

## HSBC Global Investment Funds

# ESG Short Duration Credit Bond

Monthly report 31 March 2024 | Share class AM2HSGD



### Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide long term capital growth and income by investing in a diversified portfolio of bonds with an expected average duration of between 1 and 3 years and an average credit rating of investment grade, 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 aims to invest at least 70% of its assets in short duration investment grade and non-investment grade bonds and similar securities issued by governments, government-related entities, supranational entities; meeting certain ESG rating and lower carbon intensity criteria.

The ESG and Lower Carbon Criteria, together with fundamental qualitative company analysis, are used to determine the Fund's investible universe and excludes: issuers involved in the production of controversial weapons and tobacco, and considered to be non-compliant with the UN Global Compact Principles.

The Fund's primary currency exposure is to the US Dollar and may invest up to 30% in bonds issued in emerging markets, up to 20% in asset backed securities and mortgage-backed securities, up to 10% in convertible bonds, up to 10% in contingent convertible securities and up to 10% in other funds.

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 **SGD 9.71**

Performance 1 month **0.59%**

Yield to maturity **5.63%**

#### Fund facts

UCITS V compliant **Yes**

Subscription mode **Cash**

Dividend treatment **Distributing**

Distribution Frequency **Monthly**

Dividend ex-date **27 March 2024**

Dividend annualised yield **6.55%**

Last Paid Dividend **0.051414**

Dealing frequency **Daily**

Valuation Time **17:00 Luxembourg**

Share Class Base Currency **SGD**

Domicile **Luxembourg**

Inception date **30 January 2023**

Fund Size **USD 7,420,114**

Managers **Ricky Liu**

**Jason E Moshos**

**Viral Desai**

#### Fees and expenses

Minimum initial investment (SG)<sup>1</sup> **USD 5,000**

Maximum initial charge (SG) **3.000%**

Management fee **0.750%**

**Codes**

ISIN **LU2569857050**

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

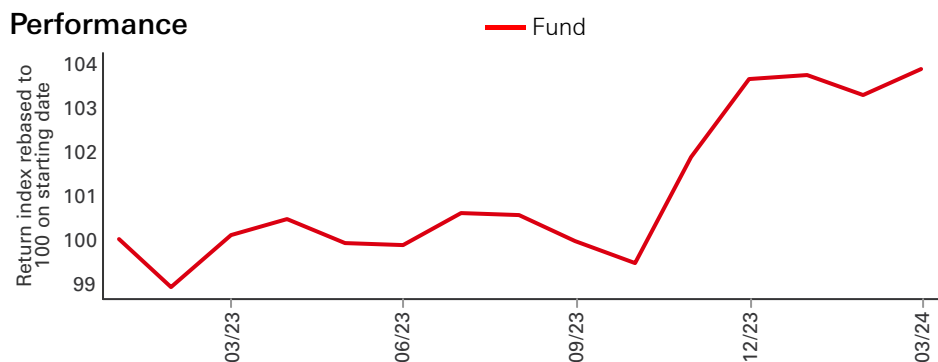
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Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

## Performance



Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann	Since inception ann
AM2HSGD	0.21	0.59	0.21	3.90	3.80	--	--	3.31
AM2HSGD (Net)*	-2.70	-2.34	-2.70	0.88	0.77	--	--	0.72

Calendar year performance (%)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AM2HSGD	--	--	--	--	--
AM2HSGD (Net)*	--	--	--	--	--

Carbon footprint	Fund	Reference benchmark	MSCI ESG Score	ESG score	E	S	G
Carbon intensity emissions	189.60	284.82	Fund	7.4	7.2	5.4	6.2
Carbon Intensity measures the quantity of carbon emission of a company (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e/USD million)			Reference benchmark	6.1	6.2	4.8	5.9
Source of analytics: Trucost							

3-Year Risk Measures	AM2HSGD	Reference benchmark	5-Year Risk Measures	AM2HSGD	Reference benchmark
Volatility	--	--	Volatility	--	--
Sharpe ratio	--	--	Sharpe ratio	--	--

Fixed Income Characteristics	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
No. of holdings ex cash	102	2,448	--
Average coupon rate	4.77	4.85	-0.08
Yield to worst	5.52%	5.93%	-0.41%
OAD	2.38	2.37	0.01
Modified Duration to Worst	2.61	2.59	0.02
Option Adjusted Spread Duration	2.26	2.46	-0.20
Average maturity	2.90	2.89	0.01
Rating average	BBB-/BB+	BBB-/BB+	--

