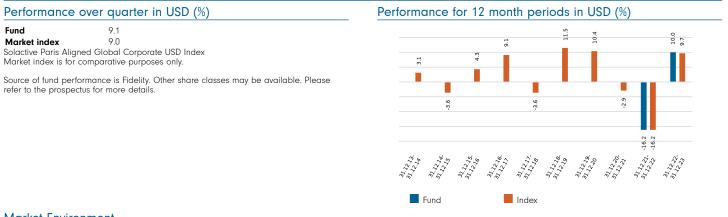
31.12.2023 Quarterly Performance Review

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## Market Environment

Global fixed income markets posted positive returns during the quarter. The period started on a volatile note, as various factors weighed on market sentiment. The unfolding conflict and tragic events in Israel and Gaza led to significant concerns over geopolitical risks in the region. In addition, expectations for 'higher for longer' interest rates, helped by strong US economic and inflation data, weighed on markets. Consequently, government bond yields surged, reaching multi-year highs, with the US 10-year yield surgasing 5% intraday in late October for the first time since 2007. November brought some respite to markets and global bonds rebounded sharply, recouping some of their earlier losses. Investor optimism stemmed from expectations that key central banks, including the US Federal Reserve (Fed), European Central Bank (ECB) and the Bank of England (BoE) had largely concluded interest rate hikes, rate cut in the coming year, while the ECB and the BoE held interest rates steady. Overall, sovereign bonds including US Treasuries, UK government bonds (Gilts) and German bund yields recovered, as yields continued to decline during the last two months of the year. Short-maturity yields, which are more sensitive to monetary policy changes, declined the most, leaving front, major economic appeared to slow down due to a variety of reasons. Global factories output deteriorated fourther, with eurozone activity contracting for an 18th straight month in December. The S&P Global US manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) also declined to 47.9 in December from 49.8 in September, pointing to a decrease in output and a faster

### **Fund Performance**

The Fidelity Sustainable Global Corporate Bond Paris-Aligned Multifactor UCITS ETF generated positive returns of 9.12% (net of fees) during the month and outperformed the benchmark which delivered a return of 8.96%. Coupon Income aided returns, whereas credit and term structure positioning contributed to detraction. Sector-wise, an overweight position in Banks & Brokers added value to the performance. Conversely, selected securities in Consumer Non-Cyclical and Utility marginally pushed back returns. Holdings-wise, there were no standout individual names that contributed/detracted. The fund's duration, region, and management were close to the benchmark.

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