### **Schroders**



Schroder International Selection Fund<sup>1</sup> EURO Corporate Bond

February 2025

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# Expertise, Collaboration, Enterprise

Integrated
Research,
Investment
and Solutions
Philosophy



Conviction, driven by research & expertise



Shared ownership of research, investment and products



Integrated to impact

Thoughtful solutions



Comprehensive matrix of capabilities worldwide



### Global Fixed Income Platform

#### Leadership team





Julien Houdain Head of Global Unconstrained Fixed Income



Lisa Hornby Head of US Fixed Income



Patrick Vogel Head of Credit, Europe



Abdallah Guezour Head of Emerging Market Debt and Commodities



Patrick McCullagh Global Head of Credit Research



Andrew Moscow Head of Multi-Asset and Fixed Income Management, UK/ EMEA

### Global Fixed Income AUM: \$140 billion\*

#### Global Unconstrained Fixed Income \$52bn

- Aggregate
- Sovereign
- Absolute / Total Return
- Liquidity

#### US Multi-Sector \$24bn

- Aggregate
- Total Return
- US Buy & Maintain

#### EMD \$9bn

- Hard Currency
- Local Currency
- Blended
- Absolute Return

#### Asia \$9bn

- Multi-Sector
- Local Currency
- Hard Currency
- Onshore China

#### Global Credit \$40bn

- High Alpha
- Sustainable
- Total Return

#### Convertibles \$2bn

- High Conviction
- Conservative
- Sustainable













Source: Schroders, as at 30 June 2024. \*Figure includes Fixed Income Solutions, comprising Buy & Maintain assets in Europe and Asia and \$4bn Australian Bonds.

# Schroders European credit

### Your investment team – integrated investment and research

Investment Grade	Sustainability	Leveraged Finance	Dealers	Investment Directors
Jan Hennig Patrick Vogel Cindy Wang	Saida Eggerstedt Manjola Havaraj <sup>2</sup>	Peter Harvey Daniel Pearson Predrag Savic Hugo Squire Henry Craik-White	William Baker Angus Bloomfield John Goddard Ricardo Goddard Greg Lightfoot Philip Meakin	Jonathan Harris Daniel Loesche Elizabeth Murphy Josh Panton

Financia	als	Communication	S	Utilities	Indu	strials	Sustainable C	redit Qu	antitative Strate	gy L	oans
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Specialist Fix	ced Income Po	ortfolio Managem	ent Teams			Specialist Ar	nalyst Teams			Specialist Pro	duct Team
Credit	Rates	EMD	Extended Sectors	European Credit	North American Credit	Asia, Australia & EMD Credit	Quant Strategy & Economy	Portfolio- Specific	Sustainability	GUFI, Multi -Sector & EMD	Credit

Source: Schroders, as at 31 January 2025.

# A common approach applied across credit strategies

Fund range

	Benchmark	Lead PM(s)	AUM (millions)	Inception
Investment Grade				
EURO Corporate Bond	ICE BofA¹ Euro Corporate	Patrick Vogel	€14,907	Jun 2000
Global Corporate Bond	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate currency hedged	Chris Eger/ Tom Truxillo/ Cindy Wang	\$2,390	Sep 1994
EURO Credit Conviction	iBoxx Euro Corporate BBB	Patrick Vogel	€3,018	Dec 2013
EURO Credit Conviction Short Duration	ICE BofA 1-5 Year BBB EURO Corporate Index	Patrick Vogel	€421	Nov 2015
High Yield				
EURO High Yield	ICE BofA Euro High Yield Constrained	Hugo Squire	€2,222	Nov 2012
Global High Yield	Bloomberg Global High Yield xCMBS xEMG 2% capped, currency hedged	Mike Davis/ Hugo Squire	\$1,946	Apr 2004
High Yield Opportunities	Total Return	Daniel Pearson	£483	Feb 2000
Strategic Credit	ICE BofA Sterling 3-Month Government Bill Index	Peter Harvey	£2,646	Apr 2006
Sustainable Strategies				
Sustainable EURO Credit	ICE BofA Euro Corporate	Saida Eggerstedt	€2,198	Dec 2019
Global Sustainable Multi Credit	Ref <sup>2</sup> : Barclays Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B- USD Hedged	Patrick Vogel	\$295	Jun 2016
Sustainable US Dollar High Yield	Bloomberg US High Yield	Mike Davis	\$210	Oct 2023
Sustainable US Dollar Corporate	Bloomberg US Corporates	Chris Eger/Tom Truxillo	\$11	Sep 2023
Impact Strategies				
Carbon Neutral Credit	Ref <sup>2</sup> : Barclays Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B- EUR Hedged	Saida Eggerstedt / Patrick Vogel	€96	June 202
Social Impact Credit	Ref <sup>2</sup> : Barclays Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B- USD Hedged	Saida Eggerstedt	\$21	Nov 2021
Leveraged Loans				
European Leveraged Loans	Credit Suisse Institutional Western European Leverage Loan Index	Henry Craik-White	€211	October 20

Source: Schroders, AUM as at 31 January 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>BofA is Bank of America. <sup>2</sup>Indicates that index is used for reference only.

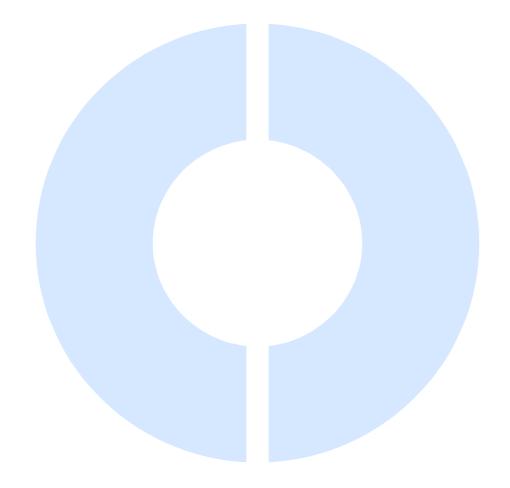
# Comparison of Schroder's flagship Euro IG credit funds

	Schroder ISF EURO Corporate Bond	Schroder ISF EURO Credit Conviction	Schroder ISF EURO Credit Conviction Short Duration	Schroder ISF Sustainable EURO Credit
Inception/ conversion	30 June 2000	18 December 2013	11 November 2015 / 21 September 2023	17 December 2019
Yield to worst (%)	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.6
Effective Duration (years)	4.5	4.4	2.9	4.2
High yield (%)	9.2	16.8	14.4	9.5
Green bonds (%)	12.2	14.9	14.7	31.8
Base currency	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Average Rating¹	BBB+	BBB	BBB	BBB+
SFDR classification	Article 8	Article 8	Article 8	Article 8
Internal ESG classification	n ESG integrated	ESG integrated	ESG integrated	Sustainable Driven
Internal investment guide	elines			
High yield	Max. 20%	Max. 30%	Max. 30%	Max. 20%
Non-Euro denominated bonds	Max. 25%	Max. 25%	Max. 25%	Max. 25%
Reference Universe	ICE BofA EURO Corporate Bond Index	iBoxx EUR Corporates BBB Index	ICE BofA 1-5 Year BBB EURO corporate Index	ICE BofA EURO Corporate Bond Index

Source: Schroders, as 31 December 2024. <sup>1</sup>Based on cash bonds only. Schroder International Selection Fund is referred to as Schroder ISF. The funds have environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on Sustainability-related Disclosures in the Financial Services Sector (the "SFDR").