Credit rating (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative	Maturity Breakdown (OAD)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
A	6.55	0.54	6.01	0-1 year	0.03	0.03	-0.01
BBB	47.67	50.09	-2.42	1-2 years	0.30	0.29	0.00
BB	36.80	46.10	-9.29	2-3 years	0.68	0.52	0.16
B	8.35	2.95	5.39	3-4 years	0.77	0.82	-0.06
Cash	0.63	0.32	0.31	4-5 years	0.57	0.70	-0.13
				5-6 years	0.04	--	0.04
				12-13 years	--	0.00	0.00
				<b>Total</b>	<b>2.38</b>	<b>2.37</b>	<b>0.01</b>

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The benchmark data is that of the reference benchmark of the fund, as this data is calculated at fund level rather than share class level. The reference benchmark of the fund is 50% ICE BofA 1-5 Year BB US High Yield Index 50% ICE BofA 1-5 Year BBB US Corporate Index

Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

Currency Allocation (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
USD	99.28	100.00	-0.72
EUR	0.78	--	0.78
CHF	0.00	--	0.00
GBP	0.00	--	0.00
AUD	0.00	--	0.00
SGD	-0.07	--	-0.07

#### Geographical Allocation (%)



Sector Allocation (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
Financial Institutions	21.90	21.56	0.34
Capital Goods	12.49	7.54	4.95
Energy	11.70	11.40	0.30
Consumer Cyclical	9.72	15.68	-5.96
Technology	9.66	6.71	2.94
Consumer Non cyclical	9.34	10.97	-1.63
Basic Industry	9.31	4.29	5.02
Communications	8.22	9.08	-0.85
Transportation	3.18	2.96	0.22
Agencies	2.43	1.46	0.97
Other Sectors	1.41	8.02	-6.61
Cash	0.63	0.32	0.31

Top 10 Holdings	Weight (%)
BPCE 2.045 19/10/27	3.09
LLOYDS BK GR PLC 5.462 05/01/28	2.72
SOCIETE GENERALE 4.750 24/11/25	2.68
BARCLAYS PLC 2.852 07/05/26	2.63
GRAPHIC PACKAGIN 1.512 15/04/26	2.26
AERCAP IRELAND 6.100 15/01/27	2.11
CCO HOLDINGS LLC 5.125 01/05/27	1.96
WRKCO INC 4.000 15/03/28	1.94
TDF INFRASTRUCTU 5.625 21/07/28	1.58
SUNOCO LP/FIN 7.000 15/09/28	1.51

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

## Monthly performance commentary

A more dovish central bank tone and continued strong US growth saw risk assets move higher in March while rates volatility moderated. This saw global credit spreads move tighter overall for the month, edging closer to their historical tights. In combination with lower rate volatility this saw strong positive total return for both Investment Grade and High Yield markets in March. Monthly IG issuance weakened in March with \$167.8 billion, for a Q1 total of \$657.7 billion. HY supply remained steady with \$26.4 billion issued over the month for a Q1 total of \$82.6 billion. US Treasury yields fell marginally in March with the curve reinverting somewhat lead by a larger move in longer dated maturities. The 2, 5, 10 and 30 year moved lower by 0, -3, -5 and -4 basis points to finish the month at 4.62%, 4.21%, 4.20% and 4.34% respectively.

In this context the strategy delivered positive performance on an absolute basis gross of fees.

The portfolio is predominantly invested in corporate BBB and BB credit with an allocation to cash 0.6%. From a credit perspective the fund's average rating is BBB-/BB+ with 55% investment grade including cash and 45% below investment grade. Regionally, the strategy has exposure to the US at 77%, Europe at 19% and Asia 3%. The fund does not currently have exposure to Securitized Credit. The top industry sector exposures are to financials, capital goods and energy. High quality financials offer attractive valuations vs industrials similarly to energy which has attractive valuations as well supportive oil prices. Although still strong, the economy is still expected to slow and as a result we also favour non cyclicals vs cyclical sectors. Positioning from a duration perspective is broadly in line with the investment universe at 2.4 years on an option adjusted basis.

### Outlook

Q2 began with a shift in market expectations for when the Fed would begin to cut rates. Strong economic data as well as more hawkish comments from Fed members which emphasized the need for additional data to confirm a trajectory of lower inflation before a potential move has increased uncertainty around when the Fed could begin to cut. This has seen an increase in rate volatility as markets reprice. Credit spreads continue to be historically tight but remain underpinned by solid credit fundamentals and a robust economic outlook. Our expectation is still that the global economy will eventually slow and as a result, over the longer-term 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 but remain selective between sectors and issuers based on relative value.

In the ESG short duration credit portfolio, given our constructive view of credit markets and the short-term economic outlook we are currently fully invested, utilizing the full High Yield allocation at our disposal. The overall portfolio remains Investment Grade on average, however. From a rates perspective the portfolio is broadly in line with the 1-5 crossover universe as the rates market re-prices, pushing out the timing of a first rate cut.

