## **DNCA INVEST**

# **ALPHA BONDS**

INTERNATIONAL MULTI-STRATEGIES BONDS



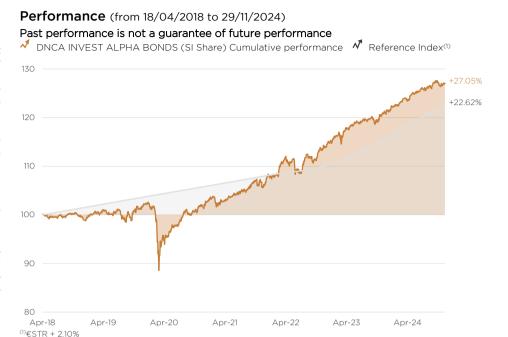
#### Investment objective

The Sub-Fund seeks to provide, throughout the recommended investment period of more than three years, a higher performance, net of any fees, than the €STR index plus 2.10%. This performance objective is sought by associating it to a lower annual volatility than 5% in normal market conditions.

To achieve its investment objective, the investment strategy is based on active discretionary management.

#### Financial characteristics

NAV (€)	127.05
Net assets (€M)	14,291
Bloomberg liquidity score	88.7%
Average modified duration	1.07
Average yield	4.45%
Volatility ex ante	1.86%
Average rating	A+



#### Annualised performances and volatilities (%)

·			1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
SI Share			+4.94	+6.33	+4.64	+3.68
Reference Index			+5.90	+4.35	+3.43	+3.13
SI Share - volatility			1.93	2.96	4.08	3.79
Reference Index - volatility			0.22	0.21	0.18	0.17
Cumulative performar	ices (%)					
	1 month 3	months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years
SI Share	+0.40	+0.55	+4.51	+4.94	+20.21	+25.47
Reference Index	+0.41	+1.35	+5.40	+5.90	+13.63	+18.41
Calendar year perform	nances (%)	)				
		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
SI Share		+5.68	+6.66	+5.08	+0.22	+3.55
Reference Index		+5.37	+2.10	+2.06	+2.09	+2.16
The performances are calculated	d net of any fe	es by DNCA	FINANCE.			

#### Risk indicator



Synthetic risk indicator according to PRIIPS. 1
corresponds to the lowest level and 7 to the highest
level.

	1 year	3 years	5 years	inception
Sharpe Ratio	2.55	2.14	1.14	0.97
Tracking error	1.96%	2.97%	4.08%	3.80%
Correlation coefficient	-0.07	-0.02	-0.01	0.00
Information Ratio	-0.49	0.67	0.29	0.15
Beta	-0.58	-0.35	-0.21	-0.01

Main risks: risk of capital loss, interest-rate risk, risk relating to discretionary management, credit risk, inflation rate depreciation risk, inflation risk, counterparty risk, risk related to investing in speculative securities, risk of investing in derivative instruments as well as instruments embedding derivatives, convertible securities risk, specific Risks linked to Convertible, Exchangeable and Mandatory Convertible Bonds, risk related to exchange rate, liquidity risk, high volatility risk, equity risk, sustainability risk

Data as of 29 November 2024

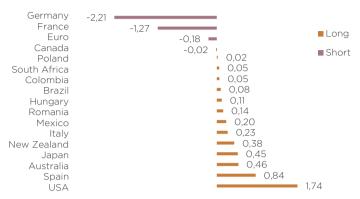




#### Modified duration evolution



### Modified duration by country



#### Performance contribution MTD Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance

Performance Contribution	+0.66%
Govies - Core eurozone	-0.47%
Govies - Peripherals eurozone	+0.31%
Euro Interest Rate Swaps	-0.21%
CDS eurozone	-0.03%
Govies - G10 non eurozone	+0.78%
Interest Rate Swaps exc. Euro	+0.04%
CDS exc. Euro	+0.01%
Govies - Emerging countries	+0.31%
Cash and equivalents	-0.07%

#### Volatity contribution



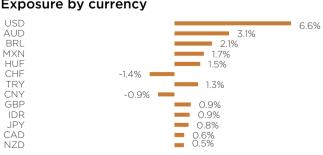
## Volatility evolution



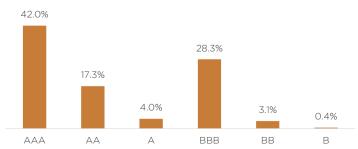
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#### **Exposure by currency**



## Exposure by rating



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#### Portfolio managers comments

The beginning of the month was marked by Donald Trump's sweeping victory in the US election, which saw him flip the Senate while retaining the House of Representatives. The 47ème President of the United States will thus have considerable latitude in implementing his agenda, which will undoubtedly be a volatile factor in the months ahead.

