

# Vontobel Fund - TwentyFour Absolute Return Credit Fund

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## Fund Commentary | 31 March 2026

### Market Commentary

- Geopolitical risk remained elevated throughout March, with the escalation of the Middle East conflict driving oil prices higher and periodic 'risk-off' market reactions.
- Government bonds experienced sharp intra-month swings, selling off due to energy-led inflation concerns.
- Credit spreads widened but remained resilient, with modest volatility as markets continued to be orderly.

### Portfolio Commentary

- Performance was negative across fixed rate sectors as the front end of government bond curves jumped higher, pricing in rate hikes rather than cuts and hurting investment grade non-financial senior debt the most in the portfolio.
- The managers have no individual credit concerns, with the portfolio biased towards quality and robustness.

- Rotations were made from higher-beta sectors – subordinated financials and callable hybrids – given the view that the risk of a prolonged conflict offers an asymmetric payoff.

### Market Outlook and Strategy

- While predicting the future path of the conflict in timing or magnitude remains incredibly difficult, the managers have areas of conviction.
- The managers believe the rate hikes priced in from central banks are an overreaction to an inflationary shock that monetary policy is not well placed to resist. This gives the front end of yield curves room to recover.
- Even a quick de-escalation, however, will leave scarring with a persistently higher oil price in the year ahead, which lowers growth expectations. The Fund's quality bias will remain.

Cumulative Performance	1m	3m	6m	1y	Annualised				Since Inception*
					3y	5y	10y		
Class G Acc	-1.42%	-0.41%	0.89%	4.09%	5.58%	2.51%	2.92%	2.84%	
SONIA + 250	0.53%	1.55%	3.21%	6.73%	7.39%	5.92%	4.42%	4.34%	

Discrete Performance	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
SONIA + 250	1.55%	6.95%	7.87%	7.36%	3.97%	2.59%	2.73%	3.26%	3.11%	2.79%	2.91%

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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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