## GENERALI INVESTMENTS SICAV

# EURO CORPORATE BOND - EX 30 July 2021



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#### **KEY DATA**

MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Generali Investments Luxembourg S.A.
INVESTMENT MANAGER	Generali Investments Partners S.p.A Società di gestione del risparmio
FUND MANAGER	Fabrizio VIOLA
BENCHMARK	100% BARCLAYS EURO AGG CORPORATE (TR)
FUND TYPE	Sicav
DOMICILE	Luxembourg
SUB-FUND LAUNCH DATE	02/04/2002
SHARE CLASS LAUNCH DATE	26/11/2003
FIRST NAV DATE AFTER DORMANT PERIOD	No dormant period
CURRENCY	Euro
CUSTODIAN BANK	BNP Paribas Securities Services Luxembourg
ISIN	LU0169253068
BLOOMBERG CODE	GENECEX LX
VALUATION	
AUM	146.52 M EUR
NAV PER SHARE	161.21 EUR
HIGHEST NAV OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS	161.21 EUR
LOWEST NAV OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS	156.08 EUR
FEES	
SUBSCRIPTION FEE	max. 5%
MANAGEMENT FEE	1.3000%
MANAGEMENT FEE  CONVERSION FEE	1.3000% max. 5%
CONVERSION FEE	max. 5%

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The objective of the Fund is to outperform its Benchmark investing in quality corporate debt securities denominated in Euro. The Fund shall essentially invest in corporate bonds denominated in Euro. The Fund shall mainly invest in securities with Investment Grade Credit Rating. Investment Grade Credit Rating is credit rating from AAA to BBB for Standard & Poors or from Aaa to Baa3 for Moody's or from AAA to BBB- for Fitch or an equivalent credit rating by a recognised credit rating agency or an equivalent credit rating as deemed by the Investment Manager. The Fund may use standardized credit default swaps ("CDS") and the total obligation may not exceed 25% of the Fund's net assets. The Fund may use financial instruments and derivatives for hedging purposes, for efficient portfolio management purposes and for investment purposes.

#### PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS AT 30 JULY 2021



	1M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	3YR P.A.	5YR P.A.
Portfolio	1.07	0.50	3.23	6.44	4.40	2.10	0.86
Benchmark	1.14	0.75	3.23	9.02	10.23	2.92	1.97
Excess return	-0.07	-0.24	-0.01	-2.58	-5.83	-0.82	-1.10

	SI	SI P.A.	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Portfolio	61.21	2.74	2.59	6.16	-4.33	1.21	3.23
Benchmark	96.67	3.90	2.77	6.24	-1.25	2.30	4.85
Excess return	-35.46	-1.16	-0.18	-0.08	-3.08	-1.10	-1.61

	07/21-07/20	07/20-07/19	07/19-07/18	07/18-07/17	07/17-07/16
Portfolio	3.23	-0.45	3.58	-1.09	-0.83
Benchmark	3.23	-0.35	5.98	0.62	0.49
Excess return	-0.01	-0.10	-2.39	-1.71	-1.32

#### **CATEGORY AND RISK PROFILE**

CATE	ORY	F	ixed Ir	ncome		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lower ri		rewards		Potentia		igher risk r rewards

The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and the categorisation of the sub fund may shift over time. For more information about risk, please see the KIID and Prospectus.

#### KEY FEATURES

- Active approach to investments in high quality, Euro denominated, IG corporate bonds
- Benefits from the expertise of our renowned credit team
- Disciplined risk control with below-the-average volatility over the long term
- Value added through securities' selection supported by proprietary bottom-up research

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### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

During July we put in place the following trading strategies:

- o After the important rebalancing occurred last month, inspired by relative value considerations, during the month we have limited the turnover and let the portfolio capture the carry.
- o Concerning derivatives, we still hold a short on Lufthansa (leverage usage 0,7%). The payer spread plus receiver option strategy we had in place expired with all the legs out-of-the money, so we captured the initial net positive premium as a pure gain.

