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Vontobel Fund - TwentyFour Sustainable Short Term Bond Income

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Fund Commentary | 30 April 2026

Market Commentary

- Despite the conflict in the Middle East persisting and Brent crude pushing above $110 per barrel, markets staged a powerful risk-on rally as renewed AI optimism, and a strong earnings season drove equities to fresh all-time highs.
- Government bonds remained volatile as elevated energy prices reignited inflation concerns, reversing expectations of rate cuts particularly in energy importing regions such as the UK and Europe, where markets began pricing base rate hikes.
- Credit spreads tightened materially over the month, reversing March's widening, as risk-on sentiment, robust corporate earnings, and stable carry pulled investors back into investment grade, high yield, and emerging market debt.

Portfolio Commentary

- Performance was positive as credit spread tightening more than offset a small move higher in front-end government yields.
- The managers retained a bias towards quality and resilience, with no individual credit concerns across the portfolio.
- Rotations were made from some 5-year government bonds to capture strong performance at the beginning of the month.

Market Outlook and Strategy

- The disconnect between equity euphoria and the still-disrupted Strait of Hormuz suggests markets are pricing a benign resolution that may not materialise, so credit selection and quality remain the right defensive posture.
- Front-end yields now look closer to fair value following April's repricing, but the managers continue to view central bank rate hikes as an overreaction to a supply-driven inflation shock that monetary policy is poorly placed to address.
- Even on a path to de-escalation, the persistence of higher oil prices through 2026 will weigh on growth, supporting the Fund's bias to high-quality credit and away from cyclically exposed issuers.

					Annualised			
Cumulative Performance	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since Inception*
Class G	0.60%	-0.28%	0.87%	4.01%	5.53%	2.71%	N/A	2.48%
SONIA + 250	0.51%	1.53%	3.17%	6.66%	7.38%	5.98%	N/A	5.30%

Discrete Performance	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Class G	0.22%	5.88%	5.77%	6.52%	-4.21%	0.24%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SONIA + 250	2.07%	6.95%	7.87%	7.36%	3.97%	2.59%	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
- 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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- 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

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