



**Investment Objective**

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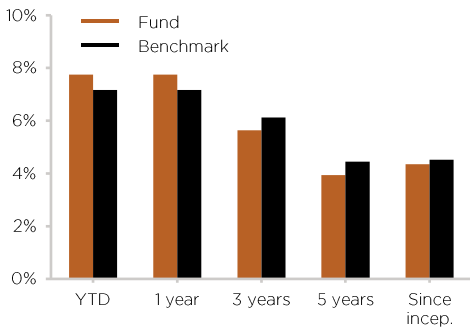
**Risk Indicator Definition**

The Fund has as its primary objective the generation of a high level of current income, which will be achieved primarily through investment in debt and debt-related securities. The Fund may also invest from time to time in global currencies, equities and equity-related securities and collective investment schemes. In addition to the risk captured by the indicator, the overall Fund value may be considerably affected by: credit risk, market risk, currency risk, derivatives risk, liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

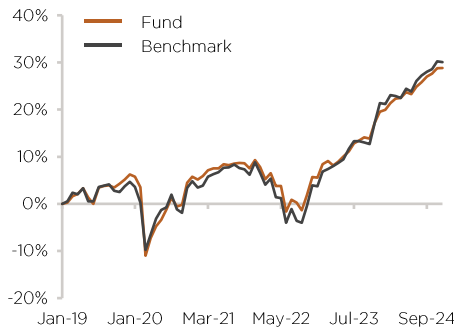
**RISK INDICATOR**



**ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)**



**CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



Source: Performance calculated by Prescient Fund Services verified by the FSP  
Date: 31 December 2024

**ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)**

	Fund	Benchmark
1 year	7.76	7.16
3 years	5.64	6.12
5 years	3.94	4.45
Since incep.	4.35	4.52
Highest rolling 1 year	20.32	17.74
Lowest rolling 1 year	-12.84	-11.56

All performance figures are net of fees.

**RISK AND FUND STATS**

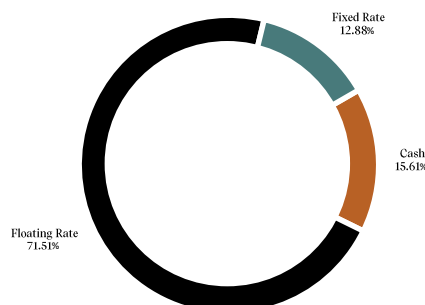
Since inception (p.a.)	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	-0.17%	
Sharpe Ratio	0.42	0.48
Sortino Ratio	0.52	
Information Ratio	-0.15	
Standard Deviation	8.05%	7.99%
Max Drawdown	-16.20%	-13.78%
Max Gain	4.70%	5.39%
% Positive Months	70.83%	61.11%
Average Duration	0.12yrs	

Benchmark risk statistics for funds with intra-month inceptions dates are calculated using the monthly return series.

**ASSET ALLOCATION (%)**

	S.A	Foreign	Total
Bonds	0.00	84.47	84.47
Cash	0.00	15.54	15.54
Total	0.00	100.01	100.00

**INTEREST BEARING ALLOCATION**



**FUND INFORMATION**

**Fund Manager:**

Paul Crawford, Dane Merrick

**Fund Classification:**

Global Bond UCITS

**Benchmark:**

iTraxx Crossover 5 Year Total Return Index

**Bloomberg Code:**

PGFGFFA

**ISIN Number:**

IE00BG4R0977

**Regulation 28 Compliant:**

N/A

**Fund Size:**

EUR76.2 m

**No of Units:**

275,762

**Unit Price:**

1,264.40

**Inception Date:**

January 2019

**Minimum Investment:**

€5 000

**Initial Fee:**

0.00%

**Annual Management Fee:**

0.75%

**Performance Fee:**

N/A

**Fee Class:**

A

**Fee Breakdown:**

Management Fee	0.75%
Performance Fees	N/A
Other Fees*	0.20%
<b>Total Expense Ratio</b>	<b>0.95%</b>
<b>Transaction Costs</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Investment Charge</b>	<b>0.95%</b>

\*Other fees includes underlying fee (where applicable): Audit Fees, Custody Fees, Trustee Fees and VAT

\*TIC Fees are calculated in respect of 12 months ending before 30 September 2024

**Income Distribution:**

No Distribution



FUND MONTHLY RETURNS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2019	0.27%	1.34%	0.49%	1.20%	-1.91%	2.02%	0.35%	0.11%	-0.43%	0.79%	0.86%	1.00%	6.21%
2020	-0.44%	-2.08%	-14.04%	4.19%	2.67%	1.47%	2.26%	2.56%	-1.84%	0.33%	4.70%	1.24%	-0.43%
2021	-0.57%	0.68%	1.15%	0.40%	0.04%	0.79%	-0.18%	0.29%	0.17%	-0.07%	-0.98%	1.60%	3.33%
2022	-1.34%	-2.41%	1.24%	-2.57%	0.00%	-5.23%	2.55%	-0.62%	-1.63%	3.25%	3.79%	-0.08%	-3.37%
2023	2.67%	0.65%	-0.88%	0.76%	0.98%	0.94%	1.58%	0.53%	0.57%	-0.22%	2.98%	1.98%	13.22%
2024	0.34%	1.17%	0.77%	0.15%	1.01%	-0.34%	1.26%	0.74%	0.99%	0.49%	0.89%	0.03%	7.76%

Since inception till 7 June 2019, the zero fee class was used as this was the only fee class available at the time of launch. The performance figures are expressed in EUR.