Schroders

### **Schroders**



# Schroder ISF EURO Corporate Bond

**Investment process** 



### A high conviction approach to credit

- Bottom-up focused: Emphasis on bottom-up credit analysis and stock selection, guided by investment themes
- Integrated: Unified platform of specialists (portfolio managers, analysts, dealers, investment directors) providing insight and expertise across markets
- Dynamic: Sectoral and thematic conviction, shifting exposures meaningfully as opportunities develop
- ESG integration

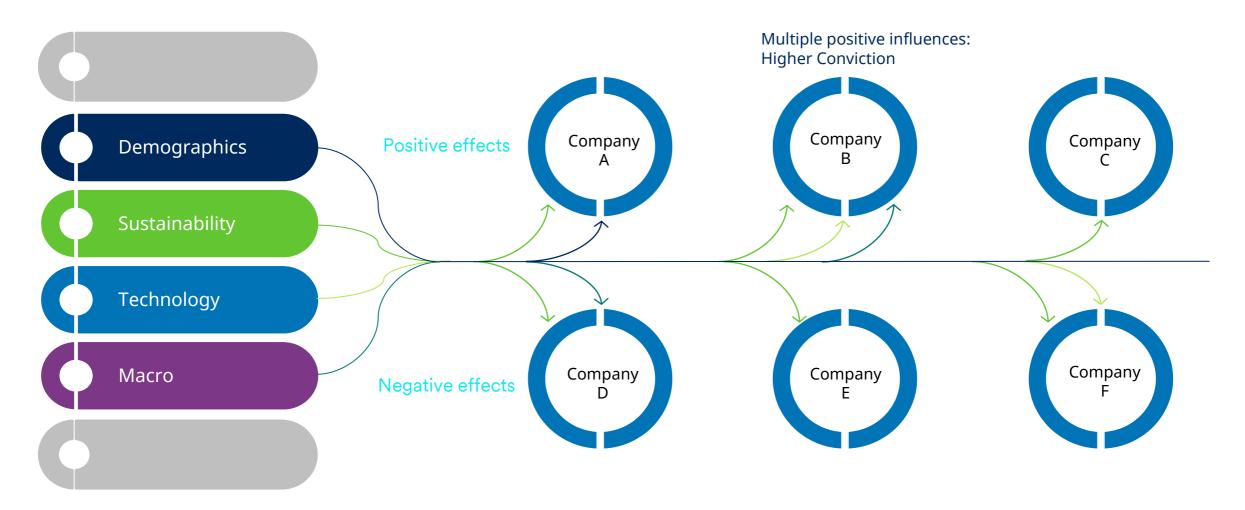
# Aiming to achieve premium risk adjusted performance vs benchmark

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# Research areas that are less well understood by the market

Themes provide context to business model analysis to support investment confidence



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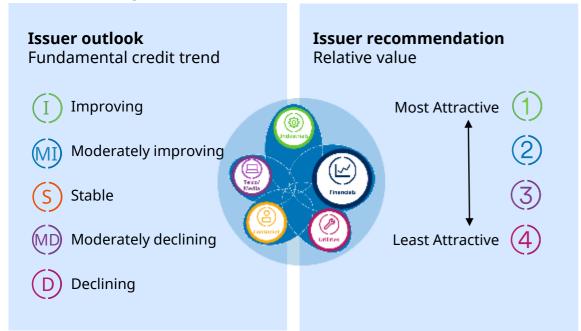
### Forward-looking Credit Research

### Research as a team, seeking information discovery

- Sector specialists, but no silos
- Understanding business models and the value chain
- Sustainability has become increasingly relevant in credit recommendations

#### **Fundamental research**

Forward-looking issuer views



# **ESG Assessment**Quality PLUS potential





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### Engagement

We aim to engage with...



Assess capability and commitment to sustainability

Help mitigate controversy

...for **Improvements** 



... Systemically Relevant Issuers

Encourage impact reporting

Help consider scenarios under climate change

...for
Impact



... Innovative
Issuers

Use of green bond projects?

Setting of milestones?

...to **Learn** 

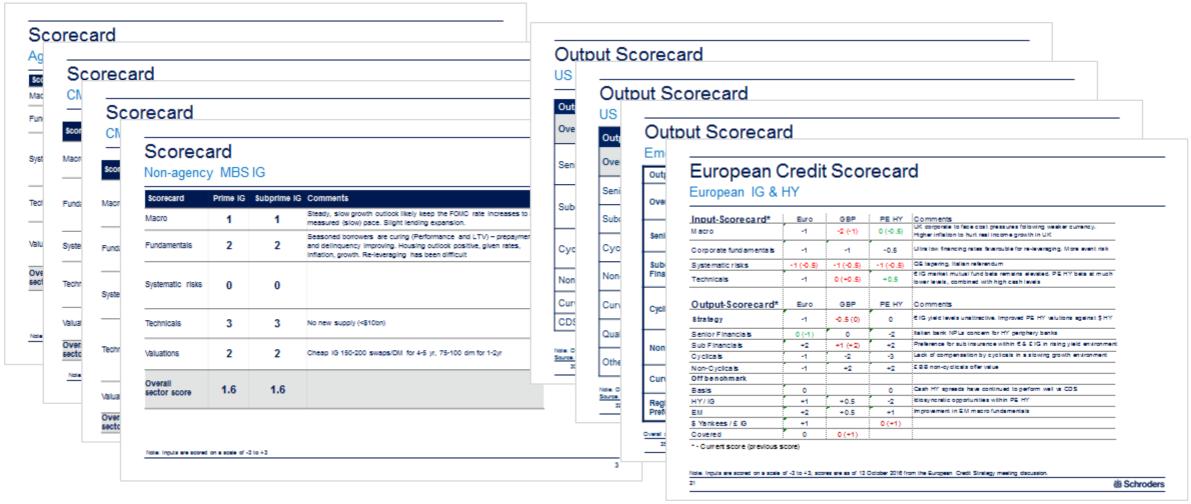
# Encouraging positive change

- Increasing transparency, communication and commitment through investment
- Dialogue at every opportunity including follow-up to assess outcome
- Working together with other Schroders global investment teams

Source: Schroders.

### Global Credit scorecards

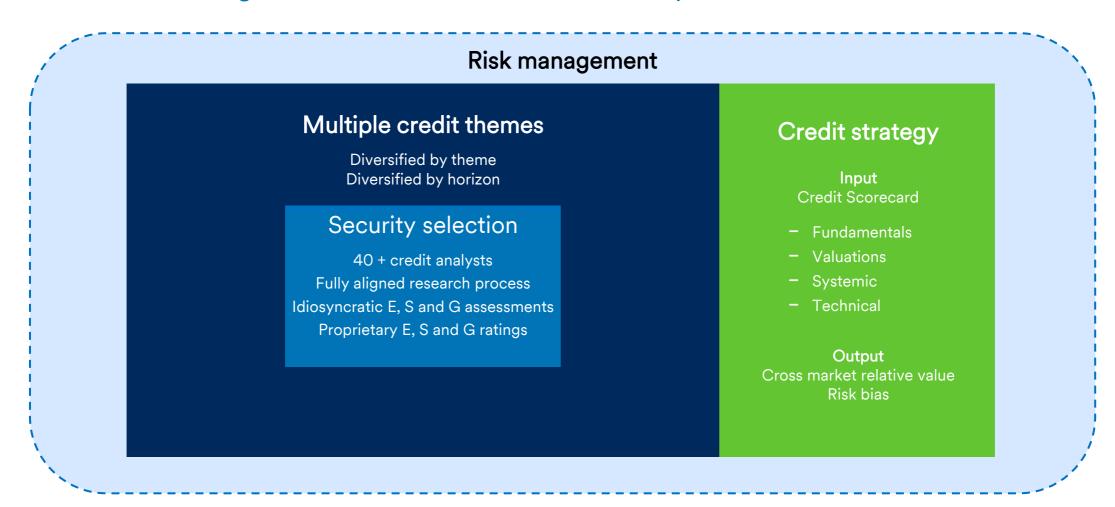
### Regional credit views



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### Investment process overview

Themes-driven integrated research and investment process



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### **Schroders**



SISF EURO Corporate Bond

**Performance** 

### Performance as of 31 January 2025

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#### Performance objective<sup>1</sup>

The fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in bonds denominated in Euro issued by companies worldwide.

#### **Guidelines<sup>2</sup>**

- Overall portfolio duration: Benchmark +/- 2 years
- Max. 20% in total in High Yield or in Convertibles
- Max. 25% in non Euro denominated assets
- Derivatives allowed: currency forwards, interest rate futures, IRS, and CDS
- Max 50% in long risk or short risk CDS positions

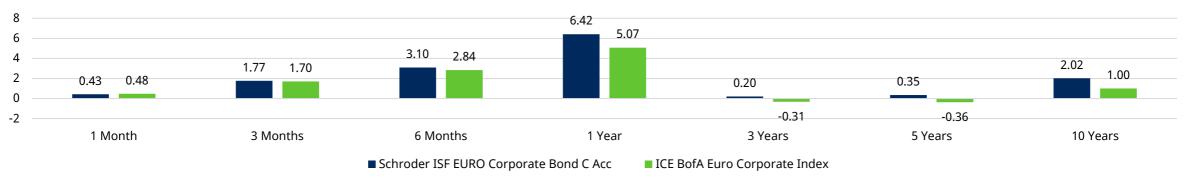
Max. 10% in cash; max. 20% in cash and government bonds

Max. 10% in Emerging Market Debt

Hedged 100% to Euro

2x limit on fund value-at-risk relative to benchmark (including all derivatives)

#### Schroder ISF EURO Corporate Bond C Acc vs. ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index



Source: Schroders. Performance is shown net of fees. Performance is shown for Schroder ISF EURO Corporate Bond C Accumulation share class (%) in EUR. Share class performance calculated NAV to NAV (Bid to Bid), adjusted for dividends, net of ongoing charges. ¹Targets are not guaranteed over this or any other period. ²This is not a complete set of fund rules and represents the typical internal, non-mandatory limits under which the fund is managed. Please note that such limits may be deviated from and are subject to change without notice. The investment manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the benchmark. The investment manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities

