

# Fund manager(s)



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# Invesco Global Total Return (EUR) Bond Fund

Monthly Report August 2024 (covering July)

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# Summary of fund objective

The Fund is actively managed. The Fund aims to maximise total return primarily through investment in a flexible allocation of debt securities and cash. The investment concerns the acquisition of units in a fund and not in a given underlying asset.

# Fund Performance

The Invesco Global Total Return (EUR) Bond Fund returned 1.55% in July. This placed the fund in the second quartile of its peer group, the EAA Fund Global Flexible Bond - EUR Hedged, which returned 1.39%. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate EUR Hedged Total Return Index benchmark returned 1.77%. Drawing support from growing expectations that US and eurozone interest rates could be cut soon due to price pressures easing, duration was the main driver of performance. Credit had a modest negative impact on returns with weakness in investment grade corporate bonds more than offsetting strength in subordinated financials. Hedging non-euro exposure had a negative impact on returns. The biggest individual positive contributors were long-dated government bonds from the US, Germany and the UK. The largest negative detractors were emerging market bonds from Brazil and South Africa.

# **Fund Positioning**

The fund invests across a number of different bond markets internationally. The most prominent markets are developed market government bonds, corporate bonds, emerging market sovereign and corporate bonds, high yield and the European regulatory debt capital market. Exposures to these markets evolve over time according to market conditions and valuations. Utilising the fund's flexibility to position according to market conditions and the value on offer, we have been increasing the credit quality of the fund to a more cautious stance. We have done this by increasing exposure to conventional government bonds and adding to investment grade corporate bonds. We are more cautious on high yield bonds, preferring subordinated financials and corporate hybrids from better quality issuers.

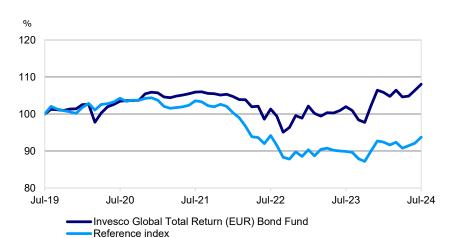
#### Outlook

We believe that it's still a bond-friendly backdrop and a good time to hold high-quality fixed income assets. The US economy continues to show resilience despite the backdrop of US interest rates being at their highest level in more than 20 years. However, US inflation is returning towards the Federal Reserve's 2% target and markets are pricing in US interest rate cuts over coming months. Price pressures are falling in the eurozone too and interest rates have been cut for the first time in almost five years. Despite this more dovish backdrop, the economics in Europe appear sufficiently resilient to avoid recession although economic growth will likely remain subdued.

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Fund Facts				
Z-share ISIN	LU1625225237			
Bloomberg	INVGTRZ LX			
Domicile	Luxembourg			
AuM	1.59bn EUR			
Launch Date	15 Sep 2010			
Reference Index**	Bloomberg Global Aggregate EUR Hedged Total Retur Index			

Performance (EUF	l
5 Year Active Return	



<sup>\*\*</sup> The benchmark index is shown for performance comparison purposes only. The fund does not track the index.

Julien Eberhardt

and Asad Bhatti

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Julien Eberhardt since August 2020 and Asad Bhatti since August 2021

Cumulative	YTD	YTQ	1M	1Y	3Y	5Y
Fund (Z-shares)	1.51	-0.04	1.55	5.96	2.01	8.04
Reference Index	1.12	-0.64	1.77	4.28	-9.50	-6.26
Active return	0.39	0.60	-0.22	1.68	11.51	14.30
Calendar Year		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund (Z-shares)		8.93	4.41	-0.54	-6.12	7.67
Reference Index		5.10	4.24	-2.23	-13.27	4.73
Rolling 12 Months		31.07.14	31.07.15	31.07.16	31.07.17	31.07.18
		31.07.15	31.07.16	31.07.17	31.07.18	31.07.19
Fund (Z-shares)		2.28	0.48	2.38	-0.32	5.30
Reference Index		3.62	5.97	-2.49	-1.07	5.35
Peer Group		0.27	1.29	2.73	-1.52	2.86
		31.07.19	31.07.20	31.07.21	31.07.22	31.07.23
		31.07.20	31.07.21	31.07.22	31.07.23	31.07.24
Fund (Z-shares)		3.43	2.39	-4.34	0.64	5.96
Reference Index		4.24	-0.63	-9.06	-4.57	4.28
Peer Group		0.64	4.03	-9.38	-0.33	6.09

Source fund/sector: Morningstar as of 31 July 2024

Source index: Bloomberg as at 31 July 2024, on a total return basis in EUR

Peer Group: Morningstar Category EAA Fund Global Flexible Bond - EUR Hedged

<sup>1</sup>Fund returns are inclusive of gross income re-invested and net of the ongoing charge and portfolio transaction costs, cumulative, in fund currency. The figures do not reflect the entry charge payable by individual investors. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

<sup>2</sup>Previous Benchmark: Euribor 3 Month Index (EUR) up to 29 November 2019.

<b>Fund Characteristics</b>
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(Annualised Data)

Fund Managers\*\*\*

3Y	5Y
1.11	1.28
-0.15	0.13
N/A	N/A
	1.11 -0.15 N/A N/A N/A

Awards & Gradings



Morningstar Rating 31.07.24

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