

Retrospective & perspective

Throughout June, government bond markets in developed countries (-0.3%) depreciated, influenced by the less accommodating tone of the central bankers and by expectations of a gradual normalisation of monetary policies. In contrast, emerging debt remained broadly firm. We note in particular the sharp decline in UK bonds (-2.1%), affected by the lack of unanimity among the members of the Bank of England's monetary committee, and the underperformance of Euro borrowings (-1.4%), which were hindered by the comments of the ECB. Despite declining commodity prices, commitments in AUD (-1.2%) and in CAD (-1.4%) declined tangibly. Borrowings in JPY (-0.3%) and USD (-0.2%) held up better, due to the persistence of a highly expansionary monetary policy for the former and the publication of lower-than-expected inflation figures for the latter. Having lost only 0.7%, investments in CHF showed themselves more robust in European comparison. As a result of the recovery in the banking sector, credit premiums tightened again.

In the previous month, foreign exchange markets were characterized by the continued rise of the Euro and the decline in the yen. The European currency benefited from the expectations of a more rapid normalisation of the ECB's monetary policy and the Japanese currency was affected by interest rates kept at a persistently low level by the Bank of Japan. We also note the appreciation of the Canadian and Australian dollar despite the decline in commodity prices. In Europe, the pound sterling and the Swiss franc declined moderately against the Euro, while the Swedish krona appreciated.

The fund depreciated by 0.18% vs. 0.50% for its benchmark.

Given their very expensive valuation levels, government bonds will continue on their downward trend. Real yields will continue to stiffen in line with the strengthening of global growth, thereby requiring a continued underweighting of fixed-income assets and the implementation of lower durations. In terms of currency allocation, AUD-denominated assets remain overweight due to an economic recovery which is limited to the short term and to weak inflationary pressures in Australia. While remaining below its benchmark, the duration on USD-denominated investments was increased due to a weakening of US price indices. Commitments in EUR, GBP, JPY and to a lesser extent in CHF remain heavily underweight due to their excessive valuation levels. Concerning debtor categories, corporate bonds are kept overweight in light of the further improvement in the financial health of companies. While being favoured over their USD-denominated counterparts, private borrowings in EUR have been somewhat reduced due to the deterioration in their levels of valuation.

The persistence of a reduced risk premium on the Euro combined with a decrease in the divergence between risk currencies argue in favour of maintaining the overweighting of the EUR against the USD. Despite the recent rise in the European currency, it remains undervalued compared to the greenback.

Sources of return (in order of importance)

90%

- Market allocation
- Duration allocation
- Currency allocation
- Weighting categories debtor

10%

- Issuer selection
- « Yield enhancement »

Investment strategy

Generate regular income while giving special attention to capital preservation in periods of rising yields and appreciation of the US Dollar

Investment philosophy and process

Provide sustainable asset management, generating superior performances versus the domestic bond market through increased international diversification, without increasing risks thanks to dynamic risk management of interest rates, issuer categories and currencies. This dynamic risk management is provided by a multifactorial model (1875 MAP).

Glossary

<i>BM</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
<i>Citi WorldBIG</i>	<i>Citibank World Broad Investment Grade Bond index</i>
<i>PRI</i>	<i>Principles for Responsible Investments</i>

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