

HSBC Global Investment Funds

EURO CREDIT BOND

Monthly report 31 January 2024 | Share class AC



Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income by investing in a portfolio of bonds (denominated in Euro), while promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) characteristics. The Fund also aims to achieve a higher ESG rating than the weighted average of the constituents of its reference benchmark. The Fund qualifies under Article 8 of SFDR.



Investment strategy

The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by a benchmark. In normal market conditions, the Fund will mostly invest in investment grade bonds issued by companies, or issued by government, government-related entities and supranational entities, that are denominated in Euro. The Fund includes the identification and analysis of an issuer's ESG Credentials as an integral part of the investment decision making process to reduce risk and enhance returns. The Fund will not invest in bonds issued by companies with involvement in specific excluded activities, such as, companies involved in the production of controversial weapons and tobacco; companies with more than 10% revenue generated from thermal coal extraction; and companies with more than 10% revenue generated from coal-fired power generation. The Fund may invest up to 10% in contingent convertible securities and may invest up to 10% of its assets in other funds. See the Prospectus for a full description of the investment objectives and derivative usage.



Main risks

- The Fund's unit value can go up as well as down, and any capital invested in the Fund may be at risk.
- The Fund invests in bonds whose value generally falls when interest rates rise. This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality. The issuers of certain bonds, could become unwilling or unable to make payments on their bonds and default. Bonds that are in default may become hard to sell or worthless.
- Derivatives may be used by the Fund, and these can behave unexpectedly. The pricing and volatility of many derivatives may diverge from strictly reflecting the pricing or volatility of their underlying reference(s), instrument or asset.

Share Class Details

Key metrics

NAV per Share	EUR 25.57
Performance 1 month	-0.42%
Yield to maturity	3.97%

Fund facts

UCITS V compliant	Yes
Dividend treatment	Accumulating
Dealing frequency	Daily
Valuation Time	17:00 Luxembourg
Share Class Base Currency	EUR
Domicile	Luxembourg
Inception date	4 April 2003
Fund Size	EUR 407,101,891
Reference benchmark	100% Markit iBoxx EUR Corporates
Managers	Jean Olivier Neyrat

Fees and expenses

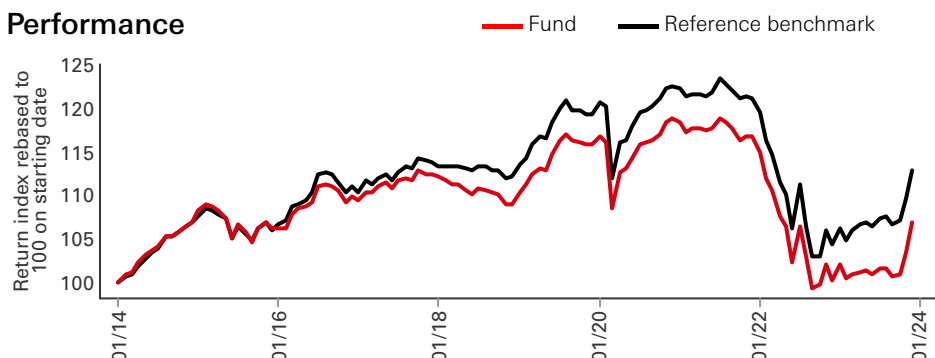
Minimum Initial Investment	USD 5,000
Ongoing Charge Figure ¹	1.100%

Codes

ISIN	LU0165124784
Valoren	1578637
Bloomberg ticker	HSBEUCA LX

¹Ongoing Charges Figure is based on expenses over a year. The figure includes annual management charge but not the transaction costs. Such figures may vary from time to time.

Performance



Past performance does not predict future returns. The figures are calculated in the share class base currency, dividend reinvested, net of fees.

This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus and to the KID before making any final investment decisions.

For definition of terms, please refer to the Glossary QR code and Prospectus.

Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 January 2024

Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann	10 years ann
AC	-0.42	-0.42	5.49	4.61	4.23	-3.55	-0.72	0.62
Reference benchmark	-0.18	-0.18	5.26	4.93	6.02	-2.71	-0.14	1.20

Rolling Performance (%)	31/01/23-31/01/24	31/01/22-31/01/23	31/01/21-31/01/22	31/01/20-31/01/21	31/01/19-31/01/20	31/01/18-31/01/19	31/01/17-31/01/18	31/01/16-31/01/17	31/01/15-31/01/16	31/01/14-31/01/15
AC	4.23	-11.16	-3.11	1.47	5.94	-1.72	2.60	2.93	-1.91	8.30
Reference benchmark	6.02	-11.12	-2.28	1.38	6.37	0.07	2.73	3.52	-0.97	7.68

