

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

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BNY Mellon Sustainable Global Real Return Fund (EUR)

INVESTMENT MANAGER



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FUND RATINGS



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SUSTAINABILITY RATINGS



Out of 3206 Flexible Allocation global category funds as of 31/01/2024. Based on 95.05244 of AUM. Data is based on long positions only.

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARK

The Fund will measure its performance against 1-Month EURIBOR + 4% per annum (the "Cash Benchmark"). The Cash Benchmark is used as a target against which to measure the performance of the Fund over 5 years before fees. EURIBOR is the Euro Interbank Offer Rate and is a reference rate that is constructed from the average interest rate at which Eurozone banks offer unsecured short-term lending on the inter-bank market.

The Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has discretion over the selection of investments, subject to the investment objective and policies disclosed in the Prospectus.

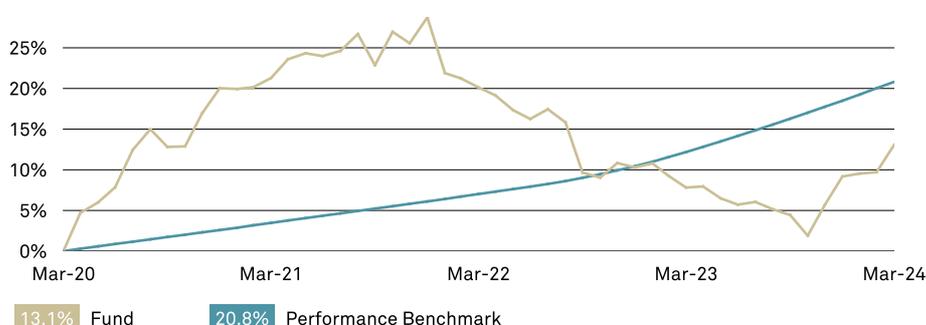
PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments can fall. Investors may not get back the amount invested. Income from investments may vary and is not guaranteed. Please refer to the prospectus and the KID/KIID before making any investment decisions. Documents are available in English and an official language of the jurisdictions in which the Fund is registered for public sale. Go to www.bnymellonim.com. For a full list of risks applicable to this fund, please refer to the Prospectus or other offering documents.

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Performance:** The Fund generated a positive return, net of fees, during the quarter.
- **Activity:** The return-seeking core ended the quarter broadly unaltered in terms of size. Several changes were made to the physical equity positions.
- **Outlook & Strategy:** We believe that a flexible, dynamic strategy should thrive in an environment of uncertainty.

4 YEAR CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)



PERFORMANCE SUMMARY (%)

	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	Annualised					
					2YR	3YR	5YR			
EUR W (Acc.)	3.06	3.56	3.56	4.87	-2.98	-2.31	-			
Performance Benchmark	0.65	1.96	1.96	7.69	6.24	5.30	4.58			
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.26	-14.32	-1.02
Performance Benchmark	4.14	3.93	3.66	3.63	3.63	3.59	3.49	3.43	4.08	7.29

Source: Lipper as at 31 March 2024. Fund performance EUR W (Acc.) calculated as total return, based on net asset value, including charges, but excluding initial charge, income reinvested gross of tax, expressed in share class currency. The impact of the initial charge, which may be up to 5%, can be material on the performance of your investment. Performance figures including the initial charge are available upon request. **Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.**

The benchmark was updated on 01/11/2021, performance prior to the change is shown using the previous benchmark. The share class can be different to that of the base currency of the fund. For CHF it is SARON CHF, For EUR it is EURIBOR, For GBP it is GBP SONIA, For USD it is USD SOFR, For SGD it is SIBOR SGD.

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PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

Enthusiasm around artificial intelligence (AI) and the prospect of a soft economic landing in the US helped drive robust stock market gains in the first quarter of 2024.

THE FUND'S PERFORMANCE WAS DRIVEN BY THE RETURN-SEEKING CORE

Although still driven by a relatively narrow subset of stocks, the rally broadened from the US to other markets. The strength in risk assets was also seen elsewhere, with high yield credit spreads tightening, oil prices rising and the gold price surging. It was, however, a weaker quarter for government bonds, mainly owing to upside surprises on inflation. On the currency front, the US dollar strengthened against major G10 currencies, helped by an absence of interest rate cuts.

The Fund delivered a solid outcome over the quarter, driven by the return-seeking core. Pleasing participation in the upside was provided by global equities, with a consistent positive contribution generated by technology stocks throughout the period. There was some broadening out of performance to other areas of the stock market but nevertheless the AI dynamic dominated the action.

Top performers included Nvidia, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), Microsoft and ASML, which were all beneficiaries of AI optimism. Both Lonza and Eli Lilly also featured among the leaders, the former bouncing back as funding concerns around its biotech business were allayed, and the latter boosted by continuing robust growth in its GLP-1 drug franchise to treat obesity.

Positive stock performance was enhanced by tactical upside exposure through a combination of futures and options, primarily on the S&P 500 Index.