On the economic front, the US economy continues to prove resilient. Despite a weaker-than-expected employment report, largely due to weather-related factors, soft data is progressing and growth is being confirmed. In Europe, the political outlook continues to deteriorate, both in France and Germany, and in Eastern Europe, where the recent elections came as a surprise against a backdrop of heightened tensions (Georgia and Romania). The European dream seems a long way off, while growth is struggling. The early elections announced in Germany could lead to the raising of the country's debt ceiling, and ultimately to a stimulus plan, but this is still very uncertain and will take time (H2 2025 or 2026 at least).

This divergence is also reflected in the latest inflation figures. In the United States, inflation has stabilized above 2.5%, while on the other side of the Atlantic it continues to hover around 2%, helped by falling commodity prices and despite persistently high inflation in services.

In this context, for the Fed, which continued its downward cycle in November, the debate is focused on whether to continue or pause the downward cycle, while in Europe, doves and hawks are arguing over the size of the next cut (25bps or 50bps). Despite these divergences, it now seems certain that key rates will not return to their pre-pandemic levels. The market sees a terminal Fed rate of between 3.5% and 4%, and an ECB rate of around 1.75%.

The evolution of fiscal policies and growth over the coming months will be key to understanding where this equilibrium rate really lies. In the United States, fiscal contraction does not look good in a second Trump term where tax credits could multiply, and in Europe, even if this subject is at the heart of the debate, the French example clearly shows the difficulty of reaching an agreement that would enable deficits to be reduced. Some emerging countries, well into a cycle of key rate cuts, are being forced to pause, or even to raise them again (Brazil!) in response to lax fiscal policies.

Against this backdrop, sovereign interest rates fluctuated in November before easing at the end of the month. We lowered the portfolio's duration to just below 1%, preferring to take long positions in those markets which seem to us the most attractive in terms of valuation. We therefore initiated a long duration position in New Zealand. On the FX side, we closed our long position in the Norwegian krone after its strong appreciation, and initiated a short position in the Chinese yuan, which we consider overvalued in view of the risks of a trade war with the United States. Finally, we are maintaining our exposure to duration via inflation-indexed bonds, mainly in the US, and emerging market debt in hard currencies. In terms of ex-ante volatility, the fund remains below 2%.

Text completed on 10/12/2024.



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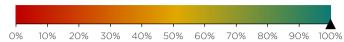


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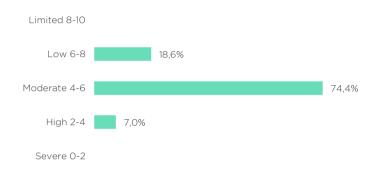


#### ABA coverage rate+(100%)

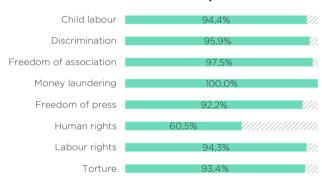


Average ESG Score: 5.1/10

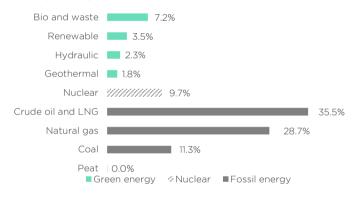
#### ESG risk breakdown(1)



#### International norm based compliance



#### Energy supply mix breakdown



#### **Carbon intensity**

	Amount
Production intensity (tCO <sub>2</sub> /M Euros Debt)	316.0
Production intensity (tCO <sub>2</sub> /M Euros GDP)	359.5

#### Sustainablity engagements

	Weight	portfolio
UN Paris agreement (COP 21)	100%	16
UN biodiversity convention	67.3%	15
Coal phase out	76.1%	10
Signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Agreement	89.5%	15

### **Analysis methodology**

We develop proprietary models based on our expertise and conviction to add tangible value in the selection of portfolio securities. DNCA's ESG analysis model, Above & Beyond Analysis (ABA), respects this principle and offers a rating that we control the entire construction. Information from companies is the main input to our rating. The methodologies for calculating ESG indicators and our responsible investor and engagement policy are available on our website <a href="blue clicking here">by clicking here</a>.

