

Vontobel Fund - TwentyFour Strategic Income Fund

This Commentary is a marketing communication for professional UK investors only

Market Commentary

- May was a strong month for risk assets as resilient economic data and positive news around tariffs prompted investors to price out the likelihood of a global economic downturn. In equities, this unwound most of the market moves seen in the immediate aftermath of US President Donald Trump's 'Liberation Day' announcements in early April. The S&P 500 Index posted its biggest gain in over a year (+6.3% over the month), while credit spreads also tightened materially.
- However, government bond performance, particularly US Treasuries, suffered as fears about the US fiscal position mounted. This was compounded when Moody's Ratings stripped the US of its last AAA rating, citing increased credit risk due to years of high budget deficits and little prospect of improvement. As expected, US Treasury yields trended higher in the days following Moody's announcement, with the 30-year yield reaching an intraday peak of 5.15%, while risk assets were largely unaffected. The main drivers of US Treasuries in the coming months will likely be the opposing forces of a potentially higher fiscal deficit and an economy that is decelerating more quickly than expected at the beginning of this year due to tariffs. The added complication is that the latter might cause inflation to accelerate, at least in the short term, which means that volatility in rates is likely to continue.
- Positive developments on tariffs throughout the month also resulted in heightened primary market activity, with issuers deciding to launch deals at a time when volatility was subdued and a 'risk-on' sentiment dominated. Following in a similar vein to previous months, deals were typically many times oversubscribed, with investors looking to deploy spare cash amid continued strong inflows across high yield and investment grade corporates as well as financials. European banks enjoyed another solid quarterly reporting season, with executives confirming improved metrics and bullish full-year targets despite the macroeconomic uncertainty.

Portfolio Commentary

- The portfolio managers (PMs) made several changes during the month as they responded quickly to the shifting macroeconomic landscape. The team reduced the Fund's Additional Tier 1 (AT1) exposure, taking advantage of the significant spread tightening that had taken place across subordinated bank debt. To offset this, the PMs increased the allocation to higher-quality European high yield and US and European investment grade debt.
- The Fund was well positioned to navigate the market uncertainty, posting a positive total return in May. The risk-on sentiment, which was driven by the positive tariff developments, meant that corporate bonds performed strongly, with collateralised loan obligations and bank AT1s the biggest contributors to the Fund's performance. Government bonds, through both German Bunds and US Treasuries, were the only negative contributors, as growing fears about the US fiscal position led to a mid-month sell-off in the latter.

Market Outlook and Strategy

- Market sentiment improved significantly in May given the positive tariff developments. This will likely continue to be at the forefront of investors' minds in the coming months, especially as the tariff reprieves for Europe and China come to an end later in the summer. Fixed income performance in the near term will continue to be dictated by a combination of economic data and central bank rhetoric. Investors will keep a close eye on how US economic growth trends for the remainder of the second quarter and into the third quarter. Provided that trade deals are eventually negotiated and tariffs end up in the region of 10-12%, it looks like economies could be moving towards a scenario that might have similarities with the one expected at the beginning of this year. This is one where strong corporate and consumer fundamentals keep default rates in check in the context of a global economy that is only slowly decelerating, led by the US.

| Cumulative Performance | 1m | 3m | 6m | 1y | Annualised | | | | Since Inception* |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------------|--------|-----|--|------------------|
| | | | | | 3y | 5y | 10y | | |
| Class G Acc | 0.95% | 0.10% | 2.06% | 7.75% | 5.38% | 3.84% | N/A | | 3.90% |
| ICE BoAML Global Broad Market | -0.44% | -0.02% | 0.66% | 5.36% | 1.26% | -0.97% | N/A | | 1.04% |

| Discrete Performance | YTD | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ICE BoAML Global Broad Market | 1.86% | 2.02% | 5.67% | -13.46% | -1.73% | 5.30% | 6.49% | 0.02% | 1.97% | 3.64% | N/A |

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. The performance figures shown are in GBP on a mid-to-mid basis inclusive of net reinvested income and net of all fund expenses. Performance data does not take into account any commissions and costs charged when shares of the fund are issued and redeemed. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested. *Inception date 30/11/2015. ICE Global Broad Market Index has been chosen as a proxy for the fixed income market overall and is used as reference index for illustration purposes only, there is no fund benchmark. Please see Important Information slides for further information on the index.

Key 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
- Investment universe may involve investments in countries where the local capital markets may not yet qualify as recognised capital markets
- Money market investments are associated with risks of a money market, such as interest rate fluctuations, inflation risk and economic instability
- 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
- 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](https://www.vontobel.com/SFDR)

Further Information and Literature: TwentyFour Asset Management LLP

T. 020 7015 8900
E. sales@twentyfouram.com
W. [twentyfouram.com](https://www.twentyfouram.com)

The Fund considers environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors in the investment process, utilising an integrated approach. Information on the integration approach may be obtained from <https://www.twentyfouram.com/responsible-investment-policy>

Further information on fund charges, costs and other important information pertaining to the fund can be found in English and free of charge on the fund pages of our website and/or in the relevant offering documents available at www.twentyfouram.com/document-library

This marketing document was produced by TwentyFour Asset Management LLP ("TwentyFour"), a company of the Vontobel Group (collectively "Vontobel"), for institutional clients, for distribution in the UK. TwentyFour acts as delegated portfolio manager of the Sub-Fund discussed.

