

# **OYSTER**

# **European Corporate Bonds**



# **MONTHLY REPORT | June 2020**

## OYSTER EUROPEAN CORPORATE BONDS I EUR

ISIN code: LU0933609827

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#### Investment objective

The Fund's objective is to generate investment growth through bonds issued by private companies in Europe. The Index ICE BofAML Euro Corporate is used for comparison only, incl. for performance comparison. The Fund is actively managed and the manager's discretionary powers are not constrained by the Index. Although the manager may take into consideration the Index composition, the Fund may bear little resemblance to the Index. As part of the aforementioned investment policy, the manager may also invest in derivatives such as index futures (purchase or sale of an index at the prevailing rate, with settlement at a future date) and options (contract entitling the Fund or the counterparty of the Fund to buy or sell a position at a given price at a future date). The Fund's assets may also be invested in CDS (Credit Default Swaps - purchase or sale of protection in return for a premium, entitling the buying party to demand from the selling party a compensatory payment in the event that the issuer of the underlying claim should default).

### **Fund facts**

Manager Fre	el Asset Man	agement SGR S.p.a.,
ger Erc	or Account	Antonio Ruggeri
Dividend polic	y	Accumulation
Last NAV		EUR 1046.36
Fund size		EUR 72.0 mn
Fund type		Bonds
Investment zo	ne	Europe
Recommende	d invest.	At least 4 years
horizon		
Share class cu	ırrency	EUR
Inception date		28.01.2015
Index		ICE BofAML Euro
		Corporate
Legal structure	Euxemb	oourg SICAV - UCITS
Registration		AT, CH, DE, ES, FR,
		GB. IT (QI). LU. NI

Risk/Return profile

date

New strategy implementation



22.06.2020

### Performance & risk measures

Data as of 30.06.2020



	Fund	Index			
Calendar year performance					
2020 YTD	-2.6%	-1.3%			
2019	+5.8%	+6.3%			
2018	-4.4%	-1.1%			
2017	+5.0%	+2.4%			
2016	+4.2%	+4.8%			
Annualised risk measu	ires				
Volatility	+3.5%	+2.7%			
Sharpe ratio	+0.1	-			
Information ratio	-0.9	-			
Duration	4.5	-			
Yield to maturity	+1.6%	-			

	Fund	Index			
Cumulative performance					
1M	+1.5%	+1.3%			
3M	+7.3%	+5.1%			
6M	-2.6%	-1.3%			
1Y	-1.7%	-0.4%			
3Y	+0.6%	+5.5%			
5Y	+5.4%	+12.4%			
Since Inception	+4.6%	+9.9%			
Annualized performan	ce				
3Y	+0.2%	+1.8%			
5Y	+1.1%	+2.4%			
Since inception	+0.8%	+1.8%			

Source: iM Global Partner Asset Management. Past performance does not guarantee or predict future performance. Annualised risk measures based on 3-year daily returns if more than 3-year history or 1-year if less than 3-year history.

### Monthly returns

	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	-2.6%	+0.9%	-0.8%	-9.3%	+5.0%	+0.7%	+1.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019	+5.8%	+1.1%	+0.7%	+1.0%	+0.8%	-0.6%	+1.8%	+0.7%	+0.6%	-0.5%	-0.2%	-0.1%	+0.4%
2018	-4.4%	+0.1%	-0.5%	-0.4%	+0.2%	-1.4%	-0.5%	+0.8%	-0.6%	+0.1%	-0.8%	-1.5%	+0.1%
2017	+5.0%	-0.1%	+1.1%	+0.2%	+0.7%	+0.7%	+0.1%	+1.0%	+0.2%	+0.1%	+1.0%	-0.0%	-0.1%
2016	+4.2%	-2.0%	-0.6%	+3.2%	+1.6%	+0.2%	-0.3%	+1.7%	+0.7%	-0.5%	+0.1%	-1.2%	+1.4%
2015	-	-	+1.8%	+0.2%	-0.1%	-0.3%	-2.2%	+1.0%	-1.0%	-3.0%	+2.6%	+0.5%	-2.2%

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# **Manager Comment**

### Highlights

- •Credit markets jump started driven by improving leading indicators and lockdown easing
- •All high beta segments outperformed, except for USD HY weakening into month end
- •The fund increased in value and outperformed the reference index over the period

	Fund	Index
Cumulative performance		
1M	+1.5%	+1.3%
2020 YTD	-2.6%	-1.3%

#### Market Review

Volatile but positive month for credit. Corporate bonds shared equity market exuberance in the first decade of June as easing of lockdown measures, leading indicators and the job report all increased expectation for a V shaped recovery in the second half of the year. Resurging COVID cases in US, anyway, remembered market that the pandemic is not yet behind and eventually raised concerns of new lockdowns coming. All in all, markets hold on their expectation for a faster than expected recovery and closed the month on a positive tone, with US IG posting the best first half performance (around +5%), as rates remain close to lows and spreads are only 50 bps higher than end of 2019.

