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The fund closed November at +13.43% on a YTD basis (USD N Accum share class) vs the JACI benchmark return of +6.57% for the same period. In comparison, US Investment Grade Corporates and US Treasuries returned +4.14% and +2.15% respectively for the same period. At the time of writing (11th Dec 2024), the fund returned +14.21% YTD (same share class).

Over the course of the month, we have seen several positive developments materialise within our portfolios amongst a few HY names.

Firstly, Sri Lanka sovereign launched their consent and exchange for their existing bonds towards the end of November (defaulted in 2022). We have acquired bonds this year at an aggressive pace at lower levels, as we have been anticipating this sovereign bond restructuring along with IMF's support. The terms are largely similar to what was disclosed earlier. The restructuring is currently in final stages, and we see a high likelihood of the deal passing this month as the ad-hoc committee (creditor group) represents >50% of the bonds and it has already signalled its support for the bond restructuring package. Once the consent and exchange passes this month, we will have new restructured bonds in 2025 - consisting of three types of bonds namely: (i) Past Due Interest ("PDI") bond which will follow an accelerated repayment timeline and hence will be the strongest new bond, (ii) a governance linked bond and (iii) four macro-linked bonds. We are guite positive on the value generation from the macro-linked bonds which have upside potential if Sri Lanka's GDP between 2024-2027 is strong. Sri Lanka's GDP growth has been strong at 4.5-5% (real) so far and its FX has appreciated well this year, leaving upside potential on the macro-linked bonds. We are currently supporting the bond exchange, and believe these bonds can return double digit returns in 2025.

Secondly, Vedanta launched another debt-neutral deal with 3-year (2028s) and 7-year (2031s) bonds in order to call their old 13.875% 2028 bonds. The 3-year priced at 10.25% yield and the 7-year at 11.25% yield, which are quite attractive levels for a fundamentally deleveraging credit that is now successfully extending its maturity profile. They have also launched a concurrent consent offer for the remaining stub of the old 2024 bonds, asking for a few restrictive covenants to be removed. This is a win-win for the company and the

holders, which will enable a ratings upgrade from S&P for the company, thereby removing the "CCC" overhang for the complex. With these developments, bonds have rallied to around and below 10% across the curve, and we expect this to continue to be an alpha position for us into 2025. We have exited all our Vedanta 2026s and partially some 2029s, to purchase the new 2031s which have a later call date (earliest the 2031s can be called is Dec 2027, which is good for us as we have locked in the coupons for 3 years at the minimum).

Lastly, we added three new HY issues (existing credits in the fund), namely Fosun (Chinese conglomerate with global assets such as Club Med), Nigeria sovereign, and Japan's Rakuten via its new subordinated perps. All have done extremely well, and are up between 0.5-2pts above re-offer since the issuances. They have since contributed positively to the fund's performance. We also added to a new issuance in Trade Development Bank of Mongolia (TDBM) at 9% yield for 2027 maturity.

We trimmed and took profit on more seasoned HY positions (in partial sizes) including Indian financial lender Manappuram Finance 7.375% 2028s at 7.0% yield, and Rakuten 2029 which has risen to 110c cash price from our purchase price of par.

Within IG, we reduced our duration by trimming long-duration paper for 8-10Y and 30Y bonds which have witnessed spread compression lately. This includes trimming Nanshan Life Insurance T2 2034 at around ~130 bps, Freeport Indonesia 2052s at 150-155 bps, and Thai Oil 30Y at ~160 bps. Earlier in Oct and in early Nov, we had added to various short-dated papers (up to 5 years) such as 1% fund weight in Meituan 2029, New World Services 2028 (to be renamed Chow Tai Fook Services), leading Chinese auto-distributor Zhongsheng 2028, South Korea's Hynix 2028 / 2029, as well as parked some capital in QBE Insurance AT1 which will be likely called next year. We had also added to Thailand's Muangthai Life Tier II callable in 2026. All of these actions have led to a further duration reduction of the fund to 5.2 years whilst we have maintained the yield of the fund.

As we near the close of the year, we expect one final rate cut of 25 bps by the Fed for 2024 (FOMC meeting on 18th Dec). If so, this would result in a total of 100 bps of rate cuts this year from 5.375% median to

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4.375% median rate. We expect this to continue to aid our portfolio, especially the shorter and mid-dated segments of higher yielding positions.

At the time of writing, the portfolio has a yield-to-worst of 7.25% (USD terms), Z-spread of 340 bps, and duration of 5.2 years.

