

## HSBC Global Investment Funds

# ULTRA SHORT DURATION BOND

Monthly report 29 February 2024 | Share class PC



### Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide short term capital growth and income by investing in a portfolio of bonds and money market instruments, while promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) characteristics. The Fund qualifies under Article 8 of SFDR.



### Investment strategy

The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by a benchmark. In normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 70% of its assets in fixed or floating-rate income bonds and other similar securities including money market instruments, that are issued by governments, government-related entities, supranational entities and companies, based in developed or emerging markets. The Fund includes the identification and analysis of an issuer's ESG Credentials as an integral part of the investment decision making process and will not invest in bonds issued by companies with involvement in specific excluded activities, such as, tobacco and controversial weapons. The Fund will invest up to 30% in non-investment grade rated, unrated bonds and 10% in onshore Chinese bonds and up to 10% in bonds which have a maturity longer than five years. The Fund may invest up to 30% in bonds issued in emerging markets, up to 20% in asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities, and up to 10% in contingent convertible securities. See the Prospectus for a full description of the investment objectives and derivative usage.



### Main risks

- The Fund's unit value can go up as well as down, and any capital invested in the Fund may be at risk.
- The Fund invests in bonds whose value generally falls when interest rates rise. This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality. The issuers of certain bonds, could become unwilling or unable to make payments on their bonds and default. Bonds that are in default may become hard to sell or worthless.
- The Fund may invest in Emerging Markets, these markets are less established, and often more volatile, than developed markets and involve higher risks, particularly market, liquidity and currency risks.

### Share Class Details

#### Key metrics

NAV per Share	<b>USD 10.87</b>
Performance 1 month	<b>0.47%</b>
Yield to maturity	<b>5.89%</b>

#### Fund facts

UCITS V compliant	<b>Yes</b>
Subscription mode	<b>Cash</b>
Dividend treatment	<b>Accumulating</b>
Dealing frequency	<b>Daily</b>
Valuation Time	<b>17:00 Luxembourg</b>
Share Class Base Currency	<b>USD</b>
Domicile	<b>Luxembourg</b>
Inception date	<b>7 June 2021</b>
Fund Size	<b>USD 1,052,236,172</b>
Managers	<b>Jason E Moshos Viral Desai</b>

#### Fees and expenses

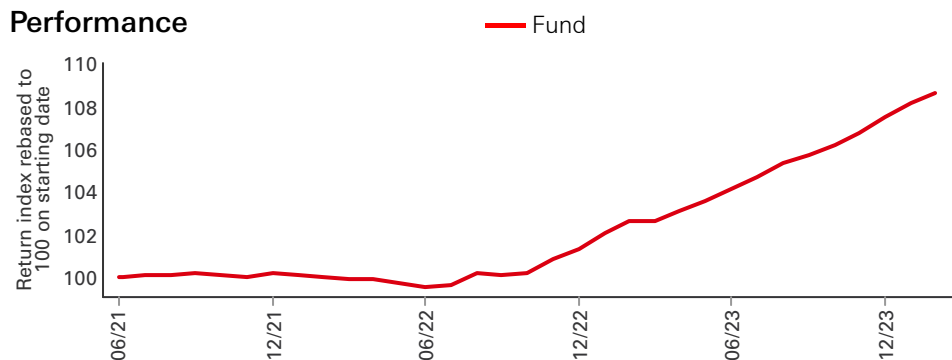
Minimum initial investment (SG) <sup>1</sup>	<b>USD 1,000</b>
Maximum initial charge (SG)	<b>3.000%</b>
Management fee	<b>0.300%</b>

#### Codes

ISIN	<b>LU2334455255</b>
Bloomberg ticker	<b>HSSDBUA LX</b>

<sup>1</sup>Please note that initial minimum subscription may vary across different distributors

## Performance



Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann	Since inception ann
PC	1.06	0.47	1.74	3.15	5.92	--	--	3.08
PC (Net)*	-1.88	-2.45	-1.22	0.15	2.83	--	--	1.97

Calendar year performance (%)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
PC	--	--	--	1.18	6.12
PC (Net)*	--	--	--	-1.77	3.03