Among the equity detractors, consumer goods conglomerate Reckitt was affected by litigation concerns associated with its US nutrition business, while HDFC faced fierce deposit competition, hindering its ability to grow its loan book. Also within financials, life insurer AIA suffered from negative sentiment around China-related assets, while renewable diesel company Neste was affected by a deterioration in supply and demand dynamics.

Elsewhere, alternatives displayed weakness amid softness in the carbon price, which was affected by a depressed gas price owing to a mild winter and weak industrial production in Germany.

Investments in energy storage and efficiency investment trusts were negatively affected by a drop in the spread between off-peak and peak power prices, combined with an underutilisation of battery capacity by the National Grid. Renewables also detracted owing to narrowing spreads versus nominal bond yields and the need for enhanced regulatory cost disclosure.

The stabilising layer was marginally positive. The negative contribution from derivative protection against a backdrop of rising equity markets was offset by positive contributions from cash and gold. The precious metal experienced a strong upswing in the last month of the quarter, favoured for its role as a hedge against the inflationary repercussions of monetary and fiscal largesse, as well as being supported by central bank demand.

ACTIVITY REVIEW

The return-seeking core ended the quarter broadly unaltered in terms of size. Several changes were made to the physical equity positions.

WE INITIATED A NEW POSITION IN PINTEREST AND SOLD NESTE

We introduced a position in Apple following a fall in its share price, while we exited Estée Lauder owing to concerns around changing China consumption patterns and a less rosy 2024 trading outlook.

We initiated a new position in Pinterest, funded by harvesting profits in Nvidia and Amazon. The platform has scope to better monetise its user base and has recently established partnerships with Amazon and Google. We sold the position in Neste, given concerns relating to supply in the renewable diesel space and ongoing operational issues.

Within the stabilising layer, government bond duration ended the period higher, primarily through the purchase of two-year US Treasury futures, taking advantage of attractive yield levels.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND OUTLOOK

The market consensus supports the view that the US Federal Reserve has engineered a perfect landing, with inflation gradually declining and global economic growth widening out to include Europe and Asia.

A FLEXIBLE, DYNAMIC STRATEGY COULD THRIVE IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF UNCERTAINTY

Indeed, the predictive powers of the inverted government bond yield curve to signal a recession appear to have let the market down this time, as forecasts of an economic slowdown are being quickly dropped.

However, significant tail risks cannot be ignored. The potential rise of inflation and a resulting increase in long rates could cause concern in areas such as real estate and lead to a rise in central bank interest rate expectations. This could ultimately culminate in a slowing economy as a longer period of higher rates gives rise to economic stress.

We believe a flexible, dynamic strategy should thrive in such an environment of uncertainty. In our view, embedding asymmetry of return by balancing participation in risk asset markets with an emphasis on capital preservation should help navigate a highly varied and unpredictable backdrop.

TOTAL PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN (%)

Return Seeking Assets	74.7
Equities	42.1
EM Debt	14.9
Alternatives	12.8
Corporate Bonds	4.8
Synthetic Exposure	0.1
Stabilising Assets & Hedging Positions	25.3
Government Bonds	7.4
Index Linked Bonds	4.3
Precious Metals	4.3
Risk Premia	1.9
Currency Hedging	-0.2
Cash	7.7
Bond Derivatives Exposure¹	21.6
Direct Equity Index Protection¹	-1.5
Synthetic Equity Market Exposure¹	17.4
Total Equity Exposure[^]	57.9
Total Return Seeking assets[^]	90.5

¹Delta adjusted

[^]Net of direct equity index protection and synthetic equity market exposure

BOND PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWNS
RATING BREAKDOWN

Average Rating	A
Government Bonds	A
Investment Grade Bonds	A
High Yield Bonds	BB

DURATION (IN YEARS)

Average Gross Bond Duration (Years)	4.9
Average Net Bond Duration (Years)*	4.2
Government Bonds	4.4
Investment Grade Bonds	0.3
High Yield Bonds	4.6

*Duration including impact of hedging exposure using bond options and futures

Source: BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Limited

NUMBER OF HOLDINGS

No. of Holdings	17
Government Bonds	12
Investment Grade Bonds	2
High Yield Bonds	3

YIELD (%)

Average yield	5.0
Government Bonds	4.8
Investment Grade Bonds	5.8
High Yield Bonds	6.5

TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

US 2yr Bond Futures	15.0
S&P 500 Futures	11.7
Govt of Greece 0.0% 07/05/2024	6.5
US Treasury 1.25% 15/04/28	4.3
Govt of Spain 0.0% 10/05/2024	3.8
Russell 2000 Futures	3.2
Govt of Mexico 8.0% 07/11/2047	3.1
Barclays Bank Plc 0.0% 17/01/2025	2.7
Barclays Bank Plc 0.0% 21/01/2025	2.7
Microsoft	2.6

