

# Invesco Pan European High Income Fund

Monthly Report June 2024 (covering May)

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## Summary of fund objective

The Fund is actively managed. The Fund aims to achieve a high level of income together with long-term capital growth. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing primarily in European securities (debt and equity). At least 50% of the NAV will be invested in debt securities. The investment concerns the acquisition of units in a fund and not in a given underlying asset.

# **Investment Risks**

For complete information on risks, refer to the legal documents.

The value of investments and any income will fluctuate (this may partly be the result of exchange-rate fluctuations) and investors may not get back the full amount invested. Debt instruments are exposed to credit risk which is the ability of the borrower to repay the interest and capital on the redemption date. Changes in interest rates will result in fluctuations in the value of the fund. The fund uses derivatives (complex instruments) for investment purposes, which may result in the fund being significantly leveraged and may result in large fluctuations in the value of the fund. Investments in debt instruments which are of lower credit quality may result in large fluctuations in the value of the fund. The fund may invest in distressed securities which carry a significant risk of capital loss. The fund may invest in contingent convertible bonds which may result in significant risk of capital loss based on certain trigger events. The Fund may invest in a dynamic way across assets/asset classes, which may result in periodic changes in the risk profile, underperformance and/or higher transaction costs.

## **Fund Performance**

The Invesco Pan European High Income Fund returned 1.00% in May. This placed the fund in the second quartile of its peer group, the EAA EUR Cautious Allocation, which returned 0.71%. With the European Central Bank widely expected to cut interest rates in June and markets becoming more confident that the US Federal Reserve could follow suit in September, duration had a positive impact on performance. Driven by subordinated financials, credit also contributed positively. The fund's allocation to equities delivered positive returns too. The three largest contributors were equity holdings Infineon Technologies, Merck and EDP. The biggest detractors were Neste, Capgemini and Anglo American (all equity holdings).

#### Fund Positioning

The fund continues to be biased towards higher yielding parts of the bond market but avoiding companies that we think are likely to face significant challenges in dealing with higher borrowing costs and weaker economic activity. The largest allocation by industry within the bond portion remains financials. By industry the biggest non-financial exposures are to utilities, food and telecoms. The fund also has exposure to relatively defensive credits such as investment grade corporate bonds. To broaden the opportunities for income and increase the opportunities for capital return, the fund holds an allocation of 19% in European equities. The focus here is on high-quality companies with strong balance sheets, healthy free cash flow generation and good management teams that are committed to and capable of returning that cash flow to shareholders where appropriate.

#### Outlook

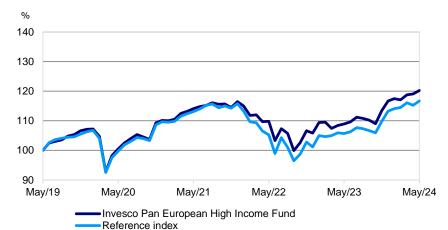
US interest rates are at their highest level in over 20 years still, highlighting how far central banks have hiked this cycle. While the tightening effect has helped to calm inflation, it is important to shift focus towards the broader negative impact that higher borrowing costs have on economies. For us, this is particularly relevant to the weaker parts of the high yield bond market. While we continue to enjoy the higher income that today's yields offer, our more cautious outlook for the European economy and for high yield bond markets remains unchanged. Some central banks have begun, or indicated pending rate cuts, which should ease the burden on issuers and provide a supportive backdrop for more interest rate sensitive areas of the market.

# Past performance does not predict future returns.

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| Fund Facts        |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Z-share ISIN      | LU1625225666   |  |  |  |
| Bloomberg         | INPEHZA LX   |  |  |  |
| Domicile          | Luxembourg   |  |  |  |
| AuM               | 6.31bn EUR   |  |  |  |
| Launch Date       | 31 Mar 2006  |  |  |  |
| Reference Index** | 45% ICE BofA Euro<br>High Yield Index (Total<br>Return), 35%<br>Bloomberg Pan<br>European Aggregate<br>Corp EUR Hedged<br>Index (Total Return) &<br>20% MSCI Europe ex<br>UK Index (Net Total<br>Return) |  |  |  |
| Fund Managers***  | Thomas H. Moore,<br>Alex Ivanova and   |  |  |  |

Performance (EUR) 5 Year Active Return



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

Oliver Collin

\*\*\* Thomas Moore since August 2020, Alexandra Ivanova since August 2021 and Oliver Collin since November 2022

| Cumulative        | YTD   | YTQ      | 1M       | 1Y       | 3Y       | 5Y       |
|-------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Fund (Z-shares)   | 3.06  | 1.78     | 1.00     | 10.37    | 5.39     | 20.22    |
| Reference Index   | 3.07  | 2.53     | 1.30     | 10.45    | 3.21     | 16.71    |
| Active return     | -0.01 | -0.75    | -0.30    | -0.08    | 2.18     | 3.51     |
| Calendar Year     |       | 2019     | 2020     | 2021     | 2022     | 2023     |
| Fund (Z-shares)   |       | 13.19    | 2.78     | 5.76     | -9.11    | 10.21    |
| Reference Index   |       | 12.71    | 3.15     | 5.60     | -12.66   | 11.96    |
| Rolling 12 Months |       | 31.05.14 | 31.05.15 | 31.05.16 | 31.05.17 | 31.05.18 |
|                   |       | 31.05.15 | 31.05.16 | 31.05.17 | 31.05.18 | 31.05.19 |
| Fund (Z-shares)   |       | 7.91     | -2.87    | 9.17     | 0.12     | 0.70     |
| Reference Index   |       | 7.49     | -0.82    | 9.01     | 0.78     | 2.42     |
| Peer Group        |       | 5.56     | -2.50    | 3.75     | -0.57    | -0.63    |
|                   |       | 31.05.19 | 31.05.20 | 31.05.21 | 31.05.22 | 31.05.23 |
|                   |       | 31.05.20 | 31.05.21 | 31.05.22 | 31.05.23 | 31.05.24 |
| Fund (Z-shares)   |       | 0.50     | 13.51    | -3.74    | -0.81    | 10.37    |
| Reference Index   |       | -0.24    | 13.35    | -6.95    | 0.43     | 10.45    |
| Peer Group        |       | -1.55    | 7.77     | -4.72    | -2.18    | 5.97     |

Source fund/sector: Morningstar as of 31 May 2024

Source index: RIMES + Bloomberg as at 31 May 2024, on a total return basis in EUR Peer Group: Morningstar Category EAA Fund EUR Cautious Allocation

<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 Benchmarks: Mstar GIF OS EUR Cautious Allocation up to 29 February 2020 and 20% MSCI Europe ex UK | 35% Barclays Pan European Agg (Eur Hedged) | 45% ICE BoA EUR HY up to 13 October 2021.

# **Fund Characteristics**

(Annualised Data)

|                   | 3Y   | 5Y   |
|-------------------|------|------|
| Gain/Loss Ratio   | 1.24 | 1.50 |
| Sharpe Ratio      | 0.04 | 0.34 |
| Gain/Loss Ratio   | N/A  | N/A  |
| Information Ratio | N/A  | N/A  |
| Sharpe Ratio      | N/A  | N/A  |
| Tracking Error    | N/A  | N/A  |

# Awards & Gradings



Morningstar Rating 31.05.24

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