In terms of market outlook, we will be releasing our annual Asia 2025 outlook in Jan and hosting a webinar for clients on 22nd Jan (details to be provided). We look forward to engaging with you then, and

meanwhile we wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a very festive year end.

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We appreciate your support for 2024, and please do not hesitate to reach us with your queries and feedback.

DHIRAJ BAJAJ

On behalf of LOIM Asia Fixed Income team

FUND PERFORMANCE

30.11.2024 Cumulative			Annualised			
Net performance in USD	Share class N [1]	Share class P [1]	JACI	Share class N [1]	Share class P [1]	JACI
YTD	13.43%	12.82%	6.57%			
1 month	-0.28%	-0.33%	0.46%			
3 months	1.05%	0.91%	0.67%			
1 year	18.52%	17.84%	9.34%			
3 years	1.11%	-0.63%	1.25%	0.37%	-0.21%	0.41%
5 years	4.13%	1.12%	5.63%	0.81%	0.22%	1.10%
Total return (since 7.01.2013)	64.17%	54.90%	42.71%	4.24%	3.73%	3.02%

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[1] Dividend accumulated retail client share class (minimum investment: P share class: "EUR 3,000 or equivalent"), net performance in USD. [2] Dividend accumulated institutional client share class (minimum investment: N share class: "CHF 1 million or equivalent"), net performance in USD.

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FUND STATISTICS

30.11.2024	LOF - Asia Value Bond	Benchmark (JACI)*
Yield to Worst	7.39%	5.40%
Average Coupon	5.99%	4.21%
Option-Adjusted Spread (bps)	336	144
Modified Duration	5.3	4.2
Modified Duration (w cash)	5.3	-
Average Maturity	7.5	6.9
Number of Issuers	122	468
Number of Issues	205	1480
Average Rating**	BBB-	A-/Baa1
Unrated %***	8.7%	2.2%
Total AuM	USD 2121 min	-

*Benchmark statistics are calculated based on Bloomberg rather than JP Morgan data to be more comparable to the fund.

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PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT BUCKETS

	Weights	YTW	Duration	Spread
IG Corporate	27.7%	6.21%	6.9	211
IG: Asia-Pacific	21.0%	6.23%	6.3	217
IG: Rest of the World	2.9%	6.34%	9.1	201
Corporate Perpetuals	3.7%	5.96%	8.6	189
HY Corporate	26.6%	9.69%	3.0	585
HY: Low-beta	3.7%	6.86%	3.5	277
HY: Mid-beta	13.2%	8.36%	2.9	438
HY: High-beta	9.8%	12.54%	2.8	897
Financials	29.4%	6.29%	4.5	233
Senior Financials	8.2%	7.13%	3.9	297
Bank Subordinate	13.0%	6.21%	4.7	238
Insurance Subordinate	8.1%	5.58%	4.7	161
Govt & Quasi-Govt	16.3%	7.59%	7.8	325
Quasi-Government	7.8%	5.97%	10.8	162
Government	8.5%	9.10%	5.0	475
All	100%	7.39%	5.3	336

*Note that values do not include duration hedges or cash holdings. Figures are subjected to rounding differences.

SUBORDINATE BOND BREAKDOWN

	Weights
Bank Tier 2	7.5%
Bank Additional Tier 1	5.5%
Insurance Subordinated	8.1%
Corporate Subordinated	3.1%
Total	24.3%

TOP 10 COUNTRY WEIGHTS (%)

Country	LOF - AVB	Benchmark (JACI)
India	19.0%	6.9%
China	11.5%	30.4%
Hong Kong	10.1%	11.7%
Japan	7.0%	0.0%
Australia	6.8%	0.0%
UK	6.2%	2.7%
Indonesia	6.2%	12.0%
Macau	4.9%	1.8%
Saudi Arabia	3.6%	0.0%
Thailand	3.2%	2.1%

TOP 10 SECTOR WEIGHTS (%)

Sector	LOF - AVB	Benchmark (JACI)
Banks	14.6%	14.4%
Insurance	9.1%	2.2%
Mining	8.9%	1.4%
Sovereign	8.5%	19.2%
Real Estate	8.0%	5.7%
Lodging	7.2%	2.4%
Internet	5.7%	3.7%
Diversified Finan Serv	5.4%	7.5%
Electric	4.9%	7.9%
Engineering&Construction	3.9%	3.0%

