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# Vontobel Fund - Emerging Markets Blend HI (hedged), EUR

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## Investment objective

This bond fund aims to generate the best possible investment returns over a full economic cycle, while respecting risk diversification.

## Key features

The fund invests across emerging markets mainly in government, quasi-sovereign, and corporate bonds of diverse qualities with different maturities in various currencies. The fund uses derivative financial instruments both for hedging purposes and to take outright market positions. Specifically, the fund can gain exposure to emerging market currencies independently of the currency of the underlying bonds.

## Approach

The compact and agile investment team of experienced emerging market specialists focuses on spread optimization for a given level of risk. Based on in-depth research and using a proprietary valuation model, the portfolio managers continuously compare the levels of remuneration potential available across issuer qualities, countries, interest rates, currencies, and maturities within the investment universe to identify the most rewarding opportunities, which may be contrarian to mainstream views. To seize them, the team flexibly adapts the portfolio while keeping credit, interest rate and currency risks in check.

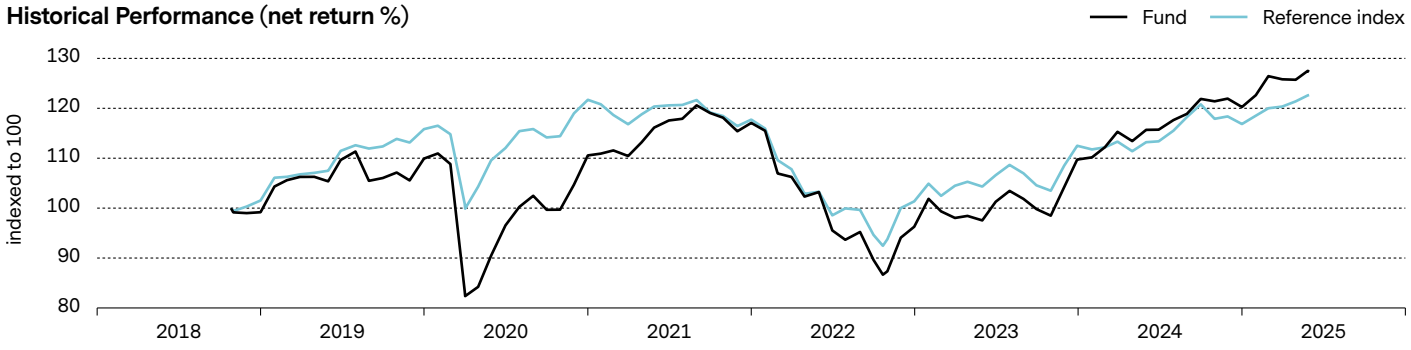
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|---|---|
| Portfolio management | Luc D'hooge / Dario Scheurer / Wouter Van Overfelt / Carlos de Sousa / Thierry Larose / Carl Vermassen |
| Fund domicile, legal structure, SFDR | Luxembourg, UCITS, Art. 8 |
| Currency of the fund / shareclass | USD / EUR |
| Launch date fund / shareclass | 24.08.2015 / 26.10.2018 |
| Fund size | USD 160.58 mio |
| Net asset value (NAV) / share | EUR 127.31 |
| Ref. index | J.P. Morgan EM Blended (JEMB) Equal Weighted |
| ISIN / WKN / VALOR | LU1896847628 / A2N8H2 / 44276198 |
| Management fee | 0.625% |
| Ongoing charges (incl. Mgmt. fee) as of 28.02.2025 | 0.93% |
| Maximum entry / switching / exit fee [1] | 5.00% / 1.00% / 0.30% |
| Swing pricing | Yes |
| Distribution policy | reinvesting |

[1] Refer to fund distributor for actual applicable fees, if any.

| Portfolio Characteristics | Fund | Ref. index |
|---|---|---|
| Volatility, annualized [2] | 10.48% | 8.07% |
| Sharpe ratio [2] | 0.43 | |
| Information ratio [2] | 0.28 | |
| Modified duration (years) | 5.28 | 5.18 |
| Average Rating | BB+ | BBB |
| Number of positions | 182 | 3,247 |
| Yield to maturity | 9.90% | 6.56% |
| Yield to worst incl. ccy forwards | 10.56% | |
| Tracking error, ex-post [2] | 4.79% | |
| Option-adjusted spread, OAS (basis points) | 437 | 185 |

