



FTGF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser Fund

Franklin Templeton Global Funds plc

A USD DIS (M)
PLUS (e)
30 September 2024

Product Commentary

Performance Review

Past performance does not predict future returns.

- The global fixed income market rallied for a fourth consecutive month in September, adding to its year-to-date gain. The Federal Reserve (Fed) lowered rates in September for the first time since March 2020; the central bank's 50-basis-point (bp) cut was somewhat surprising and attributed to "...progress on inflation and the balance of risks." Elsewhere, after cutting rates 25 bps in June, the European Central Bank lowered rates another 25 bps in September. In contrast, the Bank of England and Bank of Japan kept rates on hold at their September meetings. The 10-year US Treasury yield fell 10 bps in September, ending at 3.81%. Ten-year yields also fell in the United Kingdom, Germany and Japan. For the month, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index gained 1.70%, pushing its year-to-date return to 3.60%. US investment-grade credit and high-yield spreads narrowed during the month, and both posted positive total returns. US mortgage-backed security spreads slightly widened but posted a positive total return in September. Finally, the overall emerging market debt asset class posted a positive return in September and most emerging market currencies rose versus the US dollar.
- For the quarter, the fund's A USD DIS (M) PLUS (e) shares returned 4.17%, and its benchmark, the FTSE 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index, returned 1.37%.

ONE-MONTH KEY PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

	Duration	Currency
HELPED	High-yield and investment-grade credit, along with prime residential mortgage-backed securities	US Treasury duration positioning
	Mexican local-currency government bonds	—
	Panamanian hard-currency sovereign bonds	—
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- High-yield corporate credit exposures contributed to returns, led by the communications sector.
- Mexican local-currency government bonds were additive for performance.
- US Treasury duration positioning was rewarded as rates declined over the month.
- US investment-grade corporate credit and prime residential mortgage-backed security exposures contributed to returns.
- An allocation to Panamanian hard-currency sovereign bonds was positive for results.
- There were few detractors from returns as the bond market rallied strongly during the month.

Outlook & Strategy

- Inflation globally continues to move in a downward direction while growth expectations are moderating. Against this backdrop, central banks in the developed world are embarking on a rate-cutting cycle.
- The high-yield new-issue market continues to see demand outpace supply, even with year-to-date issuance already higher than either of the previous two years. Investors have been quick to absorb new paper, even as new-issue concessions dwindle towards zero. High-yield corporate fundamentals, such as leverage and interest coverage, remain at favourable levels, and with the US economy moderating but still growing at roughly 3% annually, we feel comfortable with high-yield corporate credit.
- The United States seems to be on a path for a soft-landing scenario. In the short term, we do not see any reason for this trend to reverse. Absent material weakness from the demand side of the US labour market, we continue to favour allocations to shorter-dated high-yield credit.

Fund Details

Inception Date	03/06/2013
Benchmark	FTSE 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index
EU SFDR Category	Article 8

Fund Description

The fund's investment objective is to maximise income yield in all market conditions while preserving capital. The fund invests in debt securities and convertible securities that are listed or traded on regulated markets located anywhere in the world, as set out in the Prospectus; units or shares of some collective investment schemes and derivatives.

Performance Data¹

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Discrete Annual Performance (%) as at 30/09/2024

	9/23 9/24	9/22 9/23	9/21 9/22	9/20 9/21	9/19 9/20	9/18 9/19	9/17 9/18	9/16 9/17	9/15 9/16	9/14 9/15
A USD DIS (M) PLUS (e)	10.78	2.00	-16.69	5.77	8.45	10.00	-1.22	4.49	11.27	-4.62
FTSE 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index USD	5.63	4.71	0.63	0.06	1.02	2.36	1.57	0.64	0.20	0.02

Performance Net of Management Fees as at 30/09/2024 (Dividends Reinvested) (%)

	1 Mth	3 Mths	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception (03/06/2013)
A USD DIS (M) PLUS (e)	1.37	4.17	3.47	10.78	-2.00	1.55	2.67	2.98
FTSE 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index	0.44	1.37	4.17	5.63	3.63	2.38	1.67	1.47

The value of shares in the Fund and income received from it can go down as well as up, and investors may not get back the full amount invested. Performance details provided are in share class currency, include the reinvested dividends gross of tax and are net of management fees. Sales charges, taxes and other locally applied costs have not been deducted. Returns would have been lower had these charges been reflected.

The fund's returns may increase or decrease as a result of changes to foreign exchange rates. Up to date performance figures can be found on our website.

When performance for either the portfolio or its benchmark has been converted, different foreign exchange closing rates may be used between the portfolio and its benchmark.

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1. Periods shorter than one year are shown as cumulative total returns.

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The Fund does not offer any capital guarantee or protection and you may not get back the amount invested. The Fund is subject to the following risks which are materially relevant: **Asset-backed securities:** The timing and size of the cash-flow from asset-backed securities is not fully assured and could result in loss for the fund. These types of investments may also be difficult for the fund to sell quickly. **Bonds:** There is a risk that issuers of bonds held by the fund may not be able to repay the investment or pay the interest due on it, leading to losses for the fund. Bond values are affected by the market's view of the above risk, and by changes in interest rates and inflation. **Derivatives:** The use of derivatives can result in greater fluctuations of the fund's value and may cause the fund to lose as much as or more than the amount invested. **Emerging markets investment:** The fund may invest in the markets of countries which are smaller, less developed and regulated, and more volatile than the markets of more developed countries. **Fund counterparties:** The fund may suffer losses if the parties that it trades with cannot meet their financial obligations. **Fund currency:** Changes in exchange rates between the currencies of investments held by the fund and the fund's base currency may negatively affect the value of an investment and any income received from it. **Fund operations:** The fund is subject to the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people or systems or those of third parties such as those responsible for the custody of its assets, especially to the extent that it invests in developing countries. **Interest rates:** Changes in interest rates may negatively affect the value of the fund. Typically as interest rates rise, bond values fall. **Liquidity:** In certain circumstances it may be difficult to sell the fund's investments because there may not be enough demand for them in the markets, in which case the fund may not be able to minimise a loss on such investments. **Low rated bonds:** The fund may invest in lower rated or unrated bonds of similar quality, which carry a higher degree of risk than higher rated bonds. **Sustainability:** The fund's integration of sustainability risks in the investment decision process may have the effect of excluding profitable investments from the investment universe of the fund and may also cause the fund to sell investments that will continue to perform well. A sustainability risk could materialise due to an environmental, social or governance event or condition which may impact the fund's investments and negatively affect the returns of the fund.

Complete information on the risks of investing in the Fund are set out in the Fund's prospectus.

Important Legal Information

This fund meets the requirements under Article 8 of the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR); the fund has binding commitments in its investment policy to promote environmental and/or social characteristics and any companies in which it invests should follow good governance practices. Further information in relation to the sustainability-related aspects of the Fund can be found at www.franklintempleton.lu/SFDR. Please review all of the fund's objectives and characteristics before investing.

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Given the variety of investment options available today, we suggest investors seek guidance from a Financial Adviser.

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