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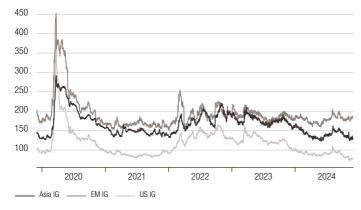
TOP 20 ISSUERS

Rank	Weighting	Issuer	Country	Sector
1	5.6%	Vedanta Resources Ltd	India	Mining
2	4.0%	HSBC Holdings PLC	UK	Banks
3	3.1%	Freeport Indonesia PT	Indonesia	Mining
4	2.7%	NWS Holdings Ltd	Hong Kong	Engineering&Construction
5	2.5%	New World Development Co Ltd	Hong Kong	Real Estate
6	2.5%	Sands China Ltd	Масаи	Lodging
7	2.3%	Bangkok Bank PCL	Thailand	Banks
8	2.2%	Greensaif Pipelines Bidco Sarl	Saudi Arabia	Pipelines
9	2.2%	Standard Chartered PLC	UK	Banks
10	2.1%	Rakuten Group Inc	Japan	Internet
11	2.0%	Adani Ports & Special Economic	India	Commercial Services
12	2.0%	GLP China Holdings Ltd	China	Real Estate
13	1.8%	Arab Republic of Egypt	Egypt	Sovereign
14	1.8%	Piramal Capital & Housing Fina	India	Diversified Finan Serv
15	1.7%	Studio City Finance Ltd	Масаи	Lodging
16	1.7%	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Pakistan	Sovereign
17	1.6%	Macquarie Bank Ltd	Australia	Banks
18	1.6%	Scentre Group Trust 2	Australia	REITS
19	1.5%	Federal Republic of Nigeria	Nigeria	Sovereign
20	1.5%	Meituan	China	Internet
Total	46.3%			

POSITION SIZING BUCKET

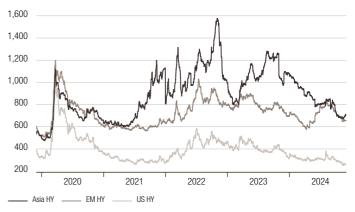
	Number of issuers	Weights
Standard (< 1%)	85	32.9%
Conviction (1-2%)	26	35.9%
High Conviction (2-3%)	8	18.5%
Very High Conviction (> 3%)	3	12.7%

CREDIT SPREADS (ASIA IG, EM IG & US IG)



*Indices used: Asia IG – JACI IG Z-Spread (JACIIGZW), EM IG - EMBI Global IG Z- spread (JPSYIGZW), US IG - Bloomberg US Corporate IG OAS Spread (LUACTRUU). Spreads are not duration adjusted.

CREDIT SPREADS (ASIA HY, EM HY & US HY)



*Indices used: Asia HY – JACI HY Z-Spread (JACINGZW), EM HY - EMBI Global HY Zspread (JPSYHYZW), US HY - Bloomberg US Corporate HY OAS Spread (LF98TRUU). Spreads are not duration adjusted.

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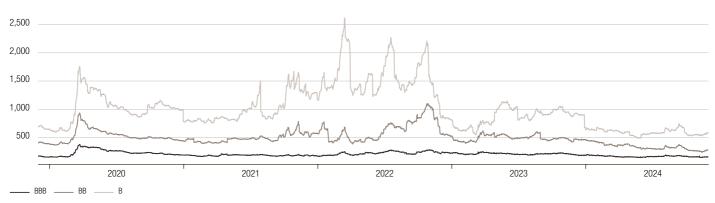
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ASIA CREDIT SPREADS (USD)



*Indices used: JACI Z-spread BBB - JACIBBBL, BB - JACIBBZW, B - JACIIBZW.

INDEX STATISTICS

30.11.2024	Asia	EM Sovereign	US
Yield to worst	5.68%	7.30%	5.36%
Average coupon	4.25%	5.21%	4.59%
Number of issues	1480	981	10134
Option-Adjusted Spread (bps)**	144	361	105
Duration	4.5	6.8	6.3
Average Rating	A-/A3	BBB-/Baa3	-
Sub-IG weight***	14.4%	43.3%	16.2%
Size	USD 924 bln	USD 1290 bln	USD 8362 bln

*Indices used: Asia - JACI, EM Sovereign - JPM EMBI Global, US - 85% Bloomberg US Corporate IG + 15% Bloomberg US Corporate HY. Table above shows an 85% IG / 15% HY split for US Credit to make it comparable to the JP Morgan JACI. **Z-Spread is used for EM Sov OAS.

***Includes unrated bonds.

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