Portfolio positioning is long with respect to pure credit risk and slightly short on interest rate duration (-0.09 years). The risk come from an overweight to BBB against single A and the addiction to a small percentage of BB high Yield names (6.6%). In terms of curve positioning we are concentrated into the 3-5 and 7-10 year part, while we have an underweight on the longest part of the curve 10+. Subordination levels are also an important element to look at and under this respect we continue to like corporate hybrids and selectively T1 financials. We are positively allocated to T2 and long now also on senior non-preferred bonds (T3) but we aim to add more those if they become cheaper, especially the ones with the green label that could prove to be more stable if volatility arrives. Finally, looking at the sector distribution, financials is the sector where we have done the greatest selection efforts, as it represents the first sector in terms of credit risk. Within financials we actually prefer to take risks on Insurance subordinated paper and high beta T1. Within non-financials we essentially favor corporate hybrids into materials, energy and utilities and underweight cyclicals, heavy industries and capital goods. CDS strategies are also used for hedging and relative value ideas between indexes and single names.

#### Market and outlook

During July the monthly "excess return" of Euro investment grade corporate bonds have been 0,09%, while the 1-3 year maturity bucket segment returned +0,07%. Year to date excess return figures are in positive territory (1,04% and 0,73% respectively for the entire market and the 1-3 segment).

The first seven months of the year has been rather easy for investment grade credit investors.... Simply buying the beta and let the carry go. But absolute performances are negative on intermediate and longer parts of the curve, with just the short term segment that was able to return something positive, even if marginally above zero. In this environment just few asset classes are emerging, in particular Corporate Hybrids, sub-Insurance and REITs that did very well in relative terms to government bonds too. Excess returns were positive and this helped the asset class to avoid any kind of vulnerability during the periods of inflation fears or rising core rates. Those risks remain, but they seem mitigated somewhat but the attitude of Central Banks and policy makers. Growth in Eurozone is uneven and in some sectors many companies have now to face the increase of commodity prices and the consequent margin erosion as production costs are spiking up (food, metals are at all time highs).

So, to sum up, there are not major vulnerability outside to derail the carry generation capacity of credit. Thereafter there is room for a continuation of the outperformance of credit products vs govies, even if probably it will be just moderate at year end. We would still try to implement relative value switches entering segments of issuers with robust fundamentals or with the ability to pass production costs to final consumer. Financials in general continue to represent an optimal investment as they have now solid capitalization ratios and could also benefit for higher rates to generate more returns. Recent EBA stress test on Eurozone Banks shows 2 elements: first that Banks arrived to the mid of 2021 with an average CET1 ratio of 15%, historically one on the highest figures. Second, that even after applying the stress test this CET1 ration goes just close to 10%, which is still a quite robust capitalization ratio. Subordinated insurance bonds will probably be added further, while corporate hybrids will remain stable or marginally reduced, in particular the ones issued by commercial real estate operators. Considering the uncertain direction of rates we would also maintain a cautious allocation to the long-end of the curve where we actually find less value adjusted for duration. We also like adding some optionality within portfolios, and we usually find this optionality value into the T1 banking segment, in particular legacy T1 bonds that can be purchased at discount to par for high-single-digit returns if called by the issuer within the end of 2022, which is the most probable call window.

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## **HOLDINGS & TRANSACTIONS**

#### **TOP 10 FIXED INCOME**

HOLDING	SECTOR	RATING	GROSS %
NESTLE FIN INTL 1.125 04/01/26	Consumer Staples	AA-	3.28%
AIB GROUP PLC 05/30/31	Financials	BB+	1.77%
STATE GRID OSEAS 1.75 05/19/25	Utilities	A+	1.74%
HONEYWELL INTL 0 03/10/24	Industrials	А	1.72%
CNH IND FIN 1.875 01/19/26	Industrials	BBB-	1.62%
MAPFRE 1.625 05/19/26	Financials	BBB+	1.57%
STANDARD CHART 0.75 10/03/23	Financials	BBB+	1.53%
PRAXAIR INC 1.625 12/01/25	Materials	А	1.49%
ARGENTA SPBNK 1 10/13/26	Financials	BBB	1.42%
NORDEA BANK 0.375 05/28/26	Financials	AA-	1.42%
Total Top 10 (%)			17.56%
Total Top 20 (%)			29.55%