MARKET COMMENTARY

Market dynamics:

December was another low-volatility month for European credit markets, almost the mirror image of November, with the benchmark iTraxx XOver 5-year spread index trading within the same tight range. The benchmark spread index had ended the previous month at 299 basis points (bps) and, after a short-lived rally down to 289 bps, closed the month at 313 bps. In total return terms, the index lost 0.13% during the month, bringing a total return of 7.16% for the index during calendar 2024—not a bad result in EUR.

Regarding defaults, the year produced only two defaults in the European iTraxx suite of credit indices: Atos and Intrum. The recovery auction for Atos was set at 3% in October, while the market level for the expected recovery in the Intrum corporate bonds is around 75%. The auction is scheduled for 16 January, so we shall see what is delivered. As highlighted last month, Intrum has been part of the Crossover index for some time, so several Series will be affected by this auction. We will wait to see what transpires.

The Fund (A class) generated 0.03% after all fees, outperforming the index by approximately 0.16%. For the calendar year, the Fund delivered 7.76% after all fees, which compares favourably to the benchmark in 2024.

Looking ahead to 2025, a few upcoming maturities will need to be re-invested. Given the current dislocation in global risk markets, we expect to find good opportunities to add value. In the meantime, we will continue, as always, to apply a conservative approach in deploying fresh capital.



## Glossary

**Annualised Performance:** Annualised performance shows longer term performance rescaled to a 1 year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

**Highest & Lowest Performance:** The highest and lowest performance for any 1 year over the period since inception have been shown.

**NAV:** The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

**Current Yield:** Annual income (interest or dividends) divided by the current price of the security.

**Alpha:** Denotes the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.

**Sharpe Ratio:** The Sharpe ratio is used to indicate the excess return the portfolio delivers over the risk free rate per unit of risk adopted by the fund.

**Sortino Ratio:** A measure of the risk-adjusted return of a portfolio. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but only penalises the returns falling below a user specified target, or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalises both upside and downside volatility equally.

**Standard Deviation:** The deviation of the return stream relative to its own average.

**Max Drawdown:** The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

**Max Gain:** Largest increase in any single month.

**% Positive Month:** The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

**Average Duration:** The weighted average duration of all the underlying interest bearing instruments in the Fund.

**High Water Mark:** The highest level of performance achieved over a specified period.

**Total Expense Ratio (TER%):** The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product.

**Performance fee incl. in TER (% PF (%):** The Performance Fee is a payment made to the Fund Manager for generating outperformance and is generally calculated as percentage of outperformance, often both realized and unrealized.

**Transaction Costs (TC%):** The Transaction Costs (TC) is the percentage of the net asset value of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product.

**Total Investment Charges TIC (%) = TER (%) + TC (%):** The Total Investment Charges (TIC), the TER + the TC, is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product. It should be noted that a TIC is the sum of two calculated ratios (TER+TC).

## Specific Risk

**Default Risk:** The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The issuers credit quality is vital. The worse the credit quality, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

**Derivatives Risk:** The use of derivatives could increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses in a Fund. As such, large changes in value and potentially large financial losses could result.

**Developing Market (excluding SA) Risk:** Some of the countries invested in may have less developed legal, political, economic and/or other systems. These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than those in countries generally regarded as being more developed.

**Foreign Investment Risk:** Foreign securities investments may be subject to risks pertaining to overseas jurisdictions and markets, including (but not limited to) local liquidity, macroeconomic, political, tax, settlement risks and currency fluctuations.

**Interest Rate Risk:** The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to be inversely related to interest and inflation rates. Hence their value decreases when interest rates and/or inflation rises.

**% Property Risk:** Investments in real estate securities can carry the same risks as investing directly in real estate itself. Real estate prices move in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic and political conditions, interest rates and tax considerations.

**Currency Exchange Risk:** Changes in the relative values of individual currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

**Geographic / Sector Risk:** For investments primarily concentrated in specific countries, geographical regions and/or industry sectors, their resulting value may decrease whilst portfolios more broadly invested might grow.

**Derivative Counterparty Risk:** A counterparty to a derivative transaction may experience a breakdown in meeting its obligations thereby leading to financial loss.

**Liquidity Risk:** If there are insufficient buyers or sellers of particular investments, the result may lead to delays in trading and being able to make settlements, and/or large fluctuations in value. This may lead to larger financial losses than expected.

**Equity Investment Risk:** Value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g. bankruptcy), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

## Disclosure

The portfolio has adhered to its object and there were no material changes to the composition of the portfolio during the quarter.

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