### Ten lowest carbon intensity issuers

Fund	Carbon intensity emissions (tonnes CO <sup>2</sup> e/USD million)	Reference benchmark	Carbon intensity emissions (tonnes CO <sup>2</sup> e/USD million)
CNC 4.25 12/15/27	0.86	MATCH GROUP II	0.28
TPH 5.25 06/01/27	1.77	AEGON LTD	0.38
CLVTSC 3.875 07/01/28 144A	2.01	AFFIL MANAGERS	0.41
AL 2.875 01/15/26 MTN	2.27	AXIS SPECLTY FIN	0.42
IQV 1.75 03/15/26 REGS	3.12	LINCOLN NATL CRP	0.48
DELL 6.02 06/15/26	3.79	HAT HOLDINGS I	0.57
GS V0.855 02/12/26	3.81	CIGNA GROUP/THE	0.60
SOCGEN 4.75 11/24/25 144A	4.14	ELEVANCE HEALTH	0.62
MS 5 11/24/25	4.20	SYNCHRONY FINANC	0.64
BACR V2.852 05/07/26	4.21	SYNCHRONY BANK	0.64

### Ten highest carbon intensity issuers

Fund	Carbon intensity emissions (tonnes CO <sup>2</sup> e/USD million)	Reference benchmark	Carbon intensity emissions (tonnes CO <sup>2</sup> e/USD million)
AM 5.75 03/01/27 144A	1,990.98	PALOMINO FUNDING	6,920.55
EQM 6 07/01/25 144A	1,861.02	VISTRA OPERATION	6,920.55
CLF 5.875 06/01/27	1,323.10	CLECO CORP	5,516.85
WMB 5.3 08/15/28	1,222.03	DANAOS CORP	3,731.21
KMI 4.3 03/01/28	937.50	PPL CAPITAL FDG	3,502.27
WM 1.15 03/15/28	795.65	AMEREN CORP	3,264.38
MPLX 4.125 03/01/27	782.43	AES CORP/THE	3,192.36
VIEFP V2.25 PERP	754.62	DPL INC	3,192.36
AAL 5.75 04/20/29 144A	711.33	ALLIANT ENERGY F	3,147.17
CQP 4.5 10/01/29	649.30	INTERSTATE P&L	3,147.17

ESG score for ten highest holdings by weight

Fund	Weight	ESG score	E	S	G	Carbon intensity emissions
BPCEGP V2.045 10/19/27 144A	3.094%	8.3	8.1	4.9	6.4	4.4
LLOYDS V5.462 01/05/28	2.720%	8.1	8.2	4.1	6.7	4.2
SOCGEN 4.75 11/24/25 144A	2.679%	7.9	10.0	4.6	5.9	4.1
BACR V2.852 05/07/26	2.634%	8.1	10.0	4.6	5.8	4.2
GPK 1.512 04/15/26 144A	2.257%	8.0	4.8	7.5	7.5	260.3
AER 6.1 01/15/27	2.111%	7.6	5.7	4.6	7.6	15.2
CHTR 5.125 05/01/27 144A	1.959%	5.6	10.0	4.3	5.7	21.9
WRK 4 03/15/28	1.939%	7.0	5.0	5.2	5.7	384.8
TDFINF 5.625 07/21/28^	1.585%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.7
SUN 7 09/15/28 144A	1.514%	5.7	3.5	7.6	5.3	27.9

Reference benchmark	Weight	ESG score	E	S	G	Carbon intensity emissions
DIRECTV FIN/DTV	0.555%	5.0	10.0	5.3	4.5	48.7
VENTURE GLOBAL L^	0.528%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	317.0
CCO HOLDINGS LLC	0.497%	5.6	10.0	4.3	5.7	21.9
AMERICAN AIRLINE	0.414%	5.6	6.5	3.6	5.0	711.3
WESTERN DIGITAL	0.356%	8.1	4.4	5.7	6.2	56.4
CARNIVAL CORP	0.355%	2.6	3.1	4.2	4.2	2,050.9
CONNECT FINCO	0.320%	5.7	2.4	4.7	5.6	8.3
ORGANON & CO/ORG	0.313%	7.0	4.1	4.3	6.6	8.9