[2] calculated over 3 years

**Historical Performance (net return %)**



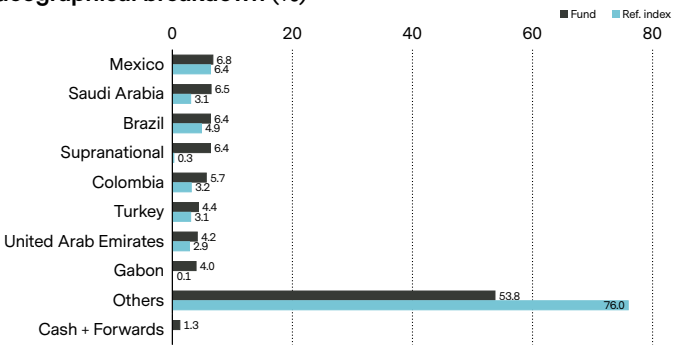

| | 1 m | year to date | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 3 yrs p.a. | 5 yrs p.a. | since inception |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund | 1.3 | 5.9 | 9.6 | 14.0 | -17.8 | 5.9 | 0.6 | 10.8 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 7.2 | 7.1 | 27.3 |
| Ref. index | 1.0 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 11.0 | -13.9 | -3.3 | 5.1 | 14.1 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 5.9 | 2.3 | 22.7 |

Past performance is not a guide to current or future performance. Performance data does not take account of the entry / exit commissions and costs incurred, and reflects gross distributions reinvested. Performance of a fund can rise or fall, i.a. as a result of currency fluctuations.

## Major positions (%)

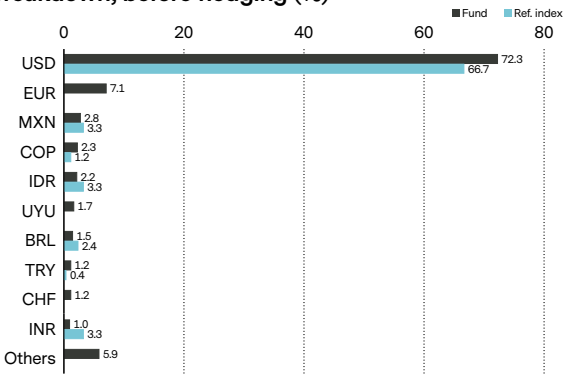
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| 5.875% Saudi Oil Co 17.07.2064 Reg-S Senior | 2.8 |
| 8.2% BOAD 13.02.2055 FRN Reg-S Junior Subordinated | 2.5 |
| 6.097% Gabon Blue 01.08.2038 Reg-S Senior | 2.4 |
| 7% Govt of Grenada 12.05.2030 Reg-S Senior | 2.3 |
| 6.75% Indonesia 15.07.2035 Senior | 2.2 |
| 9.5% Banco Actinver Fideic 18.12.2032 Reg-S Senior | 2.1 |
| 9.5% Cameroon 31.07.2031 Senior | 1.8 |
| 6.625% Cote d'Ivoire 22.03.2048 Reg-S Senior | 1.8 |
| 6.034% Amazon Conv 16.01.2042 Senior | 1.8 |
| 9.75% Banco Rep Orien Uru 20.07.2033 Senior | 1.7 |
| **Total** | **21.4** |