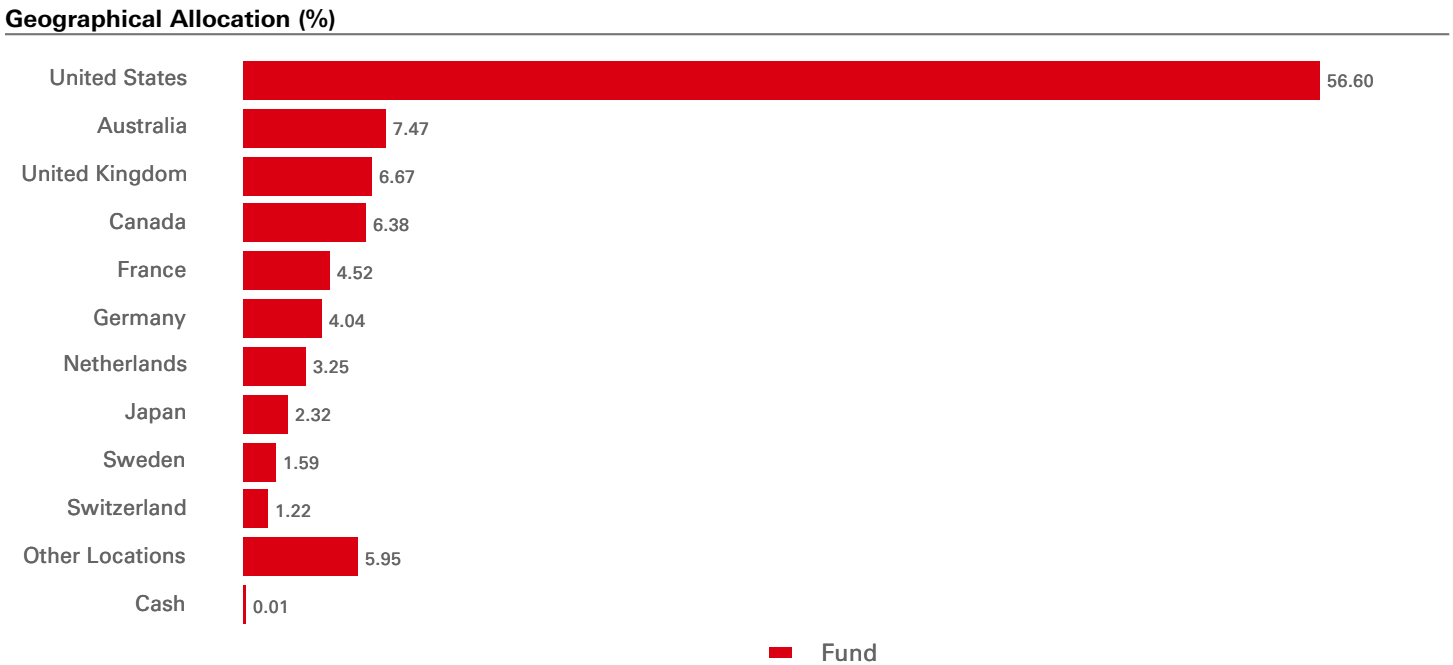
3-Year Risk Measures	PC	Reference benchmark	5-Year Risk Measures	PC	Reference benchmark
Volatility	--	--	Volatility	--	--
Sharpe ratio	--	--	Sharpe ratio	--	--

Fixed Income Characteristics	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
No. of holdings ex cash	628	--	--
Average coupon rate	5.42	--	--
Yield to worst	5.89%	--	--
OAD	0.34	--	--
Modified Duration to Worst	0.35	--	--
Option Adjusted Spread Duration	1.37	--	--
Average maturity	1.43	--	--

Credit rating (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative	Maturity Breakdown (OAD)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
AAA	9.73	--	--	0 - 6months	0.03	--	--
AA	24.01	--	--	6months - 1 years	0.06	--	--
A	38.68	--	--	1 years - 1.5 years	0.11	--	--
BBB	27.52	--	--	1.5 years - 2 years	0.11	--	--
NR	0.05	--	--	2 years - 2.5 years	-0.02	--	--
Cash	0.01	--	--	2.5 years - 4 years	0.03	--	--
				Over 4 years	0.01	--	--
				<b>Total</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>

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Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 29 February 2024

