LionGlobal Asia Bond Fund



The investment objective of the Fund is to provide total return of capital growth and income over the medium to long-term, through an actively managed portfolio of bonds, high quality interest rate securities, convertible bonds, real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), business trusts and other related securities issued by issuers predominantly in the Asian region. There is no target industry