed to its relative performance versus the index.

From a sector perspective, Service 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 both sectors, security selection detracted from outperformance.

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

The fund continues to be overweight in Service, Financial, and Transportation and is currently underweight in the Information Technology, Chemicals, and Food/Tobacco sectors.

AUM finished the quarter at EUR 198.36mn, down from EUR 205.84 at the end of December 2023.

## Quarterly Market Review

The CS Western European Leveraged Loan Index (Non-USD Denomination, hedged to EUR) returned 2.39% in Q1 2024. The average price was 96.52, up 42bps in the quarter. The discount margin for 3-year life was 516bps, down 18bps from last quarter.

From an industry perspective, Q1 outperformance was driven by Aerospace, Food & Drug, and Retail returning 4.47%, 4.27%, and 4.17% respectively. Q1 underperformance was driven by Consumer Durables, Media/Telecommunications, and Transportation returning -5.05%, 0.54%, and 2.11% respectively.

Organized by rating tier, the lower tier, returning 7.10%, outperformed the middle tier with returns of 2.30%, and the upper tier with returns of 1.43%.

## Outlook

The European loan markets carried forward the momentum seen in Q4 last year and had a strong start to the year with January posting the best monthly returns for the last 12 consecutive months. However, February and March were a period of consolidation and we witnessed negative price action in both those months (albeit positive total return driven by carry) driven by a more balanced macro backdrop around rates and certain issuer-specific stress emerging in the loan and high-yield markets. The current market backdrop has put a lid on the repricing wave that we witnessed in the early part of the year. Having said that, the technical backdrop remains very favorable with limited net issuance and robust CLO (collateralized loan obligations) creation. We expect M&A supply to pick up gradually as we progress through the year.

We continue to expect a tug-of-war between issuer-specific fundamentals and market-wide technicals as we move through the year. As a result, we expect 2024 to be a "carry-minus" year as opposed to 2023 that was a significant "carry-plus" year. Furthermore, we remain very constructive on the market longer term and believe it continues to offer superior risk-adjusted returns through the cycle.

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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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