Currency Allocation (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
USD	99.51	--	--
HKD	0.22	--	--
GBP	0.16	--	--
EUR	0.05	--	--
AUD	0.05	--	--
SGD	0.03	--	--
JPY	0.00	--	--
CNH	0.00	--	--
CNY	0.00	--	--



Sector Allocation (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
Banking	39.58	--	--
Consumer Non cyclical	9.60	--	--
Consumer Cyclical	7.74	--	--
Treasury Bill	5.92	--	--
Communications	5.07	--	--
Insurance	4.42	--	--
CLO	4.14	--	--
Non Agency CMBS	3.57	--	--
Capital Goods	3.45	--	--
Basic Industry	2.87	--	--
Other Sectors	13.64	--	--
Cash	0.01	--	--

Top 10 Holdings	Weight (%)
US TREASURY FRN 5.496 31/10/25	1.90
RECKITT BEN TSY 2.750 26/06/24	1.13
PEPSICO INC 5.744 12/11/24	1.05
ATHENE GLOBAL FU 6.045 24/05/24	1.04
AMERICAN HONDA F 6.054 09/01/26	0.96
GEN MOTORS FIN 6.694 08/05/27	0.96
NEXTERA ENERGY 6.103 29/01/26	0.95
US TREASURY FRN 5.526 31/01/25	0.95
US TREASURY FRN 5.495 30/04/25	0.95
US TREASURY FRN 5.466 31/10/24	0.95

Top 10 holdings exclude holdings in cash and cash equivalents and money market funds.

## Monthly performance commentary

February saw risk assets and rates move higher as US growth and inflation data came in higher than expected and Q4 corporate earnings were largely in line. Rates stabilized somewhat later in the month as retail sales were weaker than markets had expected. Global Credit total returns were mixed over the month with more rate sensitive IG bonds in negative territory while High Yield remained positive. Short term yields moved higher with the 2-year Treasury rising by 0.41% to finish the month at 4.62% while SOFR remains around 5.3%. The US Fed Funds effective rate ended the month at 5.33% while short end corporate credit (US 1-3 year) saw spreads tighten by 6 to finish the month at 67 bps.

In this market context the strategy posted positive total return for the month on a gross of fees basis.

The gross yield to worst of the portfolio ended the month at 5.89% with the portfolio NAV finishing the month higher. We expect current yield levels to continue to provide a buffer for any potential spread volatility going forward. The largest contributors to portfolio yield from a sector perspective were the banking and consumer noncyclical and cyclical segments of the portfolio.

### Positioning

Average credit quality continues to skew higher and sits at A flat overall, taken through a reduced exposure to BBB bonds balanced with exposure to higher quality corporate bonds and the Securitized Credit exposure which is predominantly AAA and AA rated. Positioning skews higher quality mainly due to less attractive valuations at current spread levels. In this environment we favour floating rate bonds which due to the inverted yield curve offer an attractive yield for no duration vs fixed rate bonds. As a result the portfolio's floating rate exposure increased slightly to around 61% with exposure from both corporate bonds and securitized credit. From a sector perspective we favour financials to non financials given the more attractive valuations as well as strong issuance. The effective duration of the portfolio remains relatively stable at 0.34 years with a spread duration of 1.37 years.

### Outlook

Although markets have repriced for a more hawkish central bank stance with rate cuts having been pushed back, the overall soft-landing narrative remains dominant in the mind of investors. While the continued strength of the economy has allowed the Fed to be more patient there seems to be little doubt that their next move is still to cut, even if the timing has become less certain. The recent rally in risk assets has brought spreads back to their tights but the constructive economic outlook should remain supportive in the short term. Our expectation is still that the global economy will slow and as a result, over the longer term we still expect that spreads are more likely to move wider. In the short term however, we don't see any specific catalyst that would send spreads meaningfully wider, and we expect they could continue to grind tighter. As a result, we are currently positioned with a more neutral bias, remaining tactical with our positioning, taking advantage of short-term opportunities as they arise.

