

April 2024 – Share Class B (USD)



Morningstar
Category % Rank
5 Year
2
Best=1
Worst=100

Overall rating out of 919 Global High Yield Bond funds as of 30 April 2024.

THE FUND:

The Pentagon High Conviction Bond Fund is a subfund of Merrion Capital Investment Funds Plc., an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated in Ireland with registered number 427248 established as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

OBJECTIVE:

The Pentagon High Conviction Bond Fund's objective is to target attractive risk adjusted returns through a combination of income and capital appreciation by investing in a concentrated portfolio of higher yielding global corporate bonds.

INVESTMENT APPROACH:

The Pentagon High Conviction Bond Fund looks to gain a meaningful exposure to 'higher alpha' global credit opportunities through an investment approach that focuses on value investing, bottom-up credit selection and delivering absolute investment returns.

INVESTMENT MANAGER

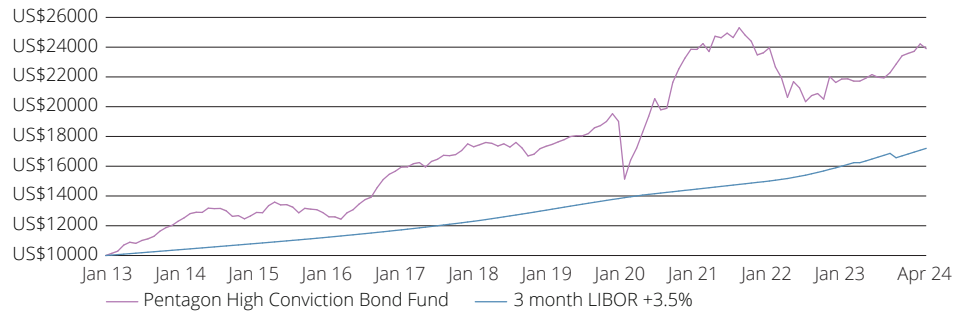
ICM Investment Management Limited is the sub-investment manager to the Pentagon High Conviction Bond Fund. www.icmim.limited

FUND INFORMATION

Total Net Assets	€11.76m
NAV per Share (Class USD)	\$135.81
NAV at Launch (1 May 2018)	\$100.00
Underlying Running Yield	5.53%
Effective Duration	3.12
Number of Positions	33
Domiciled	Ireland
Share Classes	Euro/USD
Minimum Subscription	€10,000
Sub Investment Manager	ICM Investment Management Ltd
Liquidity	Daily
Total Expense Ratio	1.50%
Investment Advisor	ICM Limited
Custodian	Northern Trust
Fund Administrator	Northern Trust
Investment Management Company	Merrion Capital Investment Funds PLC

PERFORMANCE

GROWTH OF US\$10,000 SINCE INCEPTION

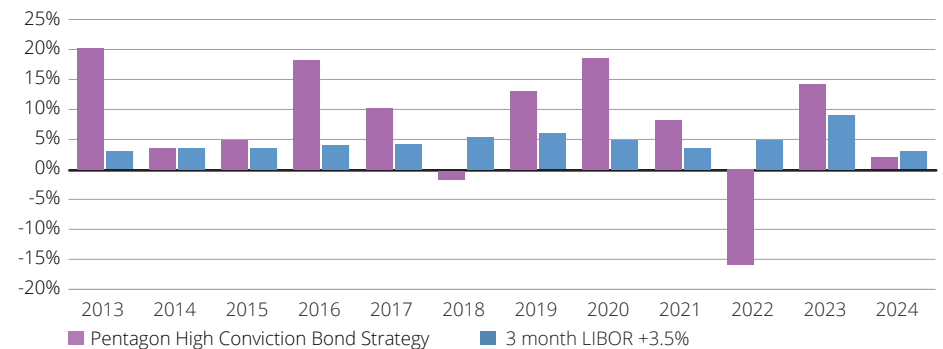


STRATEGY PERFORMANCE (USD)