EQUITY SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

Technology	10.8
Financials	9.0
Health Care	6.5
Consumer Services	5.9
Industrials	4.9
Consumer Goods	1.9
Basic Materials	1.7
Telecommunications	0.9
Energy	0.4

REGIONAL EQUITY ALLOCATION (%)

North America	18.6
Europe ex UK	10.9
UK	5.8
Pacific ex Japan	1.2
Japan	0.4
Others	5.1

CURRENCY ALLOCATION (%)

EUR	61.1
USD	18.7
GBP	3.0
CHF	0.8
Others	16.4

KEY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FUND

- The Fund may invest in China interbank bond market through connection between the related Mainland and Hong Kong financial infrastructure institutions. These may be subject to regulatory changes, settlement risk and quota limitations. An operational constraint such as a suspension in trading could negatively affect the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.
- The Fund may invest in China A shares through Stock Connect programmes. These may be subject to regulatory changes and quota limitations. An operational constraint such as a suspension in trading could negatively affect the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.
- Where the Fund invests significantly in a single market, this may have a material impact on the value of the Fund.
- The performance aim is not a guarantee, may not be achieved and a capital loss may occur. Funds which have a higher performance aim generally take more risk to achieve this and so have a greater potential for returns to vary significantly.
- This Fund invests in international markets which means it is exposed to changes in currency rates which could affect the value of the Fund.
- Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset from which their value is derived. A small movement in the value of the underlying asset can cause a large movement in the value of the derivative. This can increase the sizes of losses and gains, causing the value of your investment to fluctuate. When using derivatives, the Fund can lose significantly more than the amount it has invested in derivatives.
- Investments in bonds/money market securities are affected by interest rates and inflation trends which may negatively affect the value of the Fund.
- Bonds with a low credit rating or unrated bonds have a greater risk of default. These investments may negatively affect the value of the Fund.
- The issuer of a security held by the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
- Emerging Markets have additional risks due to less-developed market practices.
- Contingent Convertible Securities (CoCo's) convert from debt to equity when the issuer's capital drops below a pre-defined level. This may result in the security converting into equities at a discounted share price, the value of the security being written down, temporarily or permanently, and/or coupon payments ceasing or being deferred.
- The Fund follows an ESG investment approach. This means factors other than financial performance are considered as part of the investment process. This carries the risk that the Fund's performance may be negatively impacted due to restrictions placed on its exposure to certain sectors or types of investments. The approach taken may not reflect the opinions of any particular investor. In addition, in following an ESG investment approach, the Fund is dependent upon information and data from third parties (which may include providers for research reports, screenings, ratings and/or analysis such as index providers and consultants). Such information or data may be incomplete, inaccurate or inconsistent.
- The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as custody of assets or acting as a counterparty to derivatives or other contractual arrangements, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
- If this share class is denominated in a different currency from the base currency of the Fund. Changes in the exchange rate between the share class currency and the base currency may affect the value of your investment.
- For hedged share classes the hedging strategy is used to reduce the impact of exchange rate movements between the share class currency and the base currency. It may not completely achieve this due to factors such as interest rate differentials.
- A complete description of risk factors is set out in the Prospectus in the section entitled "Risk Factors".

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To achieve a total return in excess of a cash benchmark over an investment horizon of 3-5 years by investing in securities that demonstrate attractive investment attributes and are deemed to be sustainable. However, there is no guarantee that this will be achieved over that, or any, time period.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Total net assets (million)	€ 12.62
Lipper sector	Lipper Global - Mixed Asset EUR Flex-Global
Fund type	ICVC
Fund domicile	Ireland
Fund manager	Phil Shucksmith / Matthew Brown / Aron Pataki / Lars Middleton
Base currency	EUR
Currencies available	EUR, USD, GBP
Fund launch	06 Feb 2020

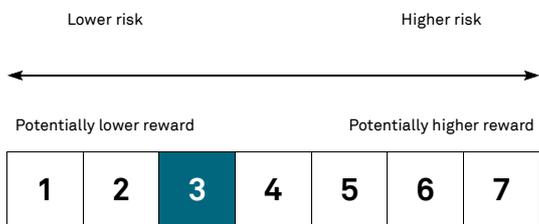
EUR W (ACC.) SHARE CLASS DETAILS

Inception date	06 Feb 2020
Min. initial investment	€ 15,000,000
Max. initial charge	5.00%
Annual mgmt charge	0.75%
ISIN	IE00BK0VJT49
Registered for sale in:	AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GG, IE, IT, JE, LU, NL, NO, PT, SE, SG

DEALING

09:00 to 17:00 each business day
 Valuation point: 12:00 Dublin time
 Costs incurred when purchasing, holding, converting or selling any investment, will impact returns. Costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.
 For more details please read the KID document.

RISK AND REWARD PROFILE - EUR W (ACC.)



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 or because we are not able to pay you. We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium low level, and poor market conditions are unlikely to impact the capacity of BNY Mellon Fund Management (Luxembourg) S.A. to pay you.

Source: BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Limited
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