### Performance and gross attribution

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Date	Fund return	Index return	Alpha (bps)	FX (bps)	Rates (bps)	Sovereign (bps)	Credit (bps)	Residual (bps)
2012 <sup>*</sup>	4.38%	3.55%	83	0	3	3	58	19
2013	5.11%	2.39%	272	-1	29	-22	226	39
2014	9.91%	8.25%	165	-1	58	-6	96	17
2015	1.76%	-0.43%	219	-4	22	1	188	13
2016	6.83%	4.75%	207	-7	28	8	174	4
2017	5.78%	2.42%	336	-4	31	5	293	12
2018	-1.83%	-1.12%	-72	-21	23	-13	-78	17
2019	9.81%	6.24%	357	-30	43	35	311	-2
2020	5.61%	2.64%	297	-13	-5	49	252	14
2021	-0.07%	-1.02%	95	-10	-3	-6	104	10
2022	-15.66%	-13.94%	-172	-21	-9	-17	-136	10
2023	10.92%	8.02%	290	-27	46	9	258	4
January - 2024	0.73%	0.09%	64	-1	-1	2	64	0
February - 2024	-0.46%	-0.89%	43	-1	-1	4	42	0
March - 2024	1.59%	1.21%	38	-1	6	2	32	-2
April - 2024	-0.75%	-0.84%	9	-1	-5	2	12	1
May - 2024	0.48%	0.24%	24	-1	1	2	22	0
June - 2024	0.64%	0.75%	-11	-1	2	-6	-5	-1
July - 2024	1.88%	1.71%	18	-1	7	0	11	1
August - 2024	0.47%	0.30%	17	-1	-1	1	19	0
September - 2024	1.28%	1.22%	6	-1	-2	-1	14	-4
October - 2024	-0.23%	-0.40%	17	-1	-14	2	30	0
November - 2024	1.62%	1.65%	-3	-1	2	-5	0	0
December - 2024	-0.24%	-0.43%	19	-1	-5	3	21	0
2024	7.19%	4.66%	253	-14	-14	6	277	-2
January - 2025	0.57%	0.48%	9	-1	3	-1	8	0
<sup>1</sup> Total*	58.75%	27.81%	3,095	-213	337	67	2,757	142

Source: Schroders, as at dates specified. Gross of all fees, based on end of day market prices for benchmark comparison. 'Rates' includes duration (parallel movement in the local yield curve based on a designated spot rate applied to each security); yield curve (changes in the shape of the yield curve, measured as the difference between the sum of the key rate duration returns and the duration return); inflation (changes in inflation expectations, measured by the change in inflation curve applied to each KRD); volatility (changes in market volatility, measured by the change in normal volatility surface applied to normal volatility duration). 'Residual' includes trading, valuation and residuals.\*2012 Since current management were in place – 01 September 2012. **Schroders** 

### Discrete 10-year performance

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	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Schroder ISF EURO Corporate Bond C Acc	6.41	10.15	-16.07	-0.77	5.01	9.23	-2.47	5.02	6.24	1.17	9.22
ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index	4.66	8.02	-13.94	-1.02	2.65	6.25	-1.14	2.41	4.75	-0.43	8.25

# Schroder ISF EURO Corporate Bond - Risk considerations

**ABS and MBS risk:** The fund may invest in mortgage or asset-backed securities. The underlying borrowers of these securities may not be able to pay back the full amount that they owe, which may result in losses to the fund.

**Capital risk / distribution policy:** As the fund intends to pay dividends regardless of its performance, a dividend may represent a return of part of the amount you invested.

**Contingent convertible bonds:** The fund may invest in contingent convertible bonds which are bonds that convert to shares if the bond issuer's financial health deteriorates. A reduction in the financial strength of the issuer may result in losses to the fund.

**Counterparty risk:** The fund may have contractual agreements with counterparties. If a counterparty is unable to fulfil their obligations, the sum that they owe to the fund may be lost in part or in whole.

**Credit risk:** If a borrower of debt provided by the fund or a bond issuer experiences a decline in financial health, their ability to make payments of interest and principal may be affected, which may cause a decline in the value of the fund.

**Currency risk:** If the fund's investments are denominated in currencies different to the fund's base currency, the fund may lose value as a result of movements in foreign exchange rates, otherwise known as currency rates. If the investor holds a share class in a different currency to the base currency of the fund, investors may be exposed to losses as a result of movements in currency rates.

Currency risk / hedged share class: The currency hedging of the share class may not be fully effective and residual currency exposure may remain. The cost associated with hedging may impact performance and potential gains may be more limited than for unhedged share classes.

**Derivatives risk:** Derivatives, which are financial instruments deriving their value from an underlying asset, may be used for investment purposes and/ or to manage the portfolio efficiently. A derivative may not perform as expected, may create losses greater than the cost of the derivative and may result in losses to the fund.

High yield bond risk: High yield bonds (normally lower rated or unrated) generally carry greater market, credit and liquidity risk meaning greater uncertainty of returns.

**Interest rate risk:** The fund may lose value as a direct result of interest rate changes.

**Liquidity risk:** In difficult market conditions, the fund may not be able to sell a security for full value or at all. This could affect performance and could cause the fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares, meaning investors may not be able to have immediate access to their holdings.

Market risk: The value of investments can go up and down and an investor may not get back the amount initially invested.

Operational risk: Operational processes, including those related to the safekeeping of assets, may fail. This may result in losses to the fund.

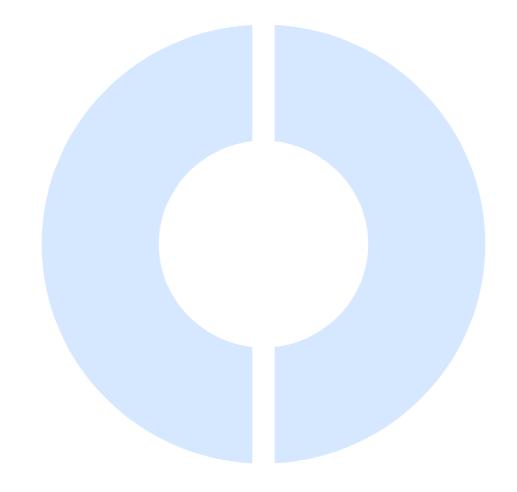
**Performance risk:** Investment objectives express an intended result but there is no guarantee that such a result will be achieved. Depending on market conditions and the macro economic environment, investment objectives may become more difficult to achieve.

**Sustainability risk:** The fund has environmental and/or social characteristics. This means it may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors and may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the investment manager. The fund may invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular investor.

Source: Schroders.



