

# Global Bond Fund

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## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The Global Bond Fund returned -0.54% (Institutional, Income shares net of fees) and -0.56% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees) in February, outperforming the Bloomberg Global Aggregate (USD Hedged) Index by 0.14% (Institutional, Income shares net of fees) and 0.13% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees). Year-to-date the Fund has returned -0.70% (Institutional, Income shares net of fees) and -0.73% (Institutional, Accumulation shares net of fees), while the benchmark returned -0.88%.

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### Contributors

- Underweight exposure to duration in the U.S., as yields rose along the curve.
- Positioning within Asian EM FX, including a short to the Taiwanese dollar, as the currency depreciated against the U.S. dollar.
- Positioning within EM local rates, mostly driven by an underweight to Singapore and Malaysian rates, as yields rose.

### Detractors

- Overweight exposure to duration in the U.K., as yields rose.
- Overweight exposure to duration in the dollar bloc, as yields rose.
- Curve positioning in the euro bloc, as the belly of the curve underperformed.

### Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results

Performance (Net of Fees)	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	SI
Institutional, Acc (%)	-0.56	2.88	3.95	6.09	-1.56	1.46	2.82	4.82
Institutional, Inc (%)	-0.54	2.89	3.96	6.09	-1.56	1.46	2.82	4.49
Benchmark (%)	-0.69	2.29	3.24	5.49	-1.71	0.98	2.13	—

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Performance (Net of Fees)	Feb'2019-Feb'2020	Feb'2020-Feb'2021	Feb'2021-Feb'2022	Feb'2022-Feb'2023	Feb'2023-Feb'2024
Institutional, Acc (%)	9.08	3.31	-2.33	-7.94	6.09
Institutional, Inc (%)	9.08	3.32	-2.32	-7.94	6.09
Benchmark (%)	10.22	0.32	-2.19	-7.97	5.49

The following information is additional to, and should be read only in conjunction with, the calendar year performance data presented below.

Calendar Year (Net of Fees)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
Institutional, Acc (%)	8.98	0.91	5.83	4.56	1.01	8.47	7.63	-1.43	-11.39	8.05	-0.73
Institutional, Inc (%)	8.99	0.84	5.86	4.56	1.00	8.48	7.63	-1.46	-11.34	8.01	-0.70
Benchmark (%)	7.59	1.02	3.95	3.04	1.76	8.22	5.58	-1.39	-11.22	7.15	-0.88

Current MIFID legislation prevents us from reporting performance data for funds with less than a 12 month track record. The benchmark is the Inception to November 30, 2000 JPMorgan GBI Global Index Hedged in USD.

December 1, 2000 onwards Bloomberg Global Aggregate (USD Hedged) Index.

All periods longer than one year are annualised. SI is the performance since inception.

The fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the below benchmark as further outlined in the prospectus and key investor information document/key information document.

Bloomberg Global Aggregate (USD Hedged) Index provides a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade fixed income markets. The three major components of this index are the U.S. Aggregate, the Pan-European Aggregate, and the Asian-Pacific Aggregate Indices. The index also includes Eurodollar and Euro-Yen corporate bonds, Canadian Government securities, and USD investment grade 144A securities. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

### Key Facts

	Accumulation	Income
Bloomberg Ticker	PIMGBAI	PIMGBBI
ISIN	IE0002461055	IE0002460198
Sedol	246105	0242062
CUSIP	G7096V443	G7096V450
Valoren	1010477	845016
WKN	691191	691193
Inception Date	03/12/1998	18/04/2001
Distribution	-	Quarterly
Unified Management Fee	0.49% p.a.	0.49% p.a.
Fund Type	UCITS	
Portfolio Manager	Andrew Balls, Sachin Gupta, Lorenzo Pagani	
Total Net Assets	14.4 (USD in Billions)	
Fund Base Currency	USD	
Share Class Currency	USD	

**Counterparty Risk:** Other financial institutions provide services such as safekeeping of assets or as a counterparty to financial contracts such as derivatives. The fund is exposed to the risk of bankruptcy, or other type of default of transaction counterparties. **Credit and Default Risk:** A decline in the financial health of an issuer of a fixed income security can lead to an inability or unwillingness to repay a loan or meet a contractual obligation. This could cause the value of its bonds to fall or become worthless. Funds with high exposures to non-investment grade securities have a higher exposure to this risk. **Currency Risk:** Changes in exchange rates may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. **Derivatives and Counterparty Risk:** The use of certain derivatives could result in the fund having a greater or more volatile exposure to the underlying assets and an increased exposure to counterparty risk. This may expose the fund to larger gains or losses associated with market movements or in relation to a trade counterparty being unable to meet its obligations. **Emerging Markets Risk:** Emerging markets, and especially frontier markets, generally carry greater political, legal, counterparty and operational risk. Investments in these markets may expose the fund to larger gains or losses. **Liquidity Risk:** Difficult market conditions could result in certain securities becoming hard to sell at a desired time and price. **Interest Rate Risk:** Changes in interest rates will usually result in the values of bond and other debt instruments moving in the opposite direction (e.g. a rise in interest rates likely leads to fall in bond prices). **Mortgage Related and Other Asset Backed Securities Risks:** Mortgage or asset backed securities are subject to similar risks as other fixed income securities, and may also be subject to prepayment risk and higher levels of credit and liquidity risk. **China InterBank Bond Market ("CIBM"):** The fund may be exposed to liquidity risks, settlement risks, default of counterparties and market volatility associated with CIBM. In addition, the CIBM rules are new and still subject to further clarification and/or changes, which may adversely affect the fund's capability to invest in the CIBM.

