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# Vontobel Fund - Sustainable Emerging Markets Debt HX (hedged), CHF

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#### Investment objective

This bond fund aims to outperform its benchmark over a threeyear rolling period and seeks to promote environmental or social practices, 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 hard currencies from issuers that seek to promote environmental or social practices.

#### Approach

The experienced specialist team defines the investment universe using a proprietary sustainability model which combines a quantitative screening based on in-house and third-party provider data with a qualitative analysis of major sustainability risks. The team focuses on optimizing the level of spread for a given level of risk. Based on in-depth research and using a proprietary valuation model, the team continuously compares 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.

#### **Risk and reward profile**

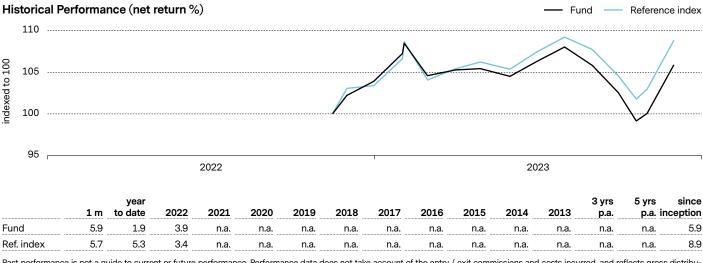


Portfolio management	Sergey Goncharov / Luc D'hooge		
Fund domicile, legal structure, SFDR	Luxembourg, UCITS, Art. 8		
Currency of the fund / shareclass	USD / CHF		
Launch date fund / shareclass	30.09.2020 / 14.11.2022		
Fund size	USD 470.52 mio		
Net asset value (NAV) / share	CHF 105.90		
Ref. index J.P. Mor	J.P. Morgan ESG EMBI Global Diversified Index		
ISIN / WKN / VALOR	LU2549539034 / A3DZJ8 / 122655782		
Management fee	0.25%		
Ongoing charges (incl. Mgmt. fee) as o	f 28.02.2023 0.47%		
Maximum entry / switching / exit fee1)	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 <sup>2)</sup>	8.80%	7.83%
Sharpe ratio <sup>2)</sup>	0.25	
Information ratio <sup>2)</sup>	negative	
Modified duration (years)	6.81	6.87
Average Rating	BBB-	BBB-
Number of positions	106	733
Yield to maturity	7.77%	7.10%
Yield to maturity after hedging to USD	8.29%	7.12%
Yield to worst (YTW)	7.53%	6.99%
Tracking error, ex-post <sup>2)</sup>	2.06%	
Option-adjusted spread, OAS (basis points)	369	262

2) calculated over 1 year

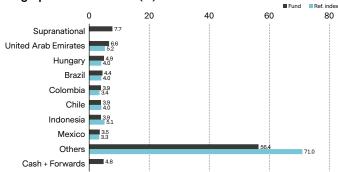


Past performance is not a guide to current or future performance. Performance data does not take account of the entry / exit commissions and costs incurred, and reflects gross distributions reinvested. Performance of a fund can rise or fall, i.a. as a result of currency fluctuations.

#### Major positions (%)

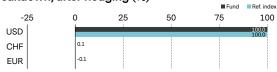
Total	22.4
6.625% Cote d'Ivoire 22.03.2048 Reg-S Senior	2.0
8.25% Transnet SOC 06.02.2028 Reg-S Senior	2.1
6.5% Gov of Sharjah 23.11.2032 Reg-S Senior	2.2
8.75% Angola 14.04.2032 Reg-S Senior	2.2
9% Turk Vak Bank 12.10.2028 Reg-S Senior	2.2
4.6% United Mex States 23.01.2046 Senior	2.2
6.875% Panama 31.01.2036 Senior	2.3
5.3% Dominican Republic 21.01.2041 Reg-S Senior	2.3
4.7% BOAD 22.10.2031 Reg-S Senior	2.4
8.25% Brazil 20.01.2034 Senior	2.5

## Geographical breakdown (%)

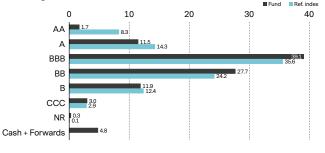


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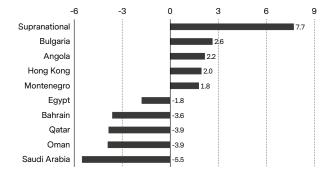
# Currency breakdown, after hedging (%)



## Credit ratings breakdown (%)

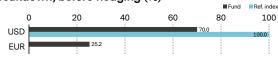


# Major country overweights / underweights (%)



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

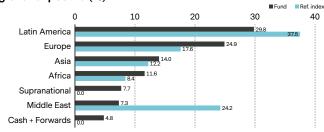
# Currency breakdown, before hedging (%)



# Contribution to modified duration (years), by maturity

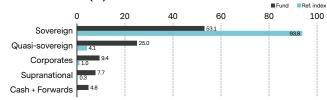


# Regional exposure (%)



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# Sector breakdown (%)



# ESG characteristics of the fund

ESG integration	√
Exclusion economic activities	√
Active ownership	√
ESG laggards exclusion	√

#### Exclusion of Economic Activities 3)



3) 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.

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Gambling

Tobacco

- 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.
- Information on how environmental and social objectives are achieved and how sustainability risks are managed in this Sub-Fund may be obtained from Vontobel.com/SFDR.

#### 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. 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. Optionadjusted 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. SRRI is a value based on a sub fund's volatility, providing a gauge of the overall risk and reward profile of the sub fund. 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. Full details of the Swing Pricing mechanism are given in the fund prospectus. Tracking error is the standard deviation of the difference between the returns of a fund and its reference index, expressed as a percentage. The more actively a fund is managed, the higher the tracking error. VALOR is an identification number issued by SIX Financial Information and assigned to financial instruments in Switzerland. Volatility measures the fluctuation of a fund's performance over a certain period. It is most commonly expressed using the annualized standard deviation. The higher the volatility, the riskier a fund tends to be. 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 maturity after hedging to another currency provides the yield to maturity in the denominated currency, after adjusting for the hedging costs of all assets denominated in other currencies. Yield to worst (YTW) represents the lowest potential annual return of a bond that does not default, for instance, if a bond may be called by the issuer prior to maturity.

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