# **Schroders**

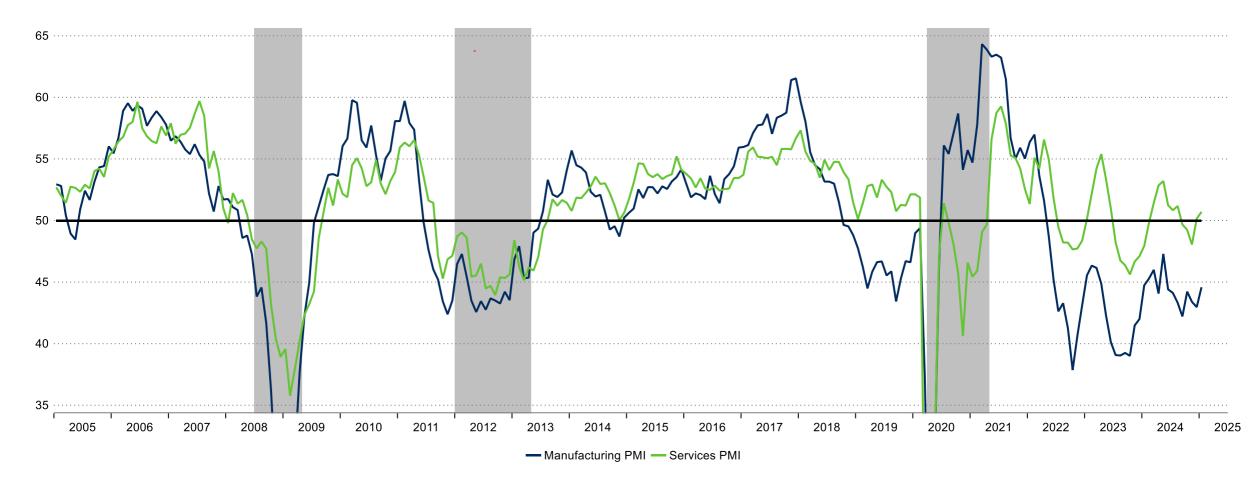


Outlook

# Manufacturing recession potentially ending?

### Supported by financial conditions easing

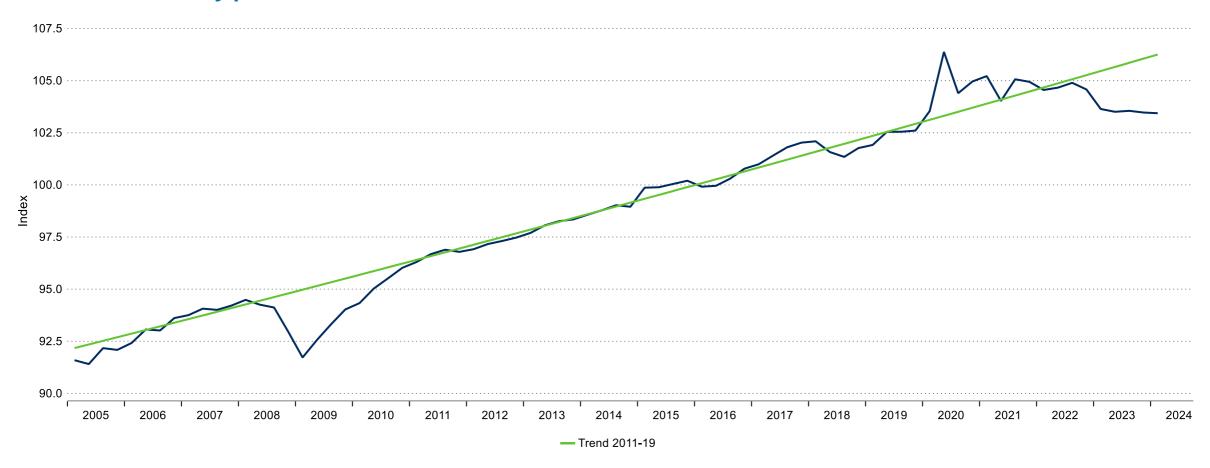
#### **Euro Area PMI - New Orders**



Source: Schroders, Macrobond, January 2025.

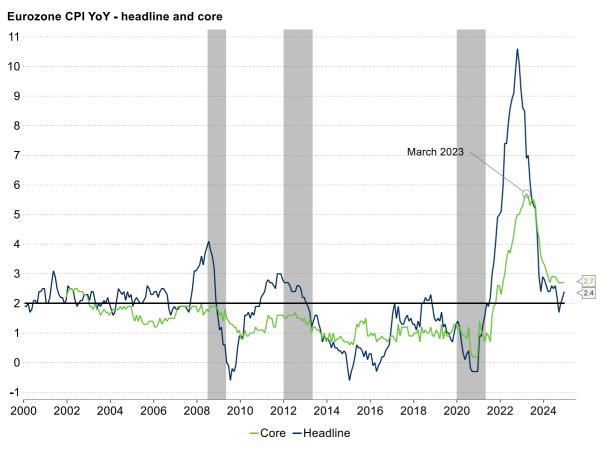
### Weak labour productivity

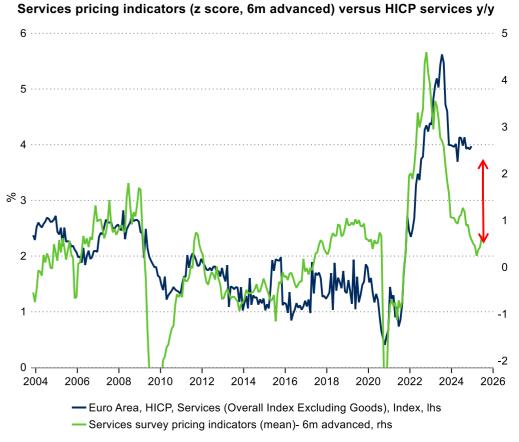
### **Labour Productivity per hour worked**



# Eurozone inflation is heading in the right direction

### But services inflation remain sticky





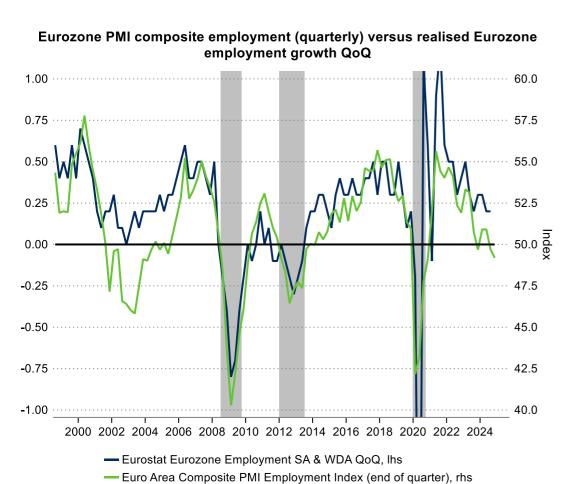
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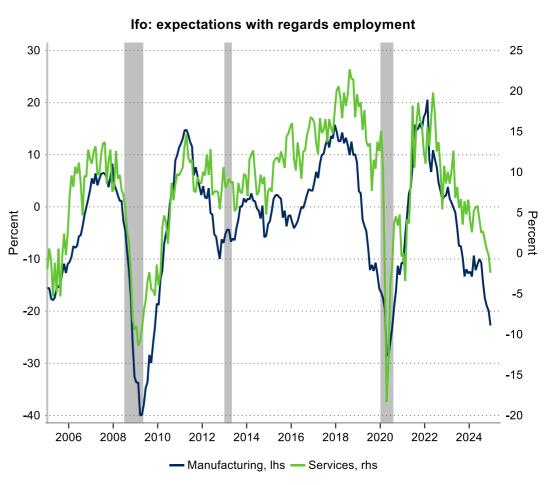


# Labour market getting weaker

### The labour market has supported consumption





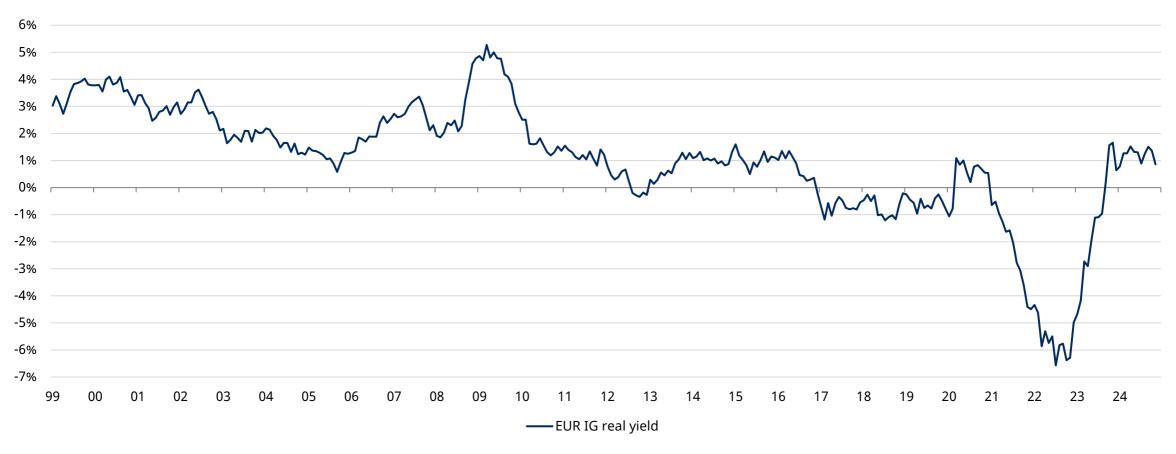


Source: Macrobond, Schroders, 17/01/2025

# IG credit real yields

### Credit provides a positive real income

#### EU IG real yield

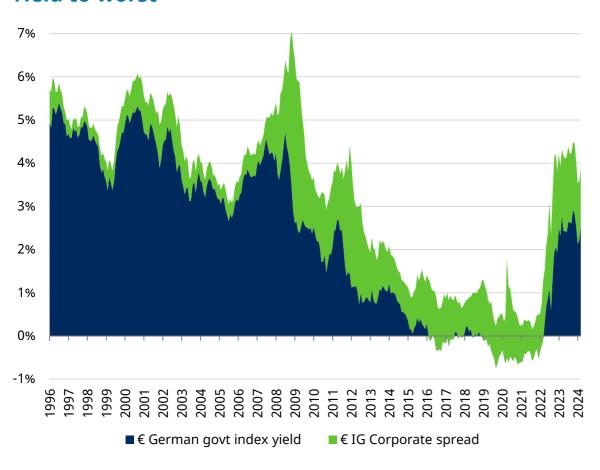


Source: Schroders, ICE, Bloomberg, December-24

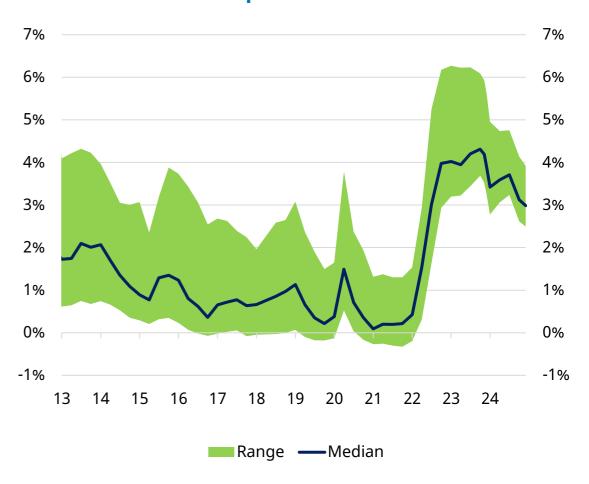
# EUR IG credit spread and yield dispersion is attractive

