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Vontobel Fund – TwentyFour Sustainable Short Term Bond Income

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Summary

- The geopolitical backdrop improved markedly as US-Iran negotiations progressed and a reopening of the Strait of Hormuz came into view, driving oil prices lower and reversing much of the energy-led inflation premium that had built up over prior months. Government bonds were volatile but rallied into month-end as the prospect of energy relief pulled yields lower.
- Performance was positive across the subsectors, driven by credit spread tightening and the rates rally. The Fund exited its gilt position following strong outperformance, and the managers began rotating from government bonds back into credit and extending credit duration with a more constructive view on risk assets.
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Market developments

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Credit spreads tightened further across investment grade (IG) and high yield (HY), supported by an improving geopolitical tone, resilient corporate earnings, and renewed AI optimism.

Portfolio review

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Performance analysis

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Outlook

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Front-end yields now look more balanced after their repricing in recent months. The managers continue to believe central banks are unlikely to deliver a sustained hiking cycle in response to a supply-driven inflation shock, which appears to be unwinding.

The improvement in risk sentiment relies heavily on a benign resolution to the Middle East conflict and continued strength in AI-led earnings, leaving markets vulnerable if either support fades, so the managers retain a bias towards quality.

Fund characteristics

Fund name	Vontobel Fund – TwentyFour Sustainable Short Term Bond Income
ISIN	LU2081485240
Share class	G GBP
Benchmark	–
Inception date	22.1.2020

Historical performance (net returns, in %)

Time period	Fund	Benchmark
MTD	0.8%	–
YTD	1.0%	–
1 year	4.5%	–
3 yrs p.a.	5.8%	–
5 yrs p.a.	2.9%	–
10 yrs p.a.	–	–
ITD p.a.	2.6%	–

Time period	Fund	Benchmark
2025	5.9%	–
2024	5.8%	–
2023	6.5%	–
2022	-4.2%	–
2021	0.2%	–
2020	–	–
2019	–	–
2018	–	–
2017	–	–
2016	–	–

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