Risk Disclosure

- Derivatives may be used by the Fund, and these can behave unexpectedly. The pricing and volatility of many derivatives may diverge from strictly reflecting the pricing or volatility of their underlying reference(s), instrument or asset.
- Investment Leverage occurs when the economic exposure is greater than the amount invested, such as when derivatives are used. A Fund that employs leverage may experience greater gains and/or losses due to the amplification effect from a movement in the price of the reference source.
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## Supplemental information sheet

Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann	Since inception ann
PC USD	1.06	0.47	1.74	3.15	5.92	--	--	3.08
PC USD (Net)*	-1.88	-2.45	-1.22	0.15	2.83	--	--	1.97
PM2 USD	1.05	0.46	1.73	3.14	5.91	--	--	3.08
PM2 USD (Net)*	-1.89	-2.46	-1.23	0.14	2.83	--	--	1.97
PM2HKD HKD	1.32	0.62	1.98	2.97	5.63	--	--	3.45
PM2HKD HKD (Net)*	-1.63	-2.32	-0.99	-0.03	2.56	--	--	2.31
PM3HRMB CNH	0.59	0.22	1.00	1.95	3.07	--	--	2.64
PM3HRMB CNH (Net)*	-2.34	-2.70	-1.94	-1.01	0.07	--	--	1.41
PM3HSGD SGD	0.73	0.30	1.27	2.21	4.16	--	--	2.51
PM3HSGD SGD (Net)*	-2.21	-2.62	-1.68	-0.77	1.12	--	--	1.28

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PC USD	--	--	--	1.18	6.12
PC USD (Net)*	--	--	--	-1.77	3.03
PM2 USD	--	--	--	1.19	6.12
PM2 USD (Net)*	--	--	--	-1.76	3.03
PM2HKD HKD	--	--	--	1.29	6.17
PM2HKD HKD (Net)*	--	--	--	-1.66	3.08
PM3HRMB CNH	--	--	--	1.69	3.34
PM3HRMB CNH (Net)*	--	--	--	-1.27	0.33
PM3HSGD SGD	--	--	--	0.98	4.53
PM3HSGD SGD (Net)*	--	--	--	-1.96	1.49

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Share class	Share Class Base Currency	Distribution Frequency	Dividend ex-date	Last Paid Dividend	Annualised Yield based on ex-dividend date
PC	USD	--	--	--	--
PM2	USD	Monthly	29 February 2024	0.047999	5.97%
PM2HKD	HKD	Monthly	29 February 2024	0.048356	5.97%
PM3HRMB	CNH	Monthly	29 February 2024	0.026038	3.19%
PM3HSGD	SGD	Monthly	29 February 2024	0.031680	3.91%

Share class	Inception date	ISIN	Share Class Base Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	NAV per Share	Management fee	Distribution type
PC	7 June 2021	LU2334455255	USD	USD 1,000,000	10.87	0.300%	Accumulating
PM2	8 June 2021	LU2334455339	USD	USD 1,000,000	9.90	0.300%	Distributing
PM2HKD	6 July 2021	LU2334458945	HKD	USD 1,000,000	9.98	0.300%	Distributing
PM3HRMB	20 September 2021	LU2334460339	CNH	USD 1,000,000	9.93	0.300%	Distributing
PM3HSGD	20 September 2021	LU2334458192	SGD	USD 1,000,000	9.90	0.300%	Distributing

Different classes may have different performances, dividend yields and expense ratios. For hedged classes, the effects of hedging will be reflected in the net asset values of such classes. Expenses arising from hedging transactions may be significant and will be borne by the relevant hedged classes. Hedged class performs the required hedging on a best efforts basis.

The above table cites the last dividend paid within the last 12 months only. Dividend is not guaranteed and may be paid out of capital, which will result in capital erosion and reduction in net asset value. A positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return. Past distribution yields and payments do not represent future distribution yields and payments. Historical payments may comprise of distributed income, capital, or both. The calculation method of annualised yield prior to August 2019 is the simple yield calculation: (dividend amount / NAV per share or units as of ex-dividend date) x n; The calculation method of annualised yield from August 2019 is the compound yield calculation: ((1 + (dividend amount / ex-dividend NAV))^n)-1, n depends on the distributing frequency. Annually distribution is 1; semi-annually distribution is 2; quarterly distribution is 4; monthly distribution is 12. The annualised dividend yield is calculated based on the dividend distribution on the relevant date with dividend reinvested, and may be higher or lower than the actual annual dividend yield. Investors and potential investors should refer to the details on dividend distributions of the Fund, which are available on HSBC Asset Management (Singapore) Limited website. Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 29 February 2024