#### Yield breakdown

#### **Yield to worst**

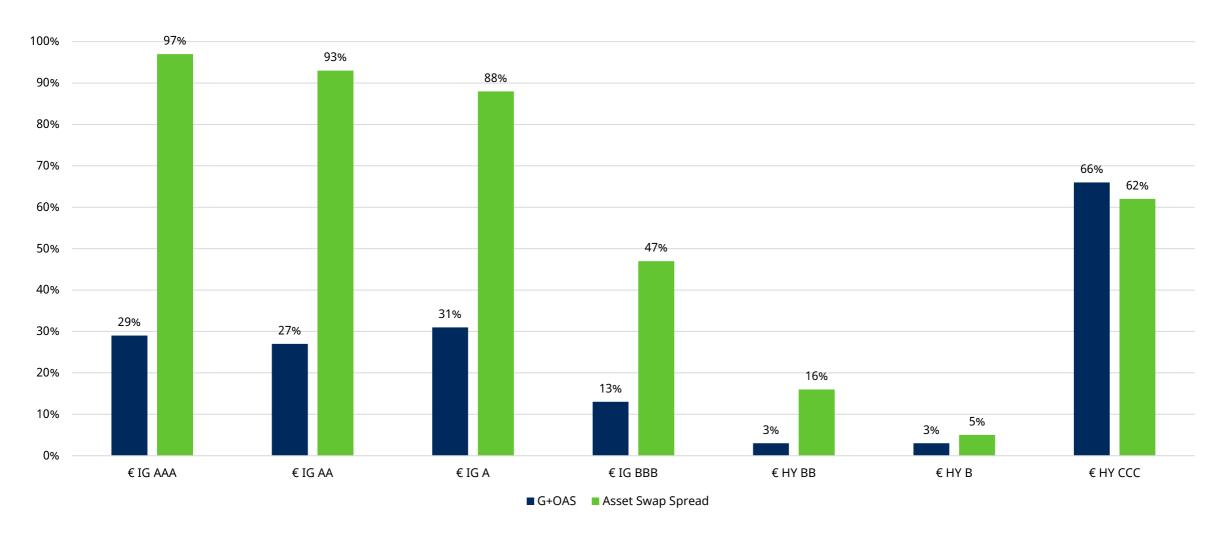


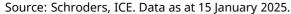
#### Yield to worst - dispersion for € IG



# Looking at valuations through different lenses

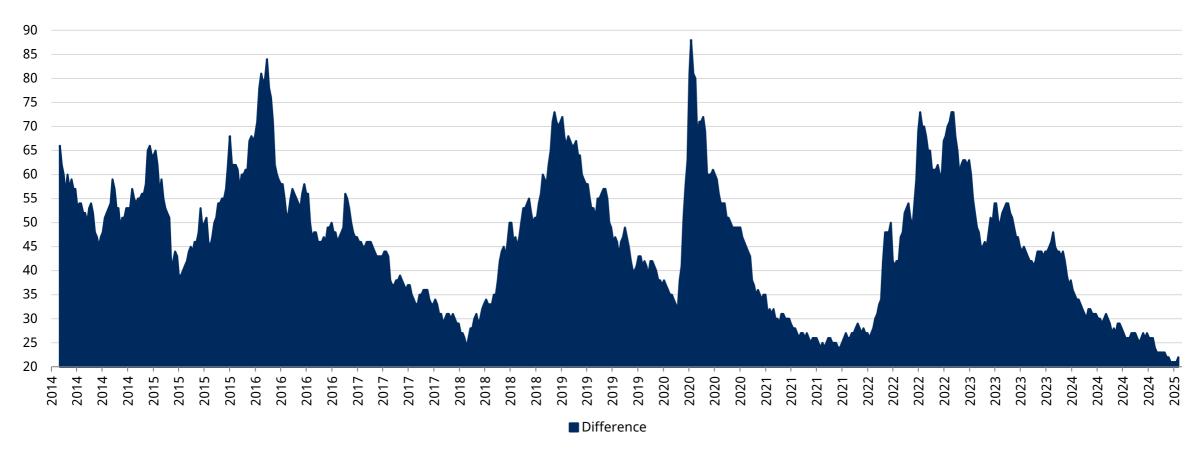
### Last 10yr history percentile





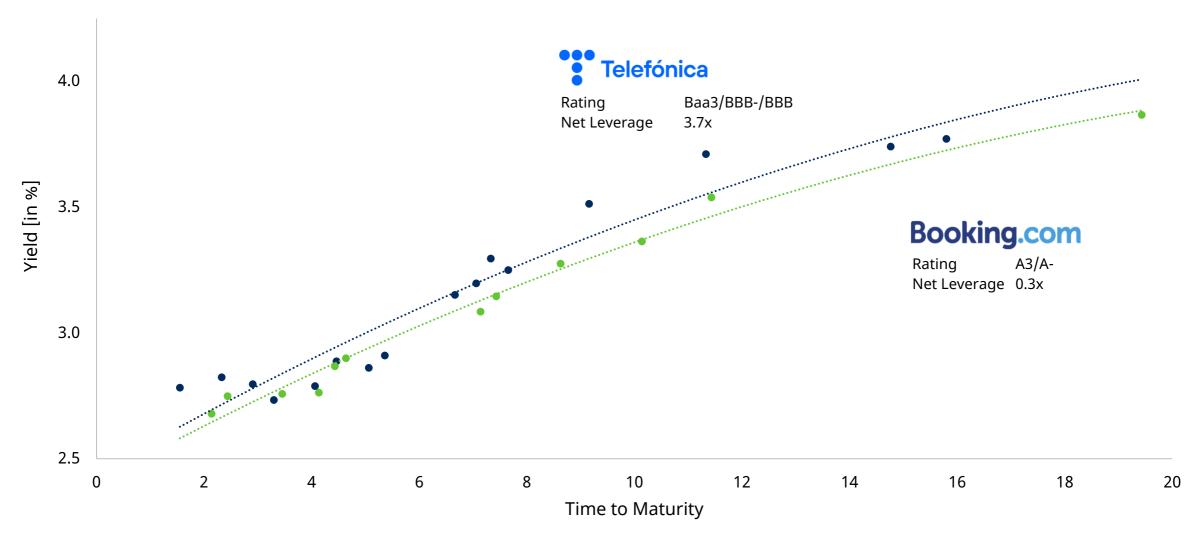
# EUR IG - It is historically cheap to go up in quality

