

# Vontobel Fund TwentyFour Absolute Return Credit Fund

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## Fund Commentary | 28 November 2025

# **Market Commentary**

- Markets were mixed through November, with a subdued risk tone in the early weeks giving way to a modest rally as interest rate cut expectations firmed.
- Credit spreads widened slightly around mid-month due to weaker sentiment, before stabilising, with investment grade spreads ending only a few basis points wider.
- In the UK, gilt yields rose sharply ahead of the Budget amid speculation of fiscal loosening. They then retraced with the rebuilding of fiscal headroom, albeit through heavily backdated plans. US Treasury yields drifted lower overall as soft inflation data outweighed still-resilient business activity figures.

#### **Portfolio Commentary**

 Performance was supported by stable carry and modest yield tightening late in the month, with banks again the largest contributor.

- Following a tender of a short-dated Bupa insurance bond, additions were made across insurance holdings.
- Extensions were made in short-dated telecommunication bonds to take advantage of steeper credit curves.

### Market Outlook and Strategy

- Fixed income markets continue to balance disinflation progress against uncertainty over the timing and pace of central bank monetary policy easing.
- With supply and fiscal concerns remaining prominent, yield volatility is likely to persist, even as inflation pressures fade.
- However, the portfolio managers note a lack of near-term catalysts to disrupt current credit valuations, supported by low default risk and strong carry.

					Annualised				
Cumulative Performance	1m	3m	6m	1y	Зу	5y	10y	Since Inception*	
Class G Acc	0.31%	1.42%	3.15%	5.79%	5.98%	2.64%	2.94%	2.94%	
SONIA + 250	0.53%	1.63%	3.34%	7.02%	7.37%	5.66%	4.30%	4.27%	

Discrete Performance	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Class G Acc	5.58%	5.87%	6.08%	-4.80%	0.52%	2.47%	5.02%	-0.83%	5.25%	4.99%	N/A
SONIA + 250	6.37%	7.87%	7.36%	3.97%	2.59%	2.73%	3.26%	3.11%	2.79%	2.91%	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 capita 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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