This document is for information purposes only and does not constitute an offer, solicitation or recommendation to buy or sell shares of the fund/fund units or any investment instruments, to effect any transactions or to conclude any legal act of any kind whatsoever. Subscriptions of shares of the fund should in any event be made solely on the basis of the fund's current sales prospectus (the "Sales Prospectus"), the Key Investor Information Document ("KIID"), its articles of incorporation and the most recent annual and semi-annual report of the fund and after seeking the advice of an independent finance, legal, accounting and tax specialist. This document is directed only at recipients who are institutional clients, such as eligible counterparties or professional clients as defined by the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2014/65/EC ("MiFID") or similar regulations in other jurisdictions, or as qualified investors as defined by Switzerland's Collective Investment Schemes Act ("CISA").

Interested parties may obtain the above-mentioned documents free of charge from the authorized distribution agencies and from the offices of the fund at 11-13 Boulevard de la Foire, L-1528 Luxembourg. These documents may also be downloaded from our website at [vontobel.com/am](https://www.vontobel.com/am). A summary of investors rights (including information on representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers under EU Directive 2020/1828) is available in English under the following link: www.vontobel.com/vamsa-investor-information. Vontobel may decide to terminate the arrangements made for the purpose of marketing its collective investment schemes in accordance with Article 93a of Directive 2009/65/EC. The fund is authorised for distribution in the **United Kingdom** and entered into the UK's temporary marketing permissions regime can be viewed in the FCA register under the Scheme Reference Number 466625. The fund is authorised as a UCITS scheme (or is a sub fund of a UCITS scheme) in a European Economic Area (EEA) country, and the scheme is expected to remain authorised as a UCITS while it is in the temporary marketing permissions regime. This information was approved by Vontobel Asset Management S.A., which has its registered office at 3rd Floor, 70 Conduit Street, London W1S 2GF and is authorized by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF) and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Details about the extent of regulation by the FCA are available from Vontobel Asset Management S.A., on request. The KIID can be obtained in English from Vontobel Asset Management S.A., 3rd Floor, 70 Conduit Street, London W1S 2GF or downloaded from our website [vontobel.com/am](https://www.vontobel.com/am).

Neither the fund, nor the Management Company nor the Investment Manager make any representation or warranty, express or implied, with respect to the fairness, correctness, accuracy, reasonableness or completeness of an assessment of ESG research and the correct execution of the ESG strategy. As investors may have different views regarding what constitutes sustainable investing or a sustainable investment, the fund may invest in issuers that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any specific investor.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance. Performance data does not take into account any commissions and costs charged when shares of the fund are issued and redeemed, if applicable. The return of the fund may go down as well as up, e.g. due to changes in rates of exchange between currencies. The value of the money invested in the fund can increase or decrease and there is no guarantee that all or part of your invested capital can be redeemed.

The index data referenced herein is the property of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (BofAML) and/or its licensors and has been licensed for use by Vontobel. BofAML and its licensors accept no liability in connection with its use. It is not possible to invest directly in an index and they will not be actively managed.

ICE BofAML Global Broad Market Index - tracks the performance of investment grade debt publicly issued in the major domestic and eurobond markets, including sovereign, quasi-government, corporate, securitized and collateralized securities.

Except as permitted under applicable copyright laws, none of this information may be reproduced, adapted, uploaded to a third party, linked to, framed, performed in public, distributed or transmitted in any form by any process without the specific written consent of Vontobel. To the maximum extent permitted by law, Vontobel will not be liable in any way for any loss or damage suffered by you through use or access to this information, or Vontobel's failure to provide this information. Our liability for negligence, breach of contract or contravention of any law as a result of our failure to provide this information or any part of it, or for any problems with this information, which cannot be lawfully excluded, is limited, at our option and to the maximum extent permitted by law, to resupplying this information or any part of it to you, or to paying for the resupply of this information or any part of it to you. Neither this document nor any copy of it may be distributed in any jurisdiction where its distribution may be restricted by law. Persons who receive this document should make themselves aware of and adhere to any such restrictions. In particular, this document must not be distributed or handed over to US persons and must not be distributed in the USA.

TwentyFour Asset Management LLP is registered in England No. OC335015, and is authorised and regulated in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority, FRN No. 481888. Registered Office: The Monument Building, 11 Monument Street, London, EC3R 8AF. Calls may be recorded for training and monitoring purposes. Copyright TwentyFour Asset Management LLP, 2025 (all rights reserved).