## Geographical breakdown (%)

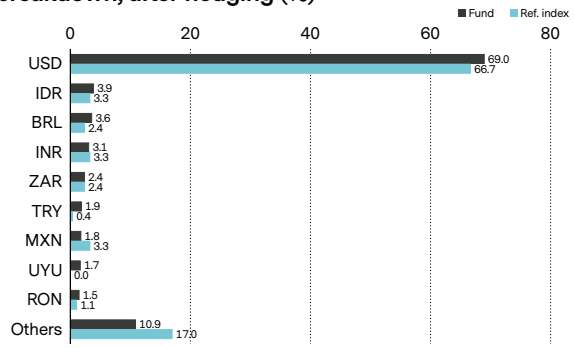



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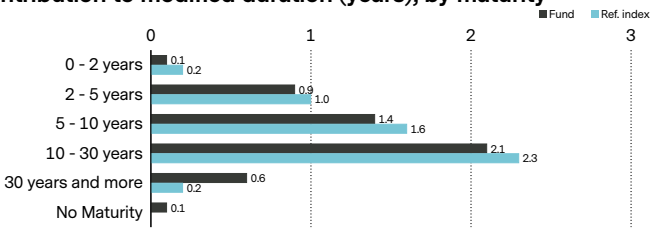
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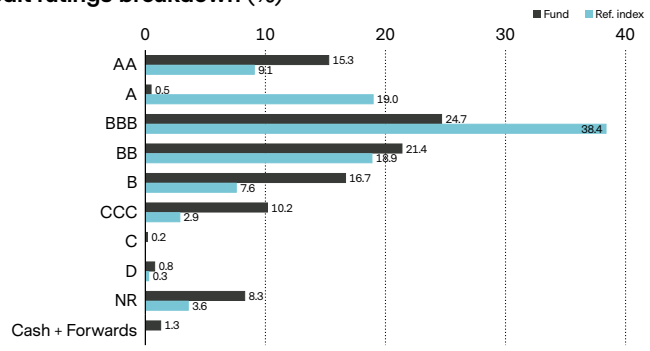

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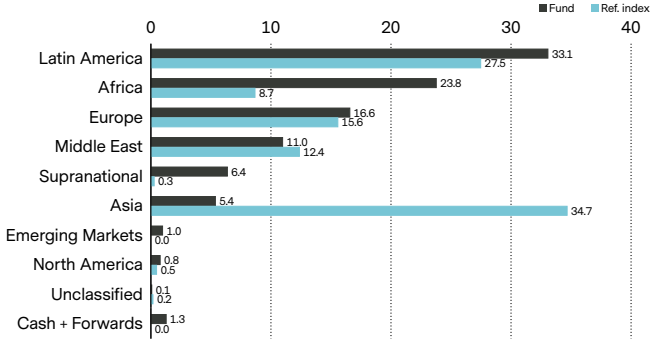

## Contribution to modified duration (years), by maturity




## Credit ratings breakdown (%)

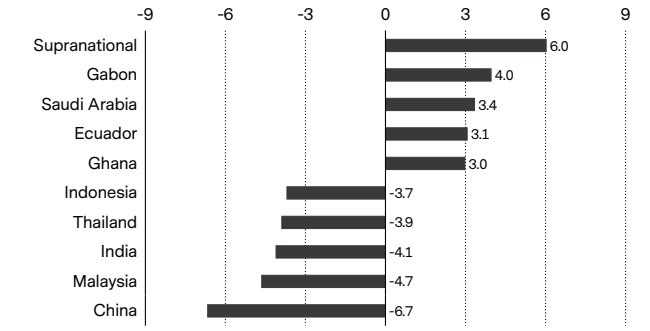



## Regional exposure (%)



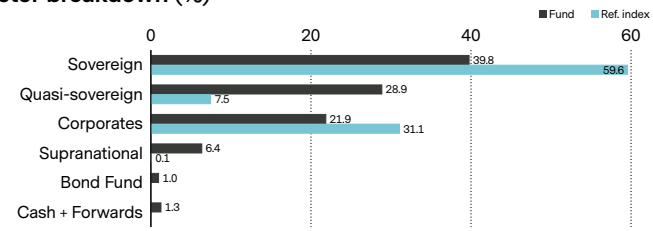

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## Major country overweights / underweights (%)




Values reflect the country exposure of the fund relative to the Reference index.

