

Fullerton Lux Funds - Asian Investment Grade Bonds - Class I (SGD-Hedged) Acc

May 2024

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate long term capital appreciation for investors.

Investment Focus and Approach

The Investment Manager seeks to achieve the objective of the Fund by investing in fixed income or debt securities denominated primarily in USD and primarily issued by companies, governments, quasi governments, government agencies or supranationals in the Asian region.

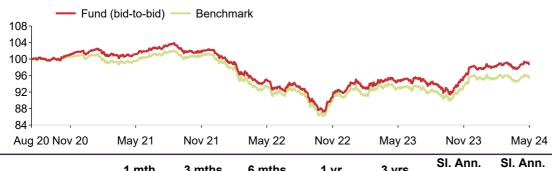
The fixed income or debt securities shall primarily be investment grade with a minimum issue credit rating of BBB- by Standard & Poor's, or Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by Fitch (or their respective equivalents).

The Fund may also invest in unrated bonds. Unrated bonds will be subject to the Investment Manager's internal rating process and shall have credit quality similar to bonds that are rated minimum BBB- by Standard & Poor's, or Baa3 by Moody's or BBB- by Fitch. The Fund may also invest less than 20% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in contingent convertibles securities.

The Fund's investment in onshore RMB (CNY) bonds may include bonds traded in both the CIBM and PRC Stock Exchanges, made through QFII, RQFII, Bond Connect, direct CIBM program, and/or any other means as may be permitted by the relevant regulations from time to time, for up to 10% of the Fund's Net Asset Value. The Asian countries may include but are not limited to China (including Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan), South Korea, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Pakistan and Vietnam.

SFDR Classification: Article 6 fund.

Performance (%)



	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	SI. Ann. Ret.	SI. Ann. Vol.
Fund (bid-to-bid)	1.02	0.68	3.37	4.21	-0.76	-0.30	5.00
Fund (offer-to-bid)	-3.79	-4.11	-1.56	-0.76	-2.36	-1.58	NA
Benchmark	0.92	0.31	2.16	2.64	-1.32	-1.18	4.93

Returns of more than 1 year are annualised. Returns are calculated on a single pricing basis in SGD with net dividends and distributions (if any) reinvested. Offer-to-bid returns include an assumed preliminary charge of 5% which may or may not be charged to investors. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

Benchmark: JACI Investment Grade Total Return – SGD Hedged Index.

Source: Fullerton Fund Management Company Ltd, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Bloomberg.

Market Review

Asian USD credits posted positive returns, according to the JPM Asian Credit Index (in USD), driven mainly by tighter credit spreads in the high yield sector and duration-related gains in the investment grade sector, where credit spreads also tightened.

Across the Atlantic, US Treasury bond yields remain near the upper end of their year-to-date ranges, despite moving lower from a month ago. The month began with a soft US payrolls report, followed by a mix of strong US flash PMIs and weak Treasury bond auctions pushing yields higher. However, US Treasury yields edged lower at month-end due to a US CPI report that came in within expectations. Market pricing now reflects around 36bps of Fed rate cuts by December, up slightly from 30bps at the start of the month. Elsewhere, the Riksbank became the second developed market central bank to cut rates, following the Swiss National Bank.

Within the Asian USD credit market, the high yield sector, particularly the China property market, outperformed. In May, a package of housing policy relaxations was announced, including mortgage policy easing, and a 300 billion yuan re-lending facility from the PBOC. Financials, infrastructure, and

Inception date 14 Aug 2020

Fund size

SGD 157.95 million

Base Currency

USD

Pricing Date

31 May 2024

NAV*

SGD 9.89

Management fee**

Up to 0.35% p.a.

Management company[^] fee**
Up to 0.04% p.a. subject to a
minimum monthly fee of EUR
750.00 per Fund per month
applied at the Company level

Expense Ratio**

0.49 % p.a. (For financial year ended 31 Mar 2023)

Preliminary Charge**

Up to 5% subscription amount (equivalent to a max of 5.26315% of the Net Asset Value per share)

Dealing day

Daily

Deadline

1pm (CET); 5pm (Singapore time) on each Business Day

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Market Review (Cont'd)

industrials were among the lagging sectors. At the country level, high yield-heavy countries like Sri Lanka and Pakistan led the rally, while Korea and Taiwan saw slower gains. Nearing the end of the month, S&P Global Ratings revised India's outlook from stable to positive while maintaining the BBB- rating. This revision is attributed to "robust economic growth, pronounced improvement in the quality of government spending, and political commitment to fiscal consolidation".

Investment Strategy

The credit market remains heavily influenced by macroeconomic headlines, with spreads expected to persist at low levels unless a significant shift occurs in the macro backdrop. Growth and inflation rates seem to be on a path of moderation—albeit at a slower pace than initially predicted at the start of the year. Nonetheless, concerns over a sharp decline in growth or a rapid upsurge in inflation are not at the forefront of investors' minds. Overall, the U.S. economy remains robust. The Federal Reserve's cautious approach, considering the current restrictive policy stance, indicates a reluctance to hastily resume rate hikes unless warranted by economic indicators.

A scenario of Fed easing triggered by diminishing inflation rather than a growth shock, could create a favourable environment for markets. In response to the risk of an economic slowdown, Chinese authorities have also adjusted their policies since the April Politburo meeting, which has bolstered positive sentiment. Although the latest policies are primarily focused on supporting the property sector, this optimism could bolster confidence in China and the broader Asia region. Elsewhere, attractive all-in yields compared to historical averages continue to counterbalance the narrow spreads. The ongoing search for yield, coupled with a low volume of new issues, also provide crucial support. Additionally, easier financing conditions and potential rate cuts later in the year should help mitigate the risk of fallen angels within investment-grade credits.

- * Figures have been truncated to 2 decimal places. The official price is published on Fullerton's website.
- **The list of cost is not exhaustive and the fund may incurs other expenses. Please refer to the Prospectus/KIID for more information.
- ^Management Company of the Fund is Lemanik Asset Management S.A.



Geographical Breakdown		Rating Breakdown		
Australia	8.6%	AA	13.7%	
China	18.9%	Α	25.2%	
France	4.6%	BBB	63.0%	
Germany	2.2%	Cash and cash equivalents*	-1.9%	
Hong Kong	3.1%			
India	5.1%			
Indonesia	6.6%			
Japan	9.1%			
Korea	12.4%			
Malaysia	1.8%			
Philippines	3.1%			
Singapore	6.7%			
Thailand	1.3%			
UK	6.7%			
US	11.8%			
Cash and cash equivalents*	-1.9%			
Top 5 Holdings		Fund Characteristics		
B 06/06/24 Treasury Bill	10.7%	Average duration (years)	4.8	
Oversea-Chinese Banking 5.52% May 2034	3.1%	Yield to Worst	5.7%	
Standard Chartered Plc 6.296% Jul 2034	2.5%			
Tencent Holdings Ltd 3.94% Apr 2061	2.5%			
Bnp Paribas 4.75% Feb 2034	2.5%			

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performance.
*Negative balances are due to cross month trades, and subscriptions/redemptions.



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