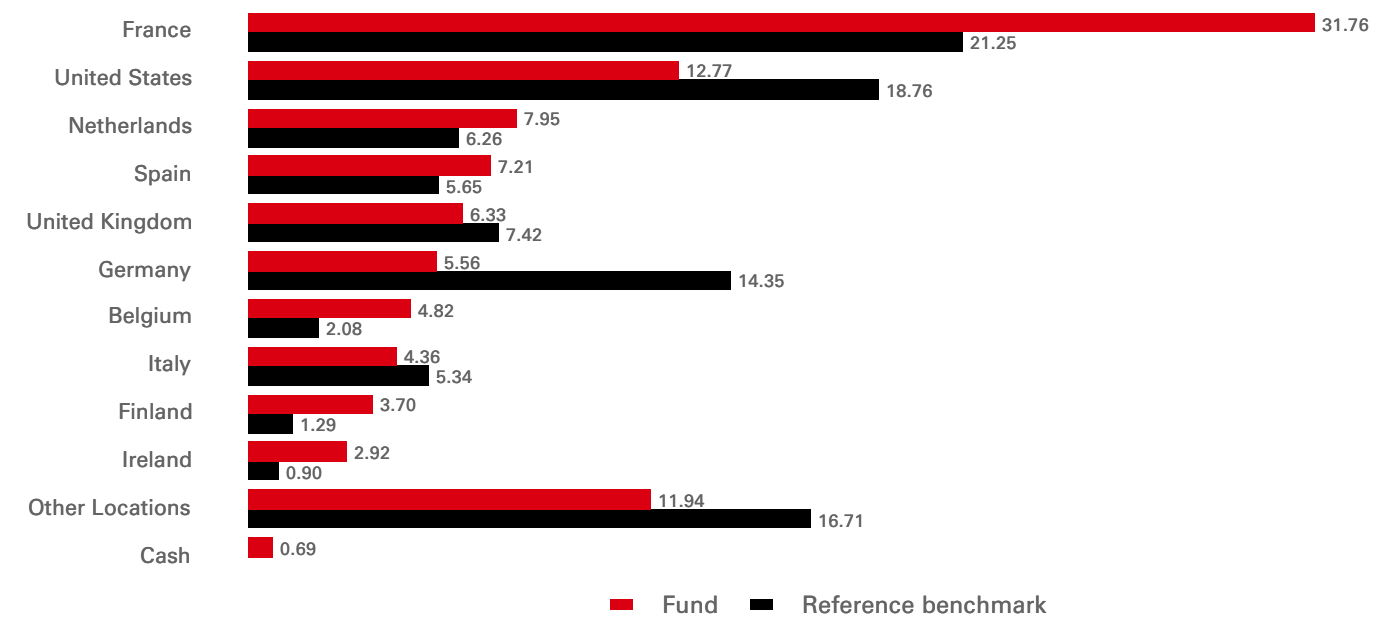
Carbon footprint	Fund	Reference benchmark	MSCI ESG Score	ESG score	E	S	G
Carbon intensity emissions	67.49	95.52	Fund	7.7	7.6	5.3	6.0
Carbon Intensity measures the quantity of carbon emission of a company (tonnes CO ² e/USD million) Source of analytics: Trucost			Reference benchmark	7.3	7.6	5.2	5.8

3-Year Risk Measures	AC	Reference benchmark	5-Year Risk Measures	AC	Reference benchmark
Volatility	6.07%	6.38%	Volatility	6.06%	6.35%
Sharpe ratio	-0.75	-0.59	Sharpe ratio	-0.19	-0.09
Tracking error	0.93%	--	Tracking error	0.84%	--
Information ratio	-0.91	--	Information ratio	-0.69	--

Fixed Income Characteristics	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
No. of holdings ex cash	105	3,735	--
Yield to worst	3.77%	3.53%	0.24%
Yield to maturity	3.97%	3.62%	0.35%
Option Adjusted Duration	4.62	4.45	0.17
Modified Duration to Worst	4.51	4.38	0.13
Option Adjusted Spread Duration	5.70	4.56	1.13
Average maturity	5.51	5.01	0.50
Minimum rating	A-/BBB+	A-/BBB+	--
Number of issuers	85	717	--

Credit rating (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative	Maturity Breakdown (Option Adjusted Duration)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
AAA	3.88	0.23	3.65	0-2 years	0.29	0.22	0.07
AA	9.05	5.03	4.02	2-5 years	0.62	1.40	-0.78
A	24.52	38.75	-14.23	5-10 years	2.79	2.04	0.75
BBB	52.25	54.72	-2.47	10+ years	0.92	0.79	0.13
BB	9.23	1.27	7.96	Total	4.62	4.45	0.17
NR	0.38	--	0.38				
Cash	0.69	--	0.69				