	1 month	3 month	1-year	3-years	5-years	Annualised Return since Inception
Absolute Return	-1.3%	1.3%	9.3%	-0.5%	6.3%	8.1%
	YTD*	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Absolute Return	2.0%	14.2%	-16.0%	8.2%	18.6%	13.1%

* Calendar year to date

PENTAGON HIGH CONVICTION BOND STRATEGY – ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (USD)



FUND DETAILS

SHARE CLASSES & MONTH-END NAV

Share Class	ISIN	Bloomberg	Month End NAV
Share Class A (EUR)	IE00BF1F4X98	BBG00KG5NFM3	€120.93
Share Class B (USD)	IE00BF1F4Y06	BBG00KG5NFS7	\$135.81
Share Class E (GBP)	IE00BHR48L00	BBG00NDP1YN8	£92.29
Share Class G (USD)	IE000HLGDJJ3	BBG0141HCP84	\$102.17
Share Class P (USD)	IE000P52VV31	BBG015HY7961	\$98.20

TEAM

• Gavin Blessing, Portfolio Manager • Conor Spencer, Portfolio Manager

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FUND LETTER APRIL 2024

In April, the Pentagon High Conviction Bond Fund (the "Fund") declined by 1.3%, versus negative 2.3% and negative 1.0% for both the U.S. investment-grade and high-yield indices, respectively.

Year-to-date, the Fund has returned 2.0%, compared to negative 2.4% and positive 0.5% for the U.S. investment-grade and high-yield indices, respectively.

Since its inception, the Fund has returned over 139.0% in total or 8.1% annually.

Per Morningstar, the Pentagon High Conviction Bond Fund is in the 2nd percentile of top-performing Global High Yield Bond Fund out of 695 funds over the past five years.

Fund Positioning

In April, the Pentagon High Conviction Bond Fund ("the Fund") reduced its exposure to credit spread duration. Credit spreads refer

to the additional yield that corporate bonds pay over sovereign bonds. The credit spread duration of a corporate bond portfolio refers to the sensitivity of that portfolio to changes in credit spreads.

To protect against the worst effects of widening credit spreads, we have reduced the Fund credit spread duration to almost 2.5 today from more than 3 just a couple of weeks ago.

Looking at daily data over the past 25 years, since April 1999, BB bonds have paid a lower premium only 1.6% of the time. Investors have rarely been paid less to invest in BB bonds, i.e. credit spreads are expensive today.

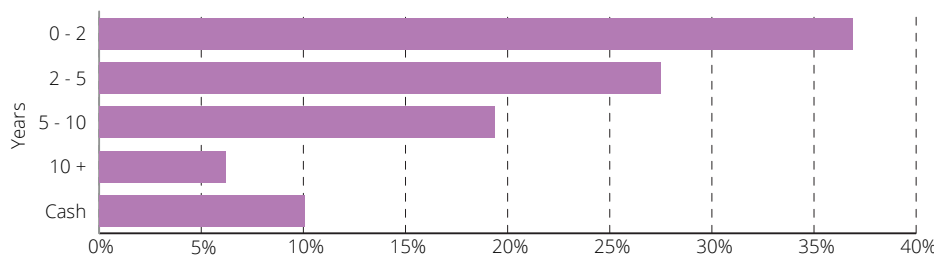
The tightest, or lowest premium, credit spread on BB bonds was 165bps in March 2005. If this were to happen again, the capital gain on BB bonds would be 0.25% for every unit of credit spread duration. Using an average credit spread duration for BB bonds of 3.5, the gain would be a mere 0.88%.

Compare this with the loss of 6.17% on BB bonds if credit spreads were to widen to the historical average of 366bps. Or worse still, the loss of almost 45% on BB bonds if credit spreads were to widen to all-time highs of 1,468bps. For clarity, we have no reason to believe this is a probable outcome, and we merely highlight it to show the skew behind potential returns and potential losses.

