

# EUR Short Duration Credit Fund

## OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- Seeks to maximise investment income whilst preserving capital.
- Invests at least two-thirds of its assets in investment grade euro-denominated short-term credit debt securities
- Have an average weighted duration of up to 3.5 years or less.
- Invests at least two-thirds of its total assets in issuers that have a proprietary overall ESGiQ score that is favourable by meeting the threshold specified in our methodology, and will exclude issuers that have less favourable or do not have an ESGiQ score. Sovereign issuers, cash, derivatives and investments in underlying funds will not be required to have an ESGiQ score.
- Uses fundamental credit research combined with active top-down allocation decisions within a controlled risk framework seeking to generate superior investment returns.
- Uses a negative screen to exclude securities issued by companies based on their exposure to ESG risks.
- Targets a carbon intensity that is lower than the benchmark.
- The fund may invest:
  - up to one-third of its assets in currency-hedged non-euro-denominated debt securities and foreign agencies
  - up to 10% of its assets in investment grade asset-backed securities
  - up to 10% of its assets in below investment grade debt securities
  - in derivatives for hedging, efficient portfolio management or for investment purposes

## KEY RISKS

**Debt securities risk:** debt securities are subject to credit risk and interest rate risk and are affected by an issuer's ability to make interest payments or repay principal when due.

**Asset-backed securities risk:** asset-backed securities may be more sensitive to changes in interest rates and may exhibit added volatility, known as extension risk, and are subject to prepayment risk. **Derivatives risk:** the use of derivatives presents risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in traditional securities. The use of derivatives can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the underlying asset, index or rate, which may be magnified by certain features of the derivatives. **ESG risk:** applying an ESG screen for security selection may result in lost opportunity in a security or industry resulting in possible underperformance relative to peers, ESG screens are dependent on third party data and errors in the data may result in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security.

## Calendar-year performance (%)

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

	2023	2022	2021
Class A (EUR) (26 Feb 2020)*	6.02	-9.38	-0.73
Class A Dist. (EUR) (26 Feb 2020)*	6.03	-9.39	-0.73
Bloomberg Euro Corporate Bonds (1-5 Y) Index <sup>1</sup>	6.39	-8.00	-0.08

## Performance (%)

	Annualized							
	1 Month	3 Months	Year to date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since incep.
Class A (EUR) (26 Feb 2020)*	0.91	0.96	0.96	5.93	-1.22	—	—	-0.89
Class A Dist. (EUR) (26 Feb 2020)*	0.91	0.96	0.96	5.94	-1.22	—	—	-0.89
Bloomberg Euro Corporate Bonds (1-5 Y) Index <sup>1</sup>	0.82	0.48	0.48	5.61	-0.59	—	—	-0.25

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance calculations are net of all applicable fees and are calculated on a NAV-to-NAV basis (with income re-invested). Institutional Accumulating Euro share class (LU0694366682). Performance shown is for class and currency indicated and returns may increase/decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. \*Share class inception date.

## Sector weights (%)

		Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>	
Banks	48.96		+12.03
Electric	6.24		+1.29
Healthcare products	4.79		+2.62
Auto loan	4.75		-1.86
Commercial services	3.77		+0.31
REITs	3.58		+1.01
Telecommunication services	3.56		-0.36
Real estate	3.51		+0.80
Oil & gas	2.30		-0.83
Pharmaceuticals	1.93		-0.44

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

<sup>1</sup> The Bloomberg Euro Corporate Bonds (1-5 Y) Index contains fixed-rate, investment-grade euro-denominated securities from industrial, utility and financial issuers only with a maturity of at least one year and up to, but not including 5 years. Inclusion is based on currency of the issue, not the domicile of the issuer. The Fund uses the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Corporate Bonds 1-5 Yr. Index (EUR Unhedged) for performance comparison. The investments of the Sub-Fund may deviate significantly from the components of and their respective weightings in the benchmark.



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## FUND INFORMATION

**Fund managers:** Henrietta Pacquement, CFA; Alex Temple  
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**Fund inception date:** 4 November 2011  
**Asset class:** European fixed income  
**Financial year-end:** 31 March  
**Fund size:** 219.50m (EUR)  
**Base currency:** EUR  
**Benchmark:** Bloomberg Euro Corporate Bonds (1-5 Y) Index<sup>1</sup>  
**Minimum investment (or equivalent value):** Class A: €1,000 (EUR)  
**Management approach:** Actively managed  
**Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:** Article 8<sup>2</sup>

## KEY STATISTICS

	Fund
Average credit rating	A-
Obligors	111
Yield to worst	3.96%
Credit Spread (bps)	93
Average Maturity (Years)	3.03
Interest Rate duration (yrs)	2.63
Credit-spread duration (yrs)	2.85
Ex-ante volatility (bps)	246
Ex-post volatility (bps)	231
Beta Against Index	1.01
99% Monthly VaR	1.60%
Yield to maturity	4.00%

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

## GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION (%)

	Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>	
France	17.65	-1.63
United States	15.23	-1.93
United Kingdom	13.73	+5.87
Sweden	8.19	+4.39
Germany	6.28	-7.62
Netherlands	6.00	+0.01
Denmark	5.25	+3.56
Switzerland	4.84	+1.97
Italy	3.61	-2.17
Spain	2.51	-4.75

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet.

