

Fund Commentary | 31 July 2025

# Vontobel Fund - TwentyFour Sustainable Short Term Bond Income

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## Market Commentary

- In early July, gilt market volatility increased due to fiscal concerns in the UK, as the Labour Party-led government's welfare reform bill failed to achieve much-needed spending cuts. Markets calmed after Prime Minister Keir Starmer publicly backed Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves.
- The Federal Reserve (Fed) held rates at 4.25-4.50% at its July meeting, although two dissenting voters signalled a debate within the Federal Open Market Committee. In the subsequent press conference, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell indicated that the central bank is firmly in wait-and-see mode.
- US Treasuries sold off over the month as President Donald Trump stepped up his attacks on the Fed's independence. The 10-year US Treasury yield rose from 4.23% at the start of the month to end at 4.38%.

## Portfolio Commentary

- The portfolio managers made no significant changes during the month, with primary market issuance very limited.
- New issuance in September may be an interesting catalyst for spread moves, in combination with clearer macroeconomic data.
- Maturing bonds were reinvested predominately around the 3-4-year space while portfolio duration was kept constant.

## Market Outlook and Strategy

- Macroeconomic-driven doubts have begun to emerge as data on the true impact of tariff volatility appears.
- However, this uncertainty is met by solid fundamentals from credit issuers.
- With attractive yields on offer, relative to history, the portfolio managers believe disciplined carry strategies remain compelling, while duration and credit risk require careful calibration.

Cumulative Performance	1m	3m	6m	1y	Annualised				Since Inception*
					3y	5y	10y		
Class G	0.49%	1.59%	2.96%	5.83%	5.02%	2.64%	N/A	2.38%	
SONIA + 250	0.57%	1.71%	3.46%	7.35%	7.15%	5.38%	N/A	5.13%	

Discrete Performance	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Class G	3.64%	5.77%	6.52%	-4.21%	0.24%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SONIA + 250	4.09%	7.87%	7.36%	3.97%	2.59%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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- Limited participation in the potential of single securities
- 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
- High-yield bonds (non-investment-grade bonds/junk bonds) may be subject to greater market fluctuations, risk of default or loss of income and principal than higher-rated bonds
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