Geographical Allocation (%)



Sector Allocation (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
Banking	31.57	29.26	2.31
Electric	8.82	4.39	4.42
Consumer Non cyclical	7.74	12.60	-4.86
Capital Goods	6.49	4.92	1.58
Insurance	6.41	4.13	2.28
Owned No guarantee	6.15	6.49	-0.34
Transportation	5.10	3.27	1.83
Consumer Cyclical	4.57	8.59	-4.02
Mortgage Assets	3.88	--	3.88
Communications	3.48	6.03	-2.55
Other Sectors	15.10	20.33	-5.23
Cash	0.69	--	0.69

Top 10 Holdings	Weight (%)
L'OREAL SA 3.375 23/11/29	2.28
LA BANQUE POST H 3.125 19/02/29	1.77
BANK OF AMER CRP 1.381 09/05/30	1.75
KBC GROUP NV 4.750 17/04/35	1.48
APPLE INC 0.500 15/11/31	1.46
AUTOROUTES DU SU 3.250 19/01/33	1.42
ESB FINANCE DAC 4.000 03/05/32	1.41
NORDEA BANK ABP 0.625 18/08/31	1.35
CAIXABANK 6.125 30/05/34	1.34
DEUTSCHE BANK AG 3.750 15/01/30	1.30

Monthly performance commentary

Market

In January 2024, risky assets and global government bonds market followed opposite trajectories. For global government bonds, as central bank officials pushed back on the prospect of Q1 rate cuts, we had a correction of the rally of December 2023 for the eurozone German Bund at 10 years where 15 bps higher at 2.17% and French 10Y OAT 10bps higher at 2.66%, the outperformer was the Italian BTP which finished the month at 3.72% which is 4bps higher and 10bps tighter against Germany.

For risky assets, they hold their momentum from November and December as hopes for a soft landing continued. US data surprised on the upside once again, with Q4 growth at annualized rate of +3.3%, whilst the unemployment rate remained at 3.7% in December. Likewise in the Euro Area, the single currency area unexpectedly avoided a technical recession in Q4, as GDP was unchanged, rather than contracting by -0.1% as the consensus expected.

In this context equity markets were positive on the month with the Eurostoxx 50 at 4648 (+2.8%) and the S&P500 at 4845 (+1.6%). For the credit market, investment grade cash indices were 5bps tighter on the month as High yield 10bps tighter. For the sectors, outperformance of Subordinated Insurance (-15bps), Corporate Hybrids (-17bps) and Real Estate. Banks, both senior and subordinated performed in line with the market while Utilities (-2bps) and Telecoms (-2bps) underperformed. The primary market was quite active but overall, the volume of new issues was 30-35% lower than for January 2023.

Credit Exposure

We increased our credit exposure from the end of December and our beta is now at 1.4 with an average yield of the portfolio 35bps higher than the one of the benchmarks. In term of sector exposure, no major change with overweights on T2 banks, Subordinated Insurance, Utilities and Media. We reduced our underweight on senior naks, taking advantage of the primary market, our underweight on Autos, Oil & Gas and Real Estate are unchanged. We took profit on most of our Corporate hybrids after the strong rally of January with an exposure of 7.7% form 12.5%. We keep 9.23% of high yield – only BB's and mainly subordinated debt from investment grade issuers in the portfolio.

Duration & Sovereign Exposure

We are neutral on rates versus the benchmark.

Strategy & Perspectives

With the soft-landing scenario gaining traction in the financial markets and with Euro Investment grade spreads at fair value, we are keeping a procyclical positioning in our portfolio. While geopolitical concerns have persisted, particularly given attacks from the Houthi rebels on commercial shipping in the Red Sea; the next move on rates in seen to be supportive for risky assets and after the retracement of January, the market are now more in line with central bank officials in their rate expectations. For Euro credit, investment grade issuers are still in a good shape if ones stay away from problematic sectors (Commercial Real Estate ex logistic, Autos and Retail), we find Subordinated Banks and Insures attractive at these levels. We aim to maintain the carry of the portfolio as valuations are still fair at these levels of spread.

Risk Disclosure

- Investment Leverage occurs when the economic exposure is greater than the amount invested, such as when derivatives are used. A Fund that employs leverage may experience greater gains and/or losses due to the amplification effect from a movement in the price of the reference source.
- Where overseas investments are held the rate of currency exchange may cause the value of such investments to go down as well as up.
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