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Monthly Report April 2024 (covering March)

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Summary of fund objective

The Fund is actively managed. The Fund aims to achieve a combination of income and capital growth over the medium to long-term. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing primarily in debt securities denominated in Euro issued by corporate issuers. The investment concerns the acquisition of units in a fund and not in a given underlying asset.

Fund Performance

The Invesco Euro Corporate Bond Fund returned 1.50% in March 2024. This placed the fund in the first quartile of its peer group, the EAA Fund EUR Corporate Bond sector, which returned 1.20%. The 85% ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index (Total Return) and 15% ICE BofA Euro High Yield Index (Total Return) benchmark returned 1.09%. Duration contributed positively towards performance as slowing inflation - the annual growth of consumer prices in the eurozone eased to 2.4% in March - raised expectations that the European Central Bank could start cutting interest rates in June. Credit also generated positive returns with investment grade bonds and subordinated financials the biggest contributors.

Fund Positioning

The fund holds a diversified portfolio of investment grade corporate bonds, with an allocation to subordinated financials, corporate hybrid bonds and non-investment grade corporate bonds. We participated in a number of new issues in March, adding Solvay, CBRE, E.ON (all investment grade bonds), Tennet (corporate hybrid) and JPMorgan (senior bank debt). In the secondary market we added Blackstone Property Partners (investment grade). We sold Kering and Vonovia (both investment grade) and Scor (subordinated insurance). The biggest allocation by sector remains financials with about a third of the fund held in banks and insurance companies. Under 10% of the fund is held in US dollar denominated bonds. The currency exposure from these positions is hedged back to euros. The fund's modified duration remains unchanged at 4.9. For the broader market, modified duration increased from 4.4 to 4.5.

Outlook

We believe that it's still a bond-friendly backdrop and a good time to hold high-quality fixed income assets. Inflation is falling in Europe and interest rate cuts are expected. Despite this more dovish backdrop, the economy in Europe is proving resilient and likely to pick up in 2024. Bond market yields are attractive and the fund is taking advantage of these, in particular the new issuance market, although the opportunity to buy new bonds at attractive coupons is lessening. We also need to consider the relatively low credit spread the market is trading on. We believe there are still opportunities in the secondary market.

Fund Facts

Z-share ISIN	LU0955863922
Bloomberg	INECZAC LX
Domicile	Luxembourg
AuM	3.56bn EUR
Launch Date	31 Mar 2006
Reference Index**	85% ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index (Total Return) and 15% ICE BofA Euro High Yield Index (Total Return)

Fund Managers*** Julien Eberhardt and Tom Hemmant

** The benchmark index is shown for performance comparison purposes only. The fund does not track the index.

*** Julien Eberhardt since December 2016 and Tom Hemmant since August 2020

Fund Characteristics

(Annualised Data)

	3Y	5Y
Gain/Loss Ratio	0.86	1.13
Sharpe Ratio	-0.39	0.03
Gain/Loss Ratio	N/A	N/A
Information Ratio	N/A	N/A
Sharpe Ratio	N/A	N/A
Tracking Error	N/A	N/A

Awards & Gradings



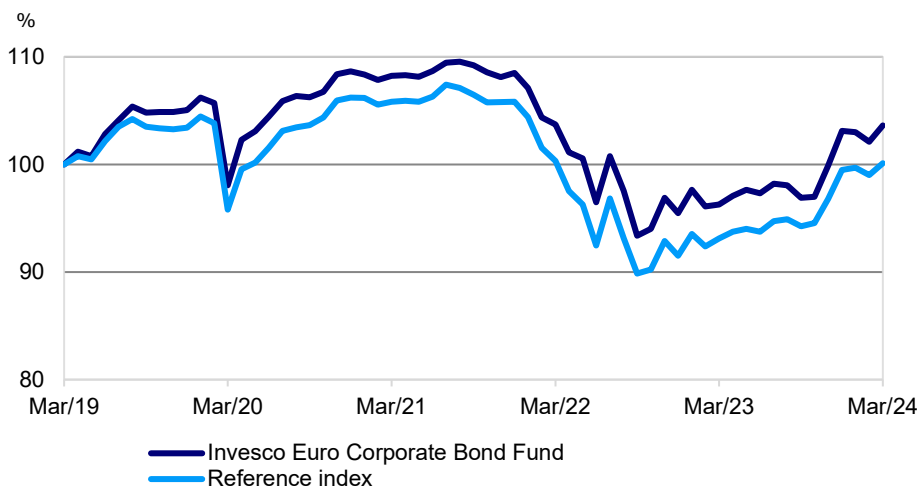
Morningstar Rating 31.03.24

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Performance (EUR) ^{1, 2}

5 Year Active Return



Cumulative	YTD	1M	1Y	3Y	5Y
Fund (Z-shares)	0.49	1.50	7.63	-4.25	3.63
Reference Index	0.61	1.11	7.50	-5.40	0.12
Active return	-0.12	0.39	0.13	1.15	3.51

Calendar Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund (Z-shares)	8.89	3.44	-0.15	-12.02	8.03
Reference Index	7.00	2.72	-0.37	-13.52	8.72

Rolling 12 Months	31.03.14	31.03.15	31.03.16	31.03.17	31.03.18	31.03.19
	31.03.15	31.03.16	31.03.17	31.03.18	31.03.19	31.03.20
Fund (Z-shares)	8.50	-3.05	3.07	2.39	1.61	1.61
Reference Index	7.03	0.39	3.48	2.20	2.28	2.28
Peer Group	6.64	-0.87	2.89	1.33	1.13	1.13

	31.03.19	31.03.20	31.03.21	31.03.22	31.03.23	31.03.24
	31.03.20	31.03.21	31.03.22	31.03.23	31.03.24	31.03.24
Fund (Z-shares)	-1.95	10.38	-4.18	-7.16	7.63	7.63
Reference Index	-4.20	10.46	-5.20	-7.17	7.50	7.50
Peer Group	-3.86	8.50	-5.35	-7.42	6.76	6.76

Source fund/sector: Morningstar as of 31 March 2024

Source index: RIMES as at 31 March 2024, on a total return basis in EUR

Peer Group: Morningstar Category EAA Fund EUR Corporate Bond

¹Fund returns are inclusive of gross income re-invested and net of the ongoing charge and portfolio transaction costs, cumulative, in fund currency. The figures do not reflect the entry charge payable by individual investors. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

²Previous Benchmark: Mstar GIF OS EUR Corporate Bond up to 29 February 2020.

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