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Fullerton Lux Funds – Asian Short Duration Bonds - Class A (USD)

May 2024

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate long term capital appreciation and/or income returns for investors.

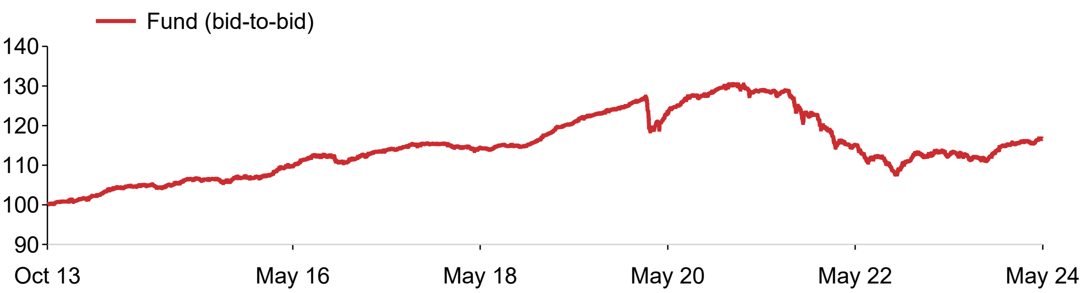
Investment Focus and Approach

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

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 8 fund.
In line with its ESG methodology, the fund promotes environmental characteristics but does not commit to make environmentally sustainable investments as defined in the taxonomy regulation.

Performance (%)



	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs	SI. Ann. Ret.	SI. Ann. Vol.
Fund (bid-to-bid)	0.84	0.93	2.73	3.64	-3.29	-0.70	1.22	1.46	3.31
Fund (offer-to-bid)	-3.96	-3.88	-2.16	-1.30	-4.85	-1.66	0.72	0.99	NA

Returns of more than 1 year are annualised. Returns are calculated on a single pricing basis in USD 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.
Source: Fullerton Fund Management Company Ltd.

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 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”.

Inception date
18 Oct 2013

Fund size
USD 57.15 million

Base Currency
USD

Pricing Date
31 May 2024

NAV*
USD 11.66

Management fee**
Up to 0.7% 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**
0.91 % p.a. (For financial year ended 31 Mar 2023)

Preliminary Charge**
Up to 5% of 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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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 year's outset. 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 policy stance as restrictive, 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.

Recent policies aimed at supporting the Chinese property sector represent a positive step, highlighting the authorities' determination to address housing issues. The scale and implementation of these policies will be critical. The effectiveness of any new measures will depend on their swift and efficient enactment. Overall, we anticipate that recent policy easing will mitigate downside risks, though the housing market may take time to fully stabilize. Currently, our strategy prioritises issuer selection, favouring developers with investment properties or strengthening fundamentals. We are also exploring investment opportunities in related sectors, such as the Hong Kong property market, Hong Kong banks, and Chinese financial entities. This approach aims to ensure resilience in case the sector's recovery unfolds more gradually than anticipated.

In other areas of our portfolio, we keep duration around 2 years on average. Within the credit sector, we maintain a robust allocation to high-yield securities, leveraging the strong technical underpinnings of the market. The current environment of attractive all-in yields, when compared to historical averages, continues to mitigate the impact of narrow spreads. The search for yield, coupled with a low volume of new bond issuances, is providing essential support to our strategy. This scarcity of new issues creates a favourable supply-demand dynamic, further enhancing the appeal of our high-yield positions.

Furthermore, we are actively sourcing interesting opportunities in the new issue markets. This proactive approach helps us stay ahead of the curve and capitalise on emerging prospects that can enhance our portfolio's performance. We have also reduced our modest exposure to Asian local currency bonds, specifically those denominated in IDR, such as Indonesian government bonds. This decision was made in light of the risk of currency weakness and the anticipated delay in Bank Indonesia's policy easing to later in the year.

* 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

China	24.8%
Hong Kong	6.6%
India	13.7%
Indonesia	15.6%
Japan	4.2%
Korea	12.0%
Macau	2.4%
Malaysia	1.9%
Philippines	2.7%
Singapore	3.2%
Supranational	1.8%
UK	2.0%
Others	3.8%
Cash and cash equivalents	5.5%

Rating Breakdown

AAA	1.8%
AA	1.5%
A	17.4%
BBB	56.3%
BB	12.6%
B	4.9%
Cash and cash equivalents	5.5%

Top 5 Holdings

REC Limited 2.75% Jan 2027	2.1%
Lenovo Group Ltd 5.875% Apr 2025	1.9%
Nanyang Commercial Bank 3.8% Nov 2029	1.7%
Metropolitan Bank & Trust 5.375% Mar 2029	1.2%
PT Indonesia Asahan Aluminium 4.75% May 2025	1.2%

Fund Characteristics

Average credit rating	BBB
Average duration (years)	2.1
Yield to Worst	5.9%

Credit Rating : Where the security is not rated by external rating agencies, Fullerton's internal rating methodology will apply.
Yield to Worst (YTW): Refers to YTW in base currency. Not guaranteed. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

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