(1) The rating out of 10 integrates 4 responsibility risks: governance, environmental, social and societal. Regardless of their geographical area, 15 indicators are evaluated such as democratic life, climate change, education and employment, health, living conditions, freedoms and respect for fundamental rights, inequalities...

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Countries in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup> The coverage rate measures the proportion of issuers (government bonds) taken into account in the calculation of the extra-financial indicators. This measure is calculated as a % of the fund's net assets adjusted for cash, money market instruments, derivatives and any vehicle outside the scope of "listed government bonds". The coverage rate of the portfolio and the benchmark is identical for all indicators presented.

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#### Administrative information

Name: DNCA INVEST Alpha Bonds ISIN code (Share SI): LU1728553857

SFDR classification: Art.8 Inception date: 18/04/2018

Investment horizon: Minimum 3 years

Currency: Euro

Country of domicile: Luxembourg

Legal form: SICAV

Reference Index: €STR + 2.10% Valuation frequency: Daily

Management company: DNCA Finance

Portfolio Managers: Pascal GILBERT François COLLET Fabien GEORGES Paul LENTZ

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Minimum investment: 50,000,000 EUR

Subscription fees: - max Redemption fees: -Management fees: 0.50%

Ongoing charges as of 31/12/2023: 0.55% Performance fees: 20% of the positive performance net of any fees above the index: €STR + 2.10% with High Water Mark

Custodian: BNP Paribas - Luxembourg

Branch

Settlement: T+2

Cut off: 12:00 Luxembourg time

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#### Glossary

Beta. Measures the average extent to which a fund moves relative to the broader market. The beta of a market is 1. A fund with a beta of more than 1 moves on average to a greater extent than the market. A fund with a beta of less than 1 moves on average to a lesser extent. If beta is a minus number, it is likely that the stock and the market move in opposite

Bloomberg liquidity Score. The Bloomberg Liquidity Score reflects the security's centile rank, and is represented with a relative value between 1 and 100. A score of 100 is the most

liquid, with the lowest average liquidation cost for a range of volumes.

Correlation coefficient. The correlation coefficient is a measure of correlation. It is used to determine the relationship between two assets over a given period. A positive coefficient means that the two assets move in the same direction. Conversely, a negative coefficient means that the assets move in the opposite direction. The correlation or decorrelation can be more or less strong and varies between -1 and 1.

Derivatives. The collective name used for a broad class of financial instruments that derive their value from other underlying financial instruments. Futures, options and swaps are all pes of derivative.

Maturity. The time when a bond or other debt instrument is due to for redemption (is due to mature); or the length of time between the issue of such an instrument and the date it is redemption (the maturity date).

Sensitivity. The sensitivity of a bond measures the change in its percentage value induced by a given change in interest rates.

Sharpe Ratio. The Sharpe ratio measures the excess return over the risk-free money rate of an asset portfolio divided by the standard deviation of that return. It is therefore a measure of the marginal return per unit of risk. It is used to measure the performance of managers with different risk policies.

Sharpe Ratio. A way of measuring the historical risk-adjusted return on an investment. It is the average previous return minus the risk-free return, divided by the standard deviation (a measure of risk that looks at the diversion of actual returns from expected returns).

Tracking error. Tracking Error is a measure of how closely an investment portfolio follows the index against which it is benchmarked. It is the difference in the return earned by a portfolio and the return earned by the benchmark against which the portfolio is constructed. For example, if a bond portfolio earns a return of 5.15% during a period when the portfolio's benchmark (say, for example, the Lehman Brothers Index) produces a return of 5.06%, the tracking error is .09%, or 9 basis points.



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