## ESG score for ten lowest holdings by weight

Fund	Weight	ESG score	E	S	G	Carbon intensity emissions
RKTRM 2.875 10/15/26 144A	0.164%	5.4	8.3	4.3	4.9	6.5
OUT 5 08/15/27 144A	0.169%	5.8	9.0	3.2	6.4	52.3
STX 4.75 01/01/25	0.175%	8.0	3.4	5.4	6.3	88.9
OMF 6.875 03/15/25	0.177%	7.0	8.0	4.2	6.3	6.4
DELL 6.02 06/15/26	0.208%	7.1	5.1	4.4	5.4	3.8
CNK 8.75 05/01/25 144A	0.237%	6.0	8.3	5.7	4.6	13.3
WASMUL 5.75 04/15/26 144A	0.270%	8.3	10.0	5.6	6.8	23.5
SIRI 4 07/15/28 144A	0.310%	5.1	6.0	5.5	4.4	7.1
GRA 4.875 06/15/27 144a	0.324%	6.5	5.3	3.4	8.2	42.5
WBA 3.45 06/01/26	0.324%	7.3	9.5	5.1	6.5	14.4

Reference benchmark	Weight	ESG score	E	S	G	Carbon intensity emissions
CARRIER GLOBAL	0.000%	8.5	6.1	6.2	7.0	17.9
BERRY GLOBAL INC	0.000%	7.0	8.0	3.0	7.3	139.1
FIDELITY NATL IN	0.008%	7.8	10.0	5.1	7.2	4.9
PREMIER HEALTH^	0.008%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.4
CABOT CORP	0.008%	5.9	4.8	0.5	6.0	1,008.6
KIMCO REALTY	0.008%	5.1	6.1	5.1	5.6	26.8
EVERSOURCE ENERG	0.008%	8.2	7.4	6.4	6.8	51.9
COMERICA INC	0.008%	6.0	0.5	4.6	6.7	10.1
AEP TEXAS CENTRA	0.008%	8.4	7.9	6.6	6.3	2,620.7
BOEING CO	0.008%	4.5	4.8	2.9	5.4	21.3



## 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
AD USD	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
AD USD (Net)*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
AM2 USD	0.69	0.74	0.69	4.90	5.68	--	--	5.10
AM2 USD (Net)*	-2.24	-2.19	-2.24	1.84	2.60	--	--	2.47
AM2HSGD SGD	0.21	0.59	0.21	3.90	3.80	--	--	3.31
AM2HSGD SGD (Net)*	-2.70	-2.34	-2.70	0.88	0.77	--	--	0.72
AM3HAUD AUD	0.37	0.64	0.37	4.14	4.13	--	--	3.53
AM3HAUD AUD (Net)*	-2.56	-2.29	-2.56	1.10	1.09	--	--	0.94
AM3HEUR EUR	0.29	0.62	0.29	3.98	3.66	--	--	2.99
AM3HEUR EUR (Net)*	-2.63	-2.31	-2.63	0.95	0.64	--	--	0.42
AM3HGBP GBP	0.62	0.72	0.62	4.66	5.10	--	--	4.45
AM3HGBP GBP (Net)*	-2.31	-2.22	-2.31	1.61	2.04	--	--	1.84

Calendar year performance (%)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AD USD	--	--	--	--	--
AD USD (Net)*	--	--	--	--	--
AM2 USD	--	--	--	--	--
AM2 USD (Net)*	--	--	--	--	--
AM2HSGD SGD	--	--	--	--	--
AM2HSGD SGD (Net)*	--	--	--	--	--
AM3HAUD AUD	--	--	--	--	--
AM3HAUD AUD (Net)*	--	--	--	--	--
AM3HEUR EUR	--	--	--	--	--
AM3HEUR EUR (Net)*	--	--	--	--	--
AM3HGBP GBP	--	--	--	--	--
AM3HGBP GBP (Net)*	--	--	--	--	--

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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
AD	USD	Annually	--	--	--
AM2	USD	Monthly	27 March 2024	0.052231	6.54%
AM2HSGD	SGD	Monthly	27 March 2024	0.051414	6.55%
AM3HAUD	AUD	Monthly	27 March 2024	0.041893	5.23%
AM3HEUR	EUR	Monthly	27 March 2024	0.039046	4.86%
AM3HGBP	GBP	Monthly	27 March 2024	0.049606	6.21%

Share class	Inception date	ISIN	Share Class Base Currency	Minimum Initial Investment	NAV per Share	Management fee	Distribution type
AD		LU2487054269	USD	USD 5,000	-	0.750%	Distributing
AM2	30 January 2023	LU2508063612	USD	USD 5,000	9.87	0.750%	Distributing
AM2HSGD	30 January 2023	LU2569857050	SGD	USD 5,000	9.71	0.750%	Distributing
AM3HAUD	30 January 2023	LU2569855948	AUD	USD 5,000	9.85	0.750%	Distributing
AM3HEUR	30 January 2023	LU2569856243	EUR	USD 5,000	9.86	0.750%	Distributing
AM3HGBP	30 January 2023	LU2569856755	GBP	USD 5,000	9.86	0.750%	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.

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