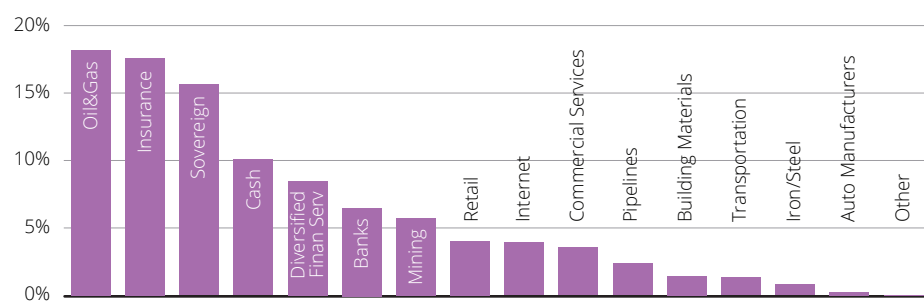
The Fund remains invested in high-quality, high-yield bonds. Our recent actions sacrificed some returns, but this is marginal compared to the risk reduction should we see credit spreads widen. When blue skies prevail, sometimes it's forgotten how powerful a tool risk reduction is when generating long-term excess returns.

We continue to look for high-yielding, short-duration, out-of-favour credits for which our robust credit analysis identifies a minimal probability of default. But we will not chase returns where we feel we are not being adequately rewarded.

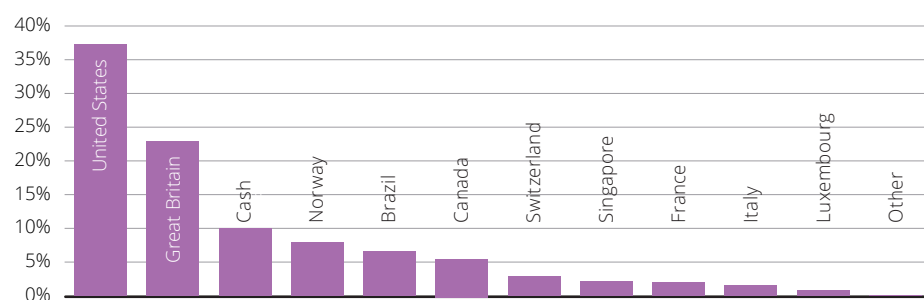
DURATION SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS



INDUSTRY GROUP SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS



GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS



WARNING: Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. The value of your investment may go down as well as up. If you invest in this fund you may lose some or all the money you invest. This fund may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates.

Important Notes

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PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

TOP TEN HOLDINGS ¹		% of gross assets
1	Aris Gold 7.5% 2027	5.76
2	DNO 7.875% 2026 (Sep 2024)	5.61
3	Enquest 11.625% 2027	5.30
4	Phoenix Life 5.75% Perp (Apr 2028)	5.28
5	Cosan O/seas 8.25% Perp (Discrete 30 Days Notice)	5.25
6	L&G 5.5% 2064	4.63
7	Aviva 6.875% 2058 (2034)	4.03
8	T 0.0% 2024	3.97
9	Coinbase 0.5% 2026	3.77
10	Just Group 5% Perp (MAR 31)	3.65
TOTAL		47.25

HIGH CONVICTION STRATEGY ANALYTICS¹

Average Credit Quality	BBB+
Sharpe Ratio (Risk Free Ref: US 3mth T-Bill)	0.65
Annualised Standard Deviation	10.49%
Correlation to Treasuries	-0.14
% Periods Up:	66
% Periods Down:	34

¹ Source: ICMIM

PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Pentagon High Conviction Bond Fund was launched as a sub-fund of Merrion Capital Investment Funds PLC on 1 May 2018. The fund does not have an established track record as a UCITS before 1 May 2018. Prior to this, from 30 November 2015 to 11 April 2018 the performance relates to the Pentagon High Conviction Bond Fund, a Malta based Alternative Investment Fund. From 28 January 2013 to 30 November 2015, the performance relates to the Value Income Multi-strategy Bond Fund Limited with the status of an exempted company. All data presented in this report for periods prior to 1 May 2018 is unaudited. The full performance history for the Pentagon High Conviction Bond Fund "strategy" relates to the same pool of assets, managed by the same investment team using the same investment approach and investment focus throughout the full performance period outlined.