#### **Spread pick-up EUR BBBs over As**



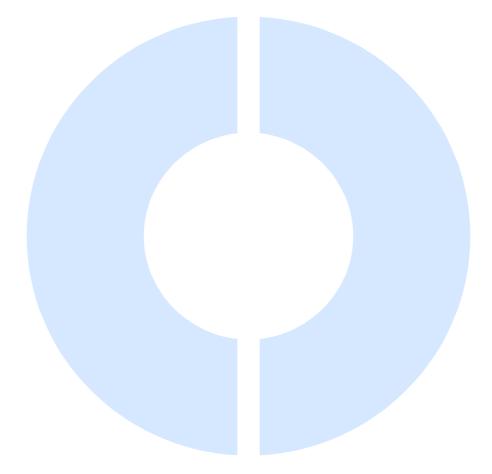


# Telefonica and Booking bond curves



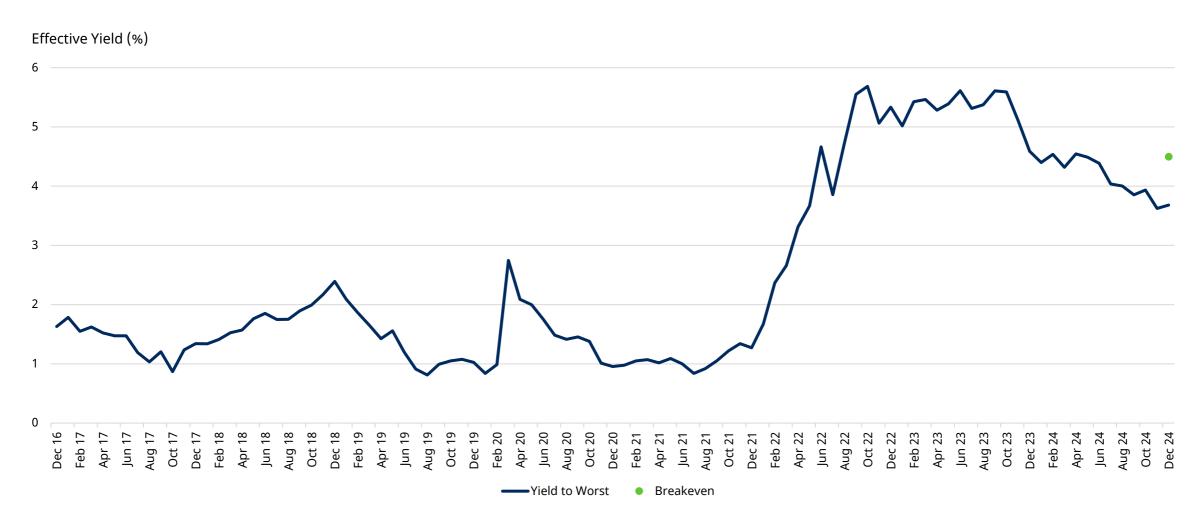
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### **Schroders**



SISF EURO Corporate Bond Positioning

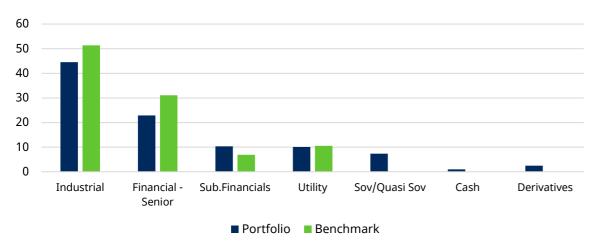
Offering attractive carry



Source: Schroders, Aladdin® by Blackrock as at 31 January 2025

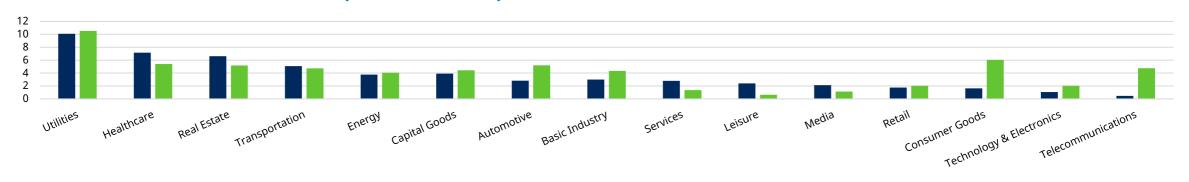
### Positioning as at 31 January 2025

#### Sector allocation (% market value)



Statistics	Portfolio	Benchmark
Market value (€AUM bn)	14.9	€3.1 tn
Average effective yield, (%)	3.68	3.14
Effective duration (years)	4.54	4.49
OAS (bps)	132	90
Number of issuers*	364	1,006
Average credit rating	BBB+	A-
High yield (%)	9.21	0.01

#### Sector allocation within industrials (% market value)



■ Portfolio ■ Benchmark

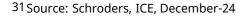
Source: Schroders, Aladdin® by Blackrock. Based on un-audited data as at 31 January 2025.

Portfolio refers to Schroder ISF EURO Corporate Bond; Benchmark is ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index (Bloomberg ticker: ER00 Index). 1Number of issuers is based on cash bond and CDS holdings only. Note: The chart may not sum to 100 as collective investments, cash equivalents and other financial are excluded. Any references to securities, sectors, regions and/or countries are for illustrative purposes only and are not to be considered a recommendation to buy or sell.

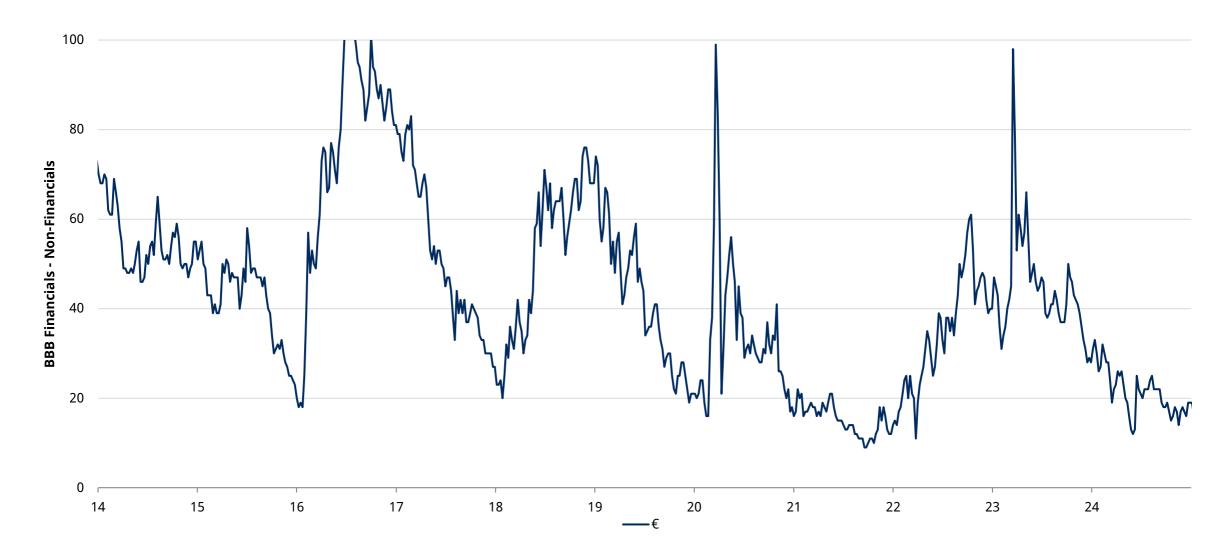
### Previous and current sector crisis

Sector crises is coincident with overall market weakening





### Valuations – Global Financials vs. Non-Financials



# Which bank would you rather lend to?





#### Metric FY 2023 (5y average)

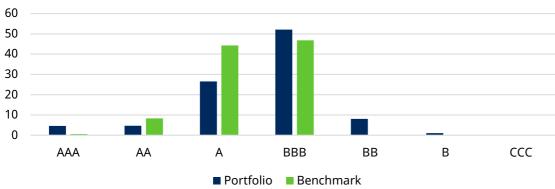
Return on Equity	4.5%	(4%)	24.6%	(17.2%)
Cost / Income ratio	73%	(71%)	43%	(55.7%)
Non Performing Loans / Total Loans	3.3%	(3%)	4.3%	(4.8%)
Loan Loss Reserves / Non Performing Loans	64.1%	(67.1%)	121.8%	(110.8%)
Leverage ratio	4.2%	(4.5%)	9.1%	(9.3%)
CET1 ratio	13.2%	(13.4%)	16.7%	(16.0%)

	Senior Bond Feb 2028	Senior Bond Jan 2028
Rating	A1/A/A	BBB-
Yield	3.0%	4.1%
Spread	Swap + 78	Swap + 183

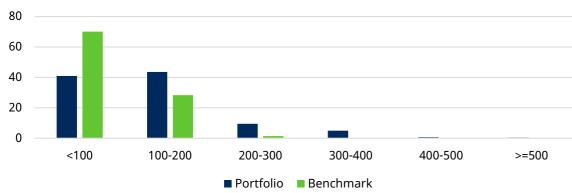
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### Portfolio characteristics as at 31 January 2025

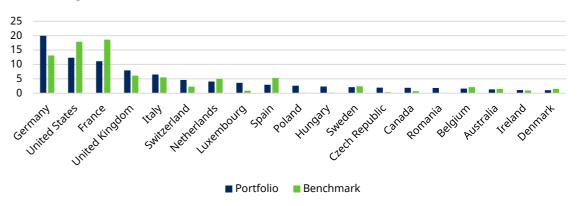
#### Rating (% market value)



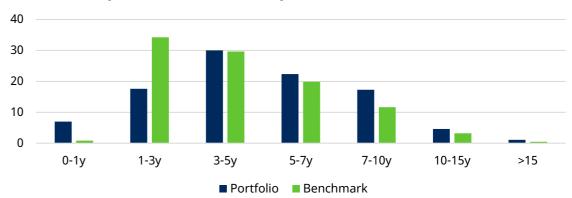
### **Option adjusted spread (% market value)**