## Sector breakdown (%)

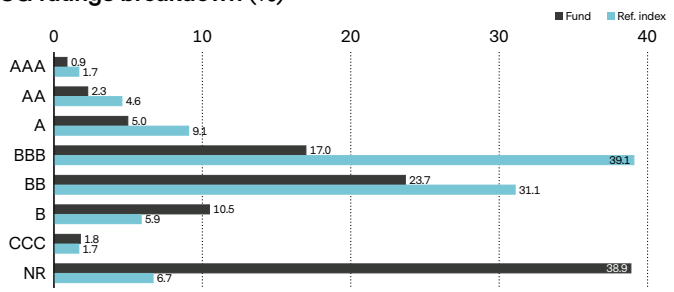


## ESG profile [3]

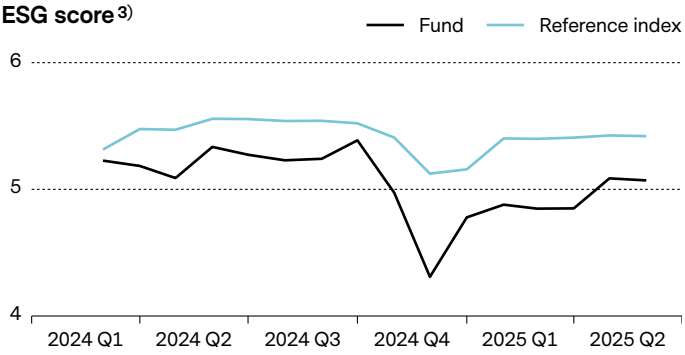
| | Fund | Ref. index |
|---|---|---|
| ESG rating | BBB | BBB |
| ESG ratings coverage | 61.5% | 93.3% |
| ESG score | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| Environmental score | 5.0 | 5.1 |
| Social score | 5.1 | 5.6 |
| Governance score | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| $CO_2$ Intensity, wt. avg (t $CO_2$/$M Sales) | 710.2 | 454.3 |

[3] Details on MSCI ESG methodology: vontobel.com/esg-valuation.
This fund does not have a designated reference ESG benchmark, but applies a conventional benchmark whose construction does not take into account ESG criteria.

## ESG ratings breakdown (%) [3]




## ESG score [3]




## Exclusion of Economic Activities [4]

Norm based exclusions
Coal
Other fossil fuels
Nuclear weapons
Tobacco
Unconvent. / controv. weapons

[4] Thresholds may apply. Please see vontobel.com/sfdr and each fund's website for further details.

## Risks

- Limited participation in the potential of single securities.
- Investments in foreign currencies are subject to currency fluctuations.
- Success of single security analysis and active management cannot be guaranteed.
- It cannot be guaranteed that the investor will recover the capital invested.
- Derivatives entail risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit fluctuations, illiquidity and volatility.
- Interest rates may vary, bonds suffer price declines on rising interest rates.
- Investments in emerging markets may be affected by political developments, currency fluctuations, illiquidity and volatility.
- The Sub-Fund's investments may be subject to sustainability risks. The sustainability risks that the Sub-Fund may be subject to are likely to have an immaterial impact on the value of the Sub-Funds' investments in the medium to long term due to the mitigating nature of the Sub-Fund's ESG approach.
- The Sub-Funds' performance may be positively or negatively affected by its sustainability strategy.
- The ability to meet social or environmental objectives might be affected by incomplete or inaccurate data from third-party providers.
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## Glossary

**Derivative** is a financial security whose price is determined based on an underlying benchmark or asset such as stocks, bonds, commodities, currencies, interest rates, or market indexes. Examples are futures, options and credit default swaps. **Distribution policy** of a fund defines the dividend distribution for its share classes to investors. Accumulating share classes reinvest the income received from the fund holdings back into the fund and do not distribute to shareholders. Distributing shares typically make cash payments to shareholders on a periodic basis. **Duration**, or Macaulay Duration, indicates the number of years an investor would need to maintain a position in the bond until the present value of the bond's cash flows equals the amount paid for the bond. The longer the duration, the more a bond's price will be affected by changes in interest rates. Duration may also be used to compare the risk of debt securities with different maturities and yields. **Environmental, social and governance** (**ESG**) criteria are a set of metrics or ratings that are used to screen potential investments for issues that might affect the financial performance and/or have a material impact on environment and society. ESG metrics reported in this document are for informative purposes and may not be part of the fund's investment process. **ESG rating** is provided by MSCI and aims to measure a company's management of financially relevant ESG risks and opportunities. They use a rules-based methodology to identify industry leaders and laggards according to their exposure to ESG risks and how well they manage those risks relative to peers. The ESG rating of MSCI ranges from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC). **ESG score** is provided by MSCI and is a measurement of a company's level of sustainability. The calculation is based on many factors and is measured on a scale range, e.g. from 0 (very poor) to 10 (very good). **Forward**, or forward contract, is an agreement between two parties to buy or sell an asset at a specified price on a future date, and is often used for hedging purposes or commodities trading, where a forward contract can be customized to an amount, delivery date, and commodity type (e.g. food, metals, oil or natural gas). **Future**, or futures contract, is a legal agreement to buy or sell a particular commodity asset, currency or security at a predetermined price at a future point in time. They are standardized contracts in terms of quality and quantity which facilitates trading on a futures exchange. **Hedged share class** is type of share class that hedges currency risks. It protects investors against unwanted currency exchange (FX) fluctuations, which may be larger than underlying investment returns. To achieve this, the share class must cover hedging costs, resulting in a higher total cost to investors. **Hedging** describes the steps taken to offset the risk of a loss or unwanted gain, for example by hedging the risk of foreign currency exposure, an investor can benefit from holding a diverse range of global companies without being exposed to global foreign exchange movements. **Index** is a portfolio that holds a broad range of securities, based on pre-defined rules. Indexes such as the FTSE 100 or DAX 30 are used to represent the performance