## MONTH IN REVIEW

Tech stocks led a broad market rally fueled by advancements in artificial intelligence, while bond indexes faced challenges as yields rose. U.S. credit spreads tightened, and developed sovereign bond yields rose, while the dollar strengthened. In the U.S., the 10-year Treasury rose 34 bps to 4.25% as unexpectedly resilient inflation and strong economic data challenged market expectations of rapid rate cuts. In Germany, the 10-year bund yield rose 25 bps to 2.41%. In the U.K., 10-year Gilt yields rose 33 bps to 4.12%, while 10-year Japanese government bond yields fell 2 bps to 0.71%.

Sovereign rate strategies detracted from relative performance over the month. Contributions from underweight exposure to duration in the U.S. and positioning within EM local rates were more than offset by detractions from overweight exposure to duration in the U.K. and dollar bloc, as well as curve positioning in the euro bloc.

Spread sector strategies contributed to relative performance over the month, primarily from positioning within corporate credit and long exposure to non-agency RMBS.

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## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

The Fund is underweight overall duration, focusing on country selection. We maintain an overweight to duration in Australia, while having increased our underweight in the U.S. We also maintain our overweight to duration in the U.K., and remain close to neutral duration in Europe, preferring exposure to Denmark. The Fund expresses a key underweight in Japan, given recent steps toward monetary policy normalisation, while having modestly reduced our underweight to Chinese rates.

The Fund maintains an underweight to investment-grade corporate credit, favouring instead senior securitised assets, like non-agency mortgages and Danish covered bonds. We maintain exposure to U.S. TIPS as valuations are attractive. Within sovereign spread strategies, we continue to hold high quality EM external debt, focusing exposure in Eastern Europe where spreads widened following the Russian invasion.

Currency strategies continue to act as a diversifying strategy in the portfolio and positioning remains tactical. We focus on relative value with longs to a basket of currencies with attractive valuations, high real carry, and/or supportive fundamentals. We use a diversified basket of funding currencies from developed markets and Asia.

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Further disinflation and the potential for a faster cutting cycle should, in our view, raise the prospects for a soft landing. However, this is not to say that we believe that the path toward a soft landing is the only possible path. It is our view that the tighter-for-longer strategy that central banks have been communicating along with the strong possibility of stagnation in developed market supply and demand growth leave recession risks elevated.

In this uncertain environment, we favour portfolio flexibility and liquidity to respond to events and potentially take advantage of opportunities. We are underweight duration in the Fund as central banks assess the speed and timing of rate cuts, contributing to elevated volatility. From a country standpoint, we favour taking duration in Denmark and dollar bloc countries (primarily Australia) vs. Japan. We continue to hold a moderate allocation to TIPS in the portfolio as valuations are attractive. We hold exposure to select developed market currencies (USD, JPY, NOK), as well as select emerging markets currencies (IDR, INR, HUF, ZAR, PLN, BRL, MXN) currencies based on valuations.

In spread sectors, we continue to be cautious within corporate credit, focusing on security selection. We remain focused on securitised assets, including U.S. non-agency mortgages and Danish mortgages, which we believe offer defensive qualities in addition to reasonable risk premia for liquidity, complexity, and uncertainty over the timing of cash flows.

## Fund Statistics

Effective Duration (yrs)	5.13
Benchmark Duration (yrs)	6.63
Current Yield (%) <sup>Ⓔ</sup>	3.25
Estimated Yield to Maturity (%) <sup>Ⓔ</sup>	5.95
Annualised Distribution Yield (%) <sup>†</sup>	1.88
Average Coupon (%)	3.08
Effective Maturity (yrs)	6.63

References to agency and non-agency mortgage-backed securities refer to mortgages issued in the United States.

Emerging Market (EM); Mortgage-backed securities (MBS); Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS)

Brazilian real (BRL); Hungarian forint (HUF); Indian rupee (INR); Indonesia rupiah (IDR); Indian rupee (INR); Japanese yen (JPY); Mexican peso (MXN); Norwegian krone (NOK); Polish zloty (PLN); United States dollar (USD); South African rand (ZAR)

<sup>Ⓔ</sup>Yields reported gross of fees, the deduction of which will reduce the yield. Yields are reported in the base currency of the fund and are not specific to the share class. The current yield illustrates the income investors could get from the portfolio as a percentage of market value of the securities assuming a holding period of one year. The current yield does not take into account the future cash flows of bonds, but rather is a snapshot of the income in the portfolio as of a certain point in time.

<sup>†</sup>Annualised Distribution Yield is as of last quarter ending 02/29/2024.

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