#### **Country of risk (% market value)**

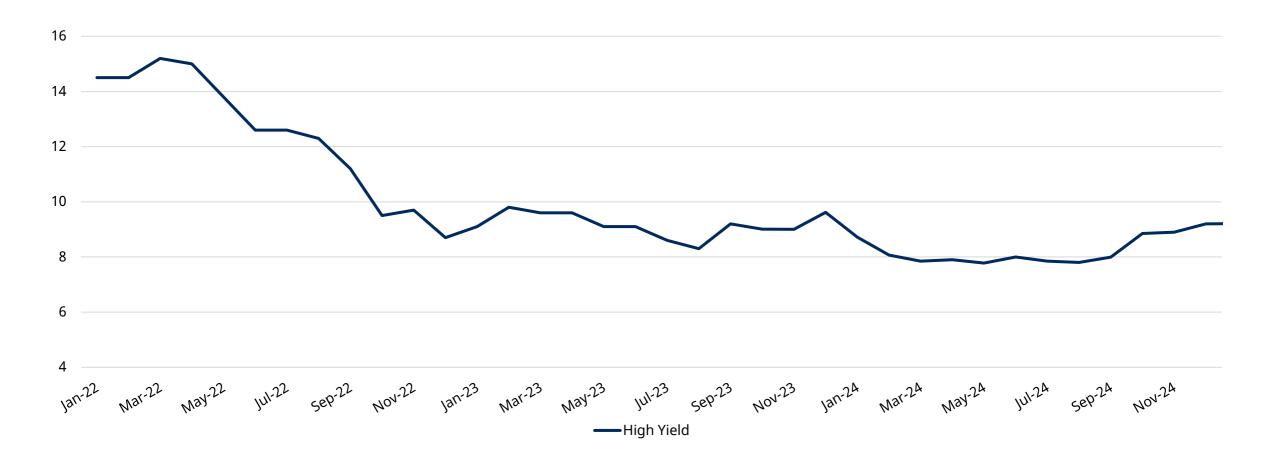


#### **Duration (% market value)**



Source: Schroders, Aladdin® by Blackrock. Portfolio refers to Schroder ISF EURO Corporate Bond; Benchmark is ICE BofAML Euro Corporate Index (Bloomberg ticker: ER00 Index). Based on un-audited data as at 31 January 2025. Rating: chart will not add up to 100 as it does not include unrated securities, IRS, forwards, cash synthetic or the CDS float (non-active leg of the CDS). Country of risk: exposures <1% have been excluded. Any references to securities, sectors, regions and/or countries are for illustrative purposes only and are not to be considered a recommendation to buy or sell. 34

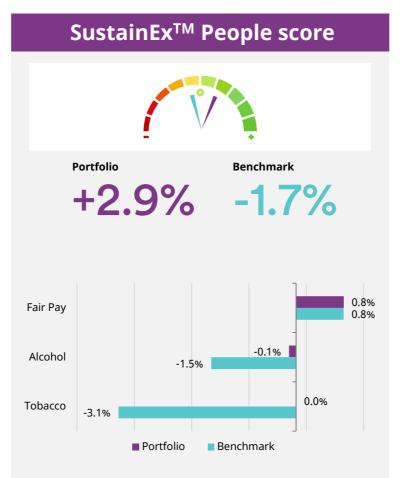
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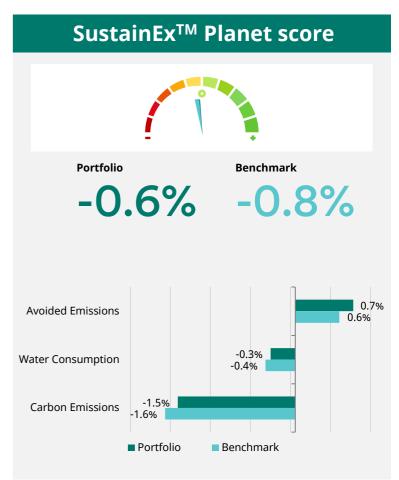


# SustainEx score summary

#### Schroder ISF Euro Corporate Bond as at 31 January 2025



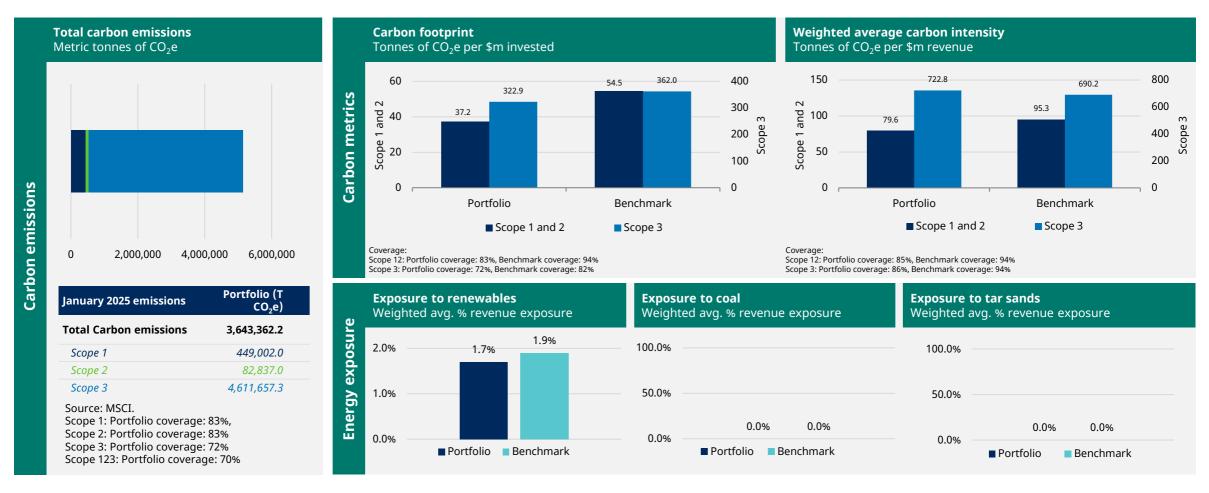




Source: Schroders as at 31 January 2025. The 'Overall SustainEx<sup>TM</sup> score' is based on Schroders' proprietary tool, SustainEx<sup>TM</sup>, which gives an indication of the Portfolio and benchmark's externalities. All holdings exclude cash and currency holdings. 'SustainEx<sup>TM</sup> People score' and 'SustainEx<sup>TM</sup> Planet score' indicate the portfolio's underlying benefits and harms compared to its benchmark across the aggregated people and planet metrics, respectively. Benchmark data ICE BofAML Euro Corporate (EUR). The three People and Planet metrics shown have been selected based on their significance to the overall score. They are not necessarily the main contributors to the portfolio score, nor should they sum to the 'SustainEx<sup>TM</sup> People score' or 'SustainEx<sup>TM</sup> Planet score' scores shown. Schroders uses SustainEx<sup>TM</sup> to estimate the potential "externalities" that an issuer may create in terms of net social and environmental "costs" or "benefits" of that issuer. It does this by using certain indicators with respect to that issuer, and quantifying them positively and negatively to produce an aggregate notional measure of the effect that the relevant underlying issuer may have on society and the environment. It does this using third party data as well as Schroders own estimates and assumptions and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. Please refer to the 'Sustainability definitions' and 'Disclaimers' slides at the back.

# **Corporate Climate metrics**

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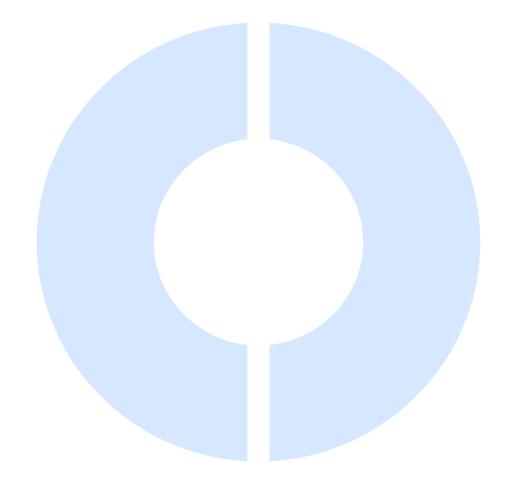


Source: MSCI as at 31 January 2025. Total carbon emissions, carbon footprint and Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI) use calculation methodologies in-line with TCFD recommendations and prescribed by SFDR Principal Adverse Impacts. Of these three measures, only WACI is re-weighted or 'normalised' based on the portfolio's coverage. Schroders only uses estimated data for Scope 3 emissions.

