Schroder ISF* Sustainable EURO Credit

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Market Review

April was another volatile month for bond markets as the oil price remained elevated, reflecting ongoing disruption in the Middle East, with Brent crude briefly moving above $120 a barrel for the first time since 2022. However, risk markets showed a strong recovery following President Trump's initial ceasefire announcement towards the end of March, which was subsequently extended. Credit spreads tightened across the board in European markets. On average, euro-denominated issues outperformed US dollar credit, with high yield outperforming investment grade markets.

In Europe, initial first quarter corporate earnings announcements have been encouraging with positive updates from the banking, energy and technology sectors offsetting weakness in cyclical sectors such as autos. The technical backdrop for European credit markets remained favourable. April saw a continuation of strong year-to-date supply in the primary market, boosted by large investment grade issues from leading US technology companies to fund the build out of data centres. However, this supply is well absorbed by high demand for European credit.

European government bond markets remained particularly sensitive to events in the Middle East given the region's dependency on energy imports, with the 10-year German bund yield recording its highest level since 2011. However, in a reversal of the trend exhibited during March, peripheral markets outperformed the core. The European Central Bank (ECB) left the deposit rate unchanged at 2% although officials adopted a cautious stance on monetary policy guidance, emphasising the impact of the Middle East conflict on inflation.

European economic indicators reflected a more stagflationary economic outlook. The flash eurozone composite purchasing managers index (PMI) came in well below expectations, signalling the first contraction in economic activity for 16 months with evidence that higher energy costs have begun to impact consumer spending while services sector activity, previously an area of relative strength, has also softened. On the other hand, inflation increased to 3% - its highest level since September 2023, driven largely by an upsurge in energy costs, creating a challenging backdrop for the ECB over the coming months.

Drivers of Fund Performance

The Fund posted a positive return but marginally underperformed the reference benchmark during April (net of fees). After underperforming in March, euro subordinated financials and non financial hybrids recovered in April. The fund benefited from its positioning, with positive contributions from selected issuers across telecoms, financials, automotives and banking.

Strong individual contributors included green bonds from real estate issuers, telecom exposure via new medium term issues, and sustainable bonds from emerging market telecom operators.

Select sub investment grade holdings added value where sustainability, fundamentals and valuation aligned. Green bonds from a European steel manufacturer, where exposure was increased during weakness, and attractively priced new issues from a Japanese tech investor both contributed positively.

Exposure to Eastern European sovereigns, including euro denominated green bonds, also delivered favourable returns during the month.

As risk markets rebounded, the fund's shorter spread duration versus the euro investment grade benchmark detracted

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modestly, alongside an underweight to senior bank bonds, with some issuers excluded.

In line with its Paris aligned objective, the fund excludes fossil fuel energy (around 4% of the index), which detracted from relative performance as these names performed well amid higher oil prices. Avoidance of alcohol and tobacco also led to an underweight in consumer non cyclicals, weighing slightly on performance

Portfolio Activity

The investment strategy focuses on a broad range of sustainable themes and bonds, including waste recycling and biodiversity, sustainable infrastructure, the circular economy, and responsible consumption. We also prioritize opportunities in decarbonizing technology and health and education. In alignment with our commitment to sustainability, we exclude investments in fossil fuels, weapons, alcohol, tobacco, and companies that violate the UN Global Compact.

Over the month we added exposure to healthcare, including new issues from two US-based biopharmaceutical companies. One company intends to use AI across the drug lifecycle to accelerate drug discovery and development, improve clinical trial productivity, and enhance manufacturing, to bring medicines to patients faster and more efficiently.

We also added exposure to a US consumer staples issuer that has been affected by some softening in US consumer demand. With balance sheet metrics moderately stretched, the company issued hybrid debt to support gradual deleveraging. Given the stability of the underlying business, the hybrids were attractively priced and offered compelling value.

Elsewhere, we participated in new issues from a multinational agricultural merchant. Its core business links farmers and end markets, with a growing focus on lowering supply chain emissions, eliminating deforestation risk and improving traceability through regenerative agriculture and responsible sourcing.

We have continued to add to banking and financials, which is well supported by decent margins and higher yields.

The fund's carbon emissions intensity, as measured by tonnes CO2e per $mn sales (scope 1 and 2 emissions), is less than half that of the reference index. Additionally, our overall SustainExTM impact score remains significantly higher, as we strive to identify improvers, limit laggards, conduct ESG research, utilize tools, and focus on positive sustainability themes. The fund also maintains a sizeable allocation of 39% to green, social, and sustainable bonds.

Outlook/positioning

Given the eurozone’s reliance on energy imports, the region is doubly affected by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz due to the impact on natural gas prices, which are crucial for electricity supplies and for heating. Though the initial reaction to the war was sharp, gas prices have retraced a significant portion of this move, leaving them elevated relative to their pre-war baseline but still significantly lower than after the Russia/Ukraine conflict in 2022.

We expect that the impact of elevated energy prices on the eurozone economy will be noticeable, but not recessionary. As is the case with the US, this is partly a function of a solid starting point.

European bond markets are likely to remain driven by global events, with bond valuations already pricing in a reflationary outlook where the ECB commences hiking interest rates. Credit fundamentals in Europe remain broadly solid, with strong balance sheets and limited refinancing risks overall. However, having compressed in recent weeks euro investment grade credit spreads remain close to historically tight levels, and while we would generally consider a widening of credit spreads as a buying opportunity in the meantime we are concentrating on enhancing returns through credit selection and exploiting mis-priced bonds.

We continue to place a strong emphasis on credit quality, focusing on opportunities that offer good carry and favourable underlying credit fundamentals.

Calendar yearly performance (%)

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Period	Fund C Acc EUR	Benchmark[1]
2025	3.4	3.0
2024	5.6	4.7
2023	8.3	8.0
2022	-12.4	-13.9
2021	0.7	-1.0
2020	5.6	2.6

Source: Schroders, Morningstar, as of 30 April 2026. Performance shown is based on the currency of the share class shown and is net of fees. Please see factsheet for other share classes. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. **Exchange rate changes may cause the value of investments to fall as well as rise.** Performance data does not take into account any commissions and costs, if any, charged when units or shares of any fund, as applicable, are issued and redeemed. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. 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 target benchmark. The investment manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

[1]Benchmark refers to ICE BofA Euro Corporate TR EUR.

Performance snapshot (%)

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	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years p.a.	5 Years p.a.	Since Inception
Fund C Acc EUR	0.8	-1.0	-0.4	2.3	5.0	0.7	1.4
Benchmark[1]	0.9	-0.8	-0.0	1.9	4.4	-0.0	0.2

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Investment Overview

The fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the ICE BofA Euro Corporate TR EUR after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in bonds denominated in Euro issued by companies worldwide, which meet the investment manager's sustainability criteria.

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.

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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.

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