of particular markets and thus act as a reference point for performance measurement of other portfolios. An index used as reference for performance comparisons, is called a "reference index". **Information ratio** is a measurement of portfolio returns in excess of the reference index per unit of return volatility. It is used to measure a portfolio manager's ability to generate excess returns relative to a reference index. **ISIN** (International Securities Identification Number) is a unique code that identifies a specific financial security. It is assigned by a country's respective national numbering agency (NNA). **Management fee** is a fee which covers the costs charged to a fund relating to portfolio management services and, if applicable, to distribution services. **Maturity** indicates the length of time until the initial investment amount of a bond is due to be repaid. "Average maturity" is calculated on a bond portfolio by weighting each bond's residual maturity by its relative size. **Modified duration** is an adjusted version of Macaulay Duration and measures the percentage change in a bond price as a result of a change in yield. It is used to measure the sensitivity of a bonds cash flows to a change in interest rates and is more commonly used than Macaulay Duration. **Net Asset Value** (**NAV**) **/ share** also known as the share price of a fund, represents the value per share of the fund. It is calculated by dividing the fund's assets less its liabilities by the number of shares outstanding. For most funds it is calculated and reported daily. **Number of positions** shows the number of single investments/securities in the portfolio of the fund. **Ongoing charges** expresses the sum of the costs of running a fund on an ongoing basis, like the management fee and various legal and operating costs. It is calculated retroactively over a period of 12 months as a percentage of the fund assets. If the available data is insufficient, for example, for newly launched funds, ongoing charges may be estimated using data from funds with similar characteristics. **Option** is a derivative, financial instrument whose price derives from the value of underlying securities, like stocks. Call/put options give buyers the right (but not the obligation) to buy/sell an underlying asset at an agreed price and date. **Option-adjusted spread** (**OAS**) measures the yield differential between a bond with an embedded option and the risk-free rate of return. It allows comparing prices of bonds with different embedded options. Typically, a larger OAS implies greater returns for greater risks. **Rating**, or credit rating, assesses a bond issuer's ability to repay on time all its debt (interest and principal). High ratings, like AAA or Aaa, indicate low risk (i.e., low probability of default), while ratings such as BBB- or Baa3 indicate a higher risk. **Share class** is a compartment of a fund with a distinct client type, distribution policy, fee structure, currency, minimum investment, or other characteristics. The characteristics of each share class are described in the fund prospectus. **Sharpe ratio** measures excess return per unit of risk. The ratio is the average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility. A portfolio with a higher Sharpe ratio is considered superior relative to its peers. **Swing pricing** is an industry standard mechanism to protect long term investors in a fund against trading costs occurring when investors enter or exit the fund. This is achieved by adjusting the NAV upwards or downwards respectively so that the additional trading costs caused by subscriptions or redemptions are borne by investors trading in the fund. 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The higher the volatility, the riskier a fund tends to be. **Weighted Average Carbon Intensity** (**WACI**) reports the carbon emissions of companies held in a portfolio relative to the revenues they generate, excluding emissions from supply chains and products / services. **WKN** (or Wertpapierkennummer) is an identification code of securities registered in Germany, issued by its Institute for Issuance and Administration of Securities. **Yield to maturity** (**YTM**) measures the return of the fund if all the bonds in the portfolio of the fund were held to maturity. The ratio is expressed as an annual return in percent. **Yield to worst incl. ccy forwards** provides the yield to worst in the fund base currency, including currency forwards.

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