Schroders as at 31 January 2025. Fossil fuel exposures calculated based on company revenue derived from coal extraction, tar sands (oil extraction), and/or renewables activities. Certain information ©2025 MSCI ESG Research LLC. Reproduced by permission Benchmark data ICE BofAML Euro Corporate (EUR). Our proprietary ESG tools are designed to enhance the research and evaluation process but do not guarantee favourable investment results. Please refer to the 'Sustainability definitions' and 'Disclaimers' slides at the back.



# **Schroders**



SFDR regulation

## SFDR article 8 classification





#### Binding sustainability criteria

Fund's overall sustainability score > benchmark (measured by SustainEx™)



#### **Exclusion**

Exclusion of issuers that have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.



#### **Inclusion**

Inclusion of issuers that demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories, and issuers demonstrating good governance



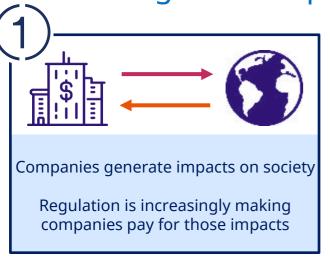
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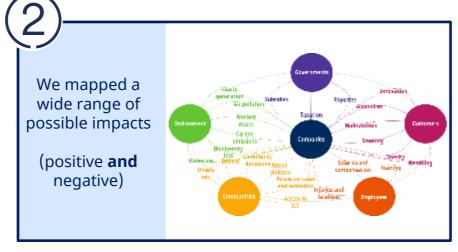
ESG coverage of at least 90% of the issuers in the portfolio

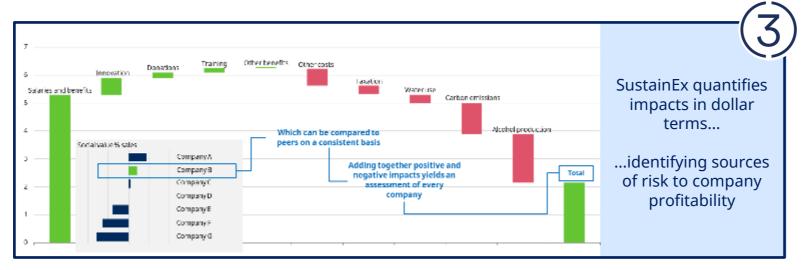
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### SustainEx

Translating social impacts into financial costs







A proprietary tool built on...

Over **1,000** academic and industry studies of social impacts and externalities

Over 70 data points for each asset, estimated where not disclosed

~16,000

global companies examined

150

Global governments

# SFDR Article 8 – ESG integration

### **Exclusion policy**

Environmental exclusions				
Excluded sectors	Issuer exclusion criteria	Criteria		
Thermal Coal Production	Max. revenue	<10%		
Thermal coal energy generation	Max. revenue	<20%		

Material ESG misconduct/controversy			
Screening criteria	Detail	Criteria	
UNGC list	UNGC compliance	Fail	

Social and human rights exclusions			
Excluded sectors	Issuer exclusion criteria	Criteria	
Tobacco production	Max. revenue	< 5%	
Tobacco value chain	Max. revenue	< 25%	
Nuclear weapons	Max. revenue	0%	
Biological/ chemical weapons	Max. revenue	0%	
Schroders Controversial weapons curated list*	Any tie	Not permitted	
Schroders 'Global Norms' breach list		Not permitted	

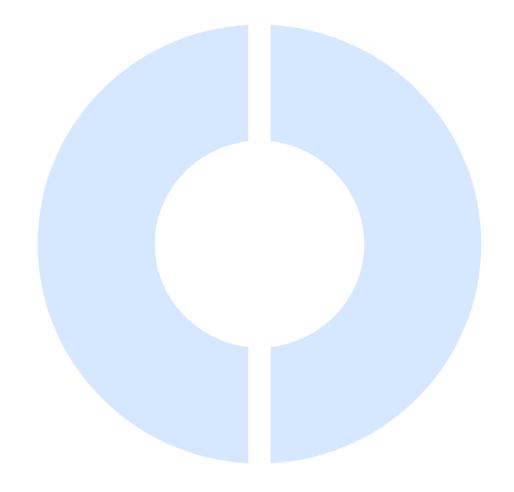
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# **Schroders**



**Appendix** 

# Sustainability definitions

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#### **Overall Impact**

The Schroders Impact Score is based on Schroders' proprietary tool, SustainEx™. SustainEx™ provides an estimate of the potential societal or environmental impact that may be created by the companies and other issuers in which the portfolio is invested. The result is expressed as a notional percentage (positive or negative) of sales of the relevant underlying companies and other issuers. For example, a SustainEx™ score of +2% would mean a company contributes \$2 of relative notional positive impact (i.e benefits to society) per \$100 of sales.

We calculate SustainEx™ scores for companies and other issuers in the portfolio to arrive at the total portfolio score.

The "Overall Impact" shown is a measure of the portfolio's estimated impact compared to that of its benchmark, in each case calculated as a relative notional percentage as described above.

The "Impact on People" and "Impact on Planet" measure the portfolio's estimated underlying benefits and harms, as compared to its benchmark, in each case calculated as a relative notional percentage as described above.

Impact scores: These are generated using Schroders' proprietary tool, SustainEx™, which provides an estimate of the potential social or environmental impact that a company or other issuer may create. It does this by using certain metrics with respect to that issuer and quantifying the positive and negative impacts of each of those metrics in economic terms to produce an aggregate measure. Not all of those metrics are represented in the impact scores on 'People' and 'Planet' and how those scores are generated may change over time. It utilises and is reliant on third party data (including third party estimates) as well as Schroders' own modelling assumptions, and the outcome differs from other sustainability tools and measures. Where SustainEx™ relies on data and estimates produced by third parties, Schroders seeks to ensure that such data and estimate are accurate, but Schroders cannot and does not warrant the accuracy, completeness and adequacy of such third party data and estimates. Like any model, SustainEx™ will evolve and develop over time as Schroders continues to assess, refine and add to the metrics and their relative contributions. Generating SustainEx™ scores involves an element of judgment and subjectivity across the different metrics chosen by Schroders, and accordingly Schroders does not accept any liability arising from any inaccuracy or omission in, or the use of or reliance on, SustainEx™ scores. As the model evolves, changes made to how metrics are applied may result in changes to the SustainEx<sup>™</sup> score of any issuer and ultimately the overall portfolio/portfolio score. At the same time, of course, the issuer's SustainEx performance might improve or deteriorate. Schroders' proprietary tools, including SustainEx, may not cover all of the portfolio's holdings from time to time, in which case Schroders may use a range of alternative methods to assess the relevant holding. In addition, certain types of assets (such as cash and certain equivalent securities) are treated as neutral and are therefore not considered by our proprietary tools. Other types of assets such as equity indices and index derivatives may not be considered by our proprietary tools and if so would be excluded from a portfolio's sustainability score. The SustainEx scores show month-end data. Where a portfolio maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its sustainability benchmark based on the investment manager's rating system, this means that the portfolio's weighted average score in SustainEx over the previous six month period will be higher than the benchmark's score in SustainEx over the same period, based on month-end data. Where a portfolio has different sustainability criteria, the portfolio's weighted average score in SustainEx is shown here for information and illustrative purposes only.

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#### Corporate carbon metrics

**Total carbon emissions:** The absolute greenhouse gas emissions associated with a portfolio, expressed in tonsCO2e. Methodology is aligned to "total carbon emissions" as defined by TCFD and The EU's Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation

**Carbon footprint:** A weighted-average measure of company greenhouse gas emissions per \$ million of enterprise value. Methodology is aligned to "carbon footprint" as defined by TCFD and The EU's Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation

**Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI):** A weighted-average of company emissions per \$million of sales. Methodology is aligned to "weighted average carbon intensity" as defined by TCFD and "GHG intensity" under the EU's Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation

**Carbon Value-at-Risk (VaR):** A model developed by Schroders to measure the potential impact on companies' earnings of raising carbon prices to \$100 per tonne.

**Coal\* exposure:** Measures the weight of the portfolio exposed to companies deriving revenue from the mining of thermal coal (including lignite, bituminous, anthracite and steam coal) and its sale to external parties. It excludes: revenue from metallurgical coal; coal mined for internal power generation (e.g. in the case of vertically integrated power producers); intra-company sales of mined thermal coal; and revenue from coal trading.

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**Tar sands\* exposure:** Measures the weight of the portfolio exposed to companies deriving revenue from oil sands extraction for a set of companies that own oil sands reserves and disclose evidence of deriving revenue from oil sands extraction. This factor does not include revenue from non-extraction activities (e.g. exploration, surveying, processing, refining); ownership of oil sands reserves with no associated extraction revenues; revenue from intra-company sales.

**Renewable energy:** Measures the weight of the portfolio exposed to companies deriving revenue from biomass, geothermal, solar, wave or wind power.

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