



## Comments

### Market review

A slower reduction in securities purchases by the ECB is boosting bonds and weighing on yields also in Switzerland again slightly. Only US interest rates are moving in the opposite direction, where the next interest rate rise is expected in December.

### Performance contribution and portfolio changes

The shorter duration was slightly detrimental, whereas the barbell strategy in the credit area paid off, while lower-rated bonds with shorter maturities and high-quality bonds with long maturities were bought. Compared to the benchmark, the fund is losing few basis points and is roughly flat year on year. Risks did not pay off, which is why only selective additions were made (TANNER, PKOBP, DBHNGR, CBAAU and CDCEPS). Expensive bonds with maturities of less than one year with a negative yield were sold.

### Outlook and strategy

The central banks seem to be afraid of choking off the positive economic climate by removing stimulus measures too soon. However, the risks are asymmetrical and the fund is sticking to the shorter duration.

## Opportunities

The fund invests in a broadly diversified bond universe and seeks various opportunities for returns.

A highly qualified and experienced management actively manages the fund on the basis of a fundamental valuation approach. The objective is to identify the potential investments that, in the Investment manager's opinion, are most attractive and to generate interesting and profitable opportunities for investors.

## Risks

The fund invests in bonds, which may be subject to significant fluctuations in value. Bonds are subject to issuer risk, credit risk and interest rate risk.

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## Glossary

**Alpha (Jensen's):** Jensen's Alpha measures the performance of an investment (fund) in relation to its benchmark. A positive alpha means that the value of the fund has generated a higher return than the benchmark.

**Benchmark (BM):** An index that can be used by an investment fund as the basis of comparison for assessing the performance achieved.

**Beta:** the beta coefficient describes to what extent the price of a share tracks the value of an index, i.e. if the share performs better or worse than the market.

**Correlation:** a statistic measurement which shows the linear relationship (or degree of parallel movement) between two series of figures, for example the performance of two equity investments.

**Duration:** refers to the period of time that capital is tied into a monetary or bond investment or in other debt securities, and determines the sensitivity of the price to interest rate changes. Unlike residual maturity, the duration also takes into account interest payments and other inflows from invested capital.

**Funds of Funds:** These are investment funds which invest their fund assets in other target funds.

**High water mark:** the high water mark principle establishes a cap on or allows for a potential rise in performance fees. According to this principle, the investment fund manager only receives the relevant remuneration when the fund exceeds the highest level of return that it has ever achieved.

**Information ratio:** the information ratio expresses the ratio of additional returns generated to the extra risk involved. The value generated can be used to evaluate active management.

**Modified duration:** a risk indicator that measures the effect of price fluctuations on a bond issue or a portfolio of bond issues.

**Residual maturity:** time remaining until a bond must be repaid.

**Sharpe ratio:** the Sharpe ratio (risk-adjusted performance) is generated by calculating the difference between the average annualised return and the risk-free return. The resulting figure is divided by the annualised standard deviation of the returns. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the fund performance in relation to the risk potential of its portfolio.

**Total Expense Ratio (TER):** the TER is a measure of the total annual expenses incurred by a fund and is expressed as a percentage. It allows an accurate comparison of the costs of funds from different companies to be made.

**Tracking error:** the tracking error measures the divergence between the return of a fund in relation to its benchmark.

**Volatility:** a risk indicator demonstrating the fluctuation range (for example of the price or return of a security or fund unit) over a defined period; volatility is most often calculated using standard deviation. The higher the volatility, the greater the fluctuation range.

**Yield to maturity:** the yield to maturity is the average yield generated by an investment each year if it is held until expiry.

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