#### **Fund Review**

The fund increased in value and outperformed the reference index over the period, benefitting from its higher spread-risk exposure. With the core portfolio almost tracking the index with only 2/3 of exposure, additional return came from Tier 2s and selected High Yields.

Among the first, Banco Comercial Portuguese, Sabadell and Banco Popolare where the best performers risng from 6 to 10% in the month. Similar contribution came from Samsonite, House of HR and Amplifon in the High Yield space. Positive sentiment and rebound in activity tended to benefit cyclicals, while peripheral banks mostly benefitted from the acceleration in EU

recovery fund and increased support from the ECB.

On the negative side, Talk Talk and Dufry retraced more than 3% after a strong recovery in the previous months.

No major changes to the asset allocation, except an addition in the hybrid space where Solvay was added bringing the exposure above 6%. Hybrids still show value overall, even if most of the drawdown has been recovered. Solvay still offered a significan compensation for the hybrid vs senior and was lagging its rating peers. From a sector perspective, we expect chemicals to show more resiliency and also exposure to improving macro.

#### Outlook

July will be crucial as first hard data on Q2 will show the depth of the economic drop and, at the same time, how fast lockdown easing can contribute to the recovery. Latest employment reports seem encouraging with respect to the quick reversal in unemployment trend, but investors will still have to deal with numbers of the pandemic and the risk of new lockdown. Given attractive valuations and strong support from fiscal and monetary authorities, we expect risky assets to continue on their bumpy but improving road. Anyway, we still don't see the condition to take a contrarian view an prefer to add risk on a bottom-up basis on those names with higher financial resilience while keeping a more conservative sector exposure. As such we expect to add some in the HY space while only switching among subordinated bonds opportunistically.

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Administration Bank S.A.

Transfert agent RBC Investor Services
Bank S.A.

Custodian Bank RBC Investor Services

Bank S.A.

Auditor PwC Luxembourg
Management company iM Global Partner Asset

Management S.A.

### Fees

Subscription fee Max 1.00%
Redemption fee Max 1.00%
Management fee Max 0.45%
Performance fee

### **Dealing information**

 Liquidity
 Daily

 Cut-off-time
 TD 12:00 Luxembourg

 Minimum initial investment
 1 000 000

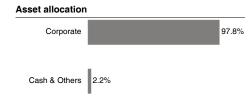
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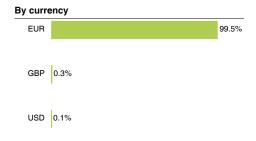
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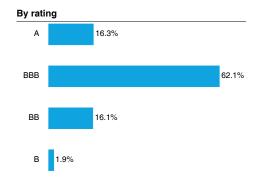
## Portfolio Breakdown





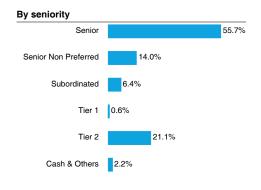
#### By country 22.2% France United Kingdom 16.8% 11.4% Netherlands 9.9% Spain Italy 9.4% Sweden 6.0% Luxembourg 5.2% Germany 4.3% Cash & Others 2.2% Other countries

#### Top 10 ACAFP VAR PERP(4.5%) 3.1% CNPFP VAR 6/45(4.25%) 3.1% TOTAL VAR PERP(2.625%) 2.9% BEVLUX 1.75% 02/23 2.8% FRTEL 4.125% 09/21 2.6% NNGRNV VAR PERP(4.5%) 2.4% CABKSM VAR 04/30 FMTN 2.0% SWFMAT 0.875% 02/27 GMTN 2.0% **BPCEGP 4% 09/23 REGS** 2.0% RABOBK 3.95% 11/22 2.0% 24.9%



By maturity	
Less than 1 year	0.5%
Between 1 and 3 years	10.6%
Between 3 and 5 years	28.1%
Between 5 and 7 years	29.2%
Between 7 and 10 years	13.6%
More than 10 years	16.2%
Cash & Others	1.7%

By sector	
Financials	57.9%
Communications	7.7%
Consumer Staples	7.0%
Utilities	5.6%
Energy	4.6%
Materials	4.2%
Health Care	4.2%
Consumer Discretionary	3.2%
Industrials	2.0%
Technology	1.3%
Cash & Others	2.2%



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