## DEALER CUTOFF

Luxembourg: 5pm  
London: 4pm

## Largest holdings (%)

	Fund
HSBC Holdings Plc	2.15
Credit Mutuel Arkea Societe cooperative a forme anonyme	1.99
Credit Agricole S.A.	1.91
Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A.	1.88
ZIMMER BI 1.164% 11/15/27/EUR/	1.84
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel Societe anonyme	1.75
BNP Paribas S.A.	1.72
DNB Bank ASA	1.56
Tesco Corporate Treasury Services Plc	1.54
Zurcher Kantonalbank	1.54

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## Credit rating allocation (%)

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
AAA/Aaa	0.00	0.55
AA/Aa	18.09	13.08
A/A	33.84	44.09
BBB/Baa	45.21	40.99
BB/Ba	1.16	0.26
B/B	0.31	—
Cash & equivalents	0.39	—

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

## Distribution information

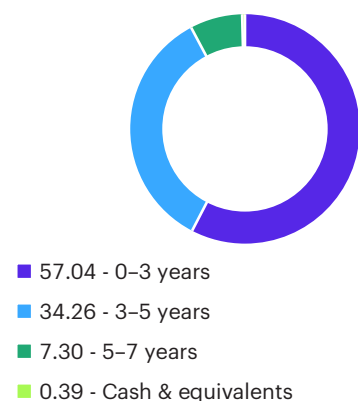
	12 Month Distribution yield	Last payment amount	Last paid date	Frequency
Class A (EUR) Distributing	1.49%	0.14	8 Mar 2024	Monthly

The distribution yield is based on the actual distributions paid by the fund. The distribution yield is calculated by summing the fund's distributions over the preceding 12 months and dividing that figure by the applicable share price at the end of the period.

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<sup>2</sup> Promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.

## Maturity distribution (%)



Based on ending weights as of month-end.

## Credit asset class (%)

	Fund
Corp. (Inv. grade)	65.04
Bank capital (Inv. grade)	31.62
Bank capital (High yield)	0.82
High yield bond	0.65
Emerging markets (Inv. grade)	0.47
Cash & equivalents	0.39

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## Share class information (Share class and currency availability varies by jurisdiction)

	Inception date	Type	ISIN	Bloomberg ID	NAV	Annual Mgmt Fee	Ongoing charges/TER (%)**
Class A (EUR)	26 Feb 2020	Accumulating	LU2087619784	WESDCAE LX	96.41	0.70	0.850
Class A Dist. (EUR)	26 Feb 2020	Distributing	LU2087619867	WESDAED LX	94.60	0.70	0.850

\*\*The ongoing charges/total expense ratio (TER) reflects annual total operating expenses for the class, excludes transaction costs and is expressed as a percentage of net asset value. The figure shown is from current KID. The investment manager has committed to reimburse the Sub-Fund when the ongoing charges exceed the agreed upon TER. Ongoing charges may vary over time.

## ESG metrics

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### MSCI ESG SCORE

	Fund		Benchmark	
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage
MSCI Overall Score	7.3	91%	7.3	96%

Data is sourced from MSCI ESG Research where companies are rated on a scale of 0 – 10 (0 - worst, 10 - best). Weighted average scores exclude effects of unrated securities.

### SUSTAINALYTICS ESG RISK SCORE

	Value	Coverage
Fund	20	92%
Benchmark	20	96%

ESG Risk Ratings measure exposure to and management of ESG risks. Lower risk scores reflect less ESG risk. Sustainalytics ESG Risk Scores measure ESG risks on a scale of 0 – 100 (0 - no ESG Risk, >40 - Severe ESG Risk).

### PRODUCT/ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Controversial Weapons	0.00	0.53
Oil Sands	0.00	0.00
Small Arms	0.00	0.12
Thermal Coal	0.00	0.70
Tobacco	0.00	0.68
UNGC violators	0.00	0.51

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### CARBON CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund		Benchmark		% above/below benchmark
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage	
Carbon to value invested (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM invested)*	68	74%	91	88%	-25%
Weighted average carbon intensity (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM revenues)*	67	90%	116	96%	-42%

\*Carbon emissions includes operational and first-tier supply chain greenhouse gas emissions. Data sourced from S&P Trucost Limited.



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