#### TOP 3 SALES OVER THE LAST MONTH

#### TOP 3 PURCHASES OVER THE LAST MONTH

No Purchases for this period

## **RATIOS**

#### PERFORMANCE AND RISK ANALYSIS - SYNTHESIS

	1YR	3YR	5YR	SI
Standard Deviation Ptf	1.58	4.76	3.85	3.31
Standard Deviation Bmk	1.62	3.89	3.23	3.09
Tracking Error	0.39	1.60	1.28	1.18
Alpha	0.00	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03
Beta	0.95	1.16	1.13	1.12
R-squared	0.94	0.90	0.90	0.89
Information Ratio	-0.02	-0.50	-0.86	-0.98
Sharpe Ratio	2.34	0.52	0.32	0.40
Treynor Ratio	3.75	1.62	-0.30	-0.90
Sortino Ratio	4.46	0.65	0.40	0.52

#### DRAWDOWN

	SINCE INCEPTION
Maximum drawdown (%)	-9.6
Peak to trough drawdown (dates)	Feb 20 - Mar 20
Length (in days)	28
Recovery Period (in days)	231
Worst Month	March 2020
Lowest Return	-7.6
Best Month	April 2020
Highest Return	3.7

### **MODIFIED DURATION EVOLUTION**



## FINANCIAL RATIO - FIXED INCOME

	FUND	BENCHMARK
Z-Spread	97.42	46.04
DTS (Duration Times Spread)	562.35	246.23
Average Rating (2nd best)	BBB	BBB+
Modified Duration	4.99	5.30
Effective Duration	5.20	5.27
Average Time to Maturity	5.44	5.70
Yield to Maturity	0.96	0.31
Current Yield	1.67	0.08
Average Coupon	1.81	1.45

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## **BREAKDOWNS**



COUNTRY		NET	RELATIVE	
	15.8%		-4.4%	
France	20.2%			
	14.8%		-5.4%	
United States	20.2%			
	14.7%		6.1%	
United Kingdom	8.6%			
	7.1%		1.3%	
Spain	5.8%			
	7.0%		-7.0%	
Germany	14.0%			
	6.9%		1.9%	
Italy	5.0%			
	6.0%		2.8%	
Switzerland	3.2%			
	26.7%		3.8%	
Others	22.9%			
	0.9%			
Cash				

RATINGS (2ND BEST)	NET	RELATIVE
AAA	0.3%	-0.3%
AA	6.6%	0.7%
A	25.6% 35.3%	-9.7%
BBB	56.9% 58.5%	-1.6%
ВВ	10.0%	10.0%
Not Available	0.0%	0.0%
Cash	0.9%	

SECTOR	NET		RELATIVE	
	45.7%		9.4%	
Financials	36.3%			
	10.1%		5.0%	
Real Estate	5.0%			
	8.0%		-0.3%	
Consumer Staples  Energy	8.4%			
	5.9%		1.2%	
	4.6%			
	5.7%		-1.6%	
Utilities	7.4%			
	5.7%		-2.9%	
Industrials	8.6%			
	4.9%		-1.0%	
Health Care	5.9%			
	13.1%		-10.7%	
Others	23.8%			
	0.9%			
Cash				

MATURITY	NET	RELATIVE	
	3.9%	2.9%	
0-1Y	1.0%		
	20.0%	-5.6%	
1-3Y	25.6%	1	
	28.0%	1.9%	
5-10Y	26.1%		
	42.8%	5.2%	
	37.7%		
	3.0%	-6.1%	
10-20Y	9.1%		
	1.2%	0.8%	
Over 20Y	0.4%		
	0.0%	0.0%	
Not Available			
	0.9%		
ash			

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#### **DEALING DETAILS**

CUT OFF TIME	T at 1 pm (T being the dealing day)
SETTLEMENT	T+3
VALUATION	Daily
NAV CALCULATION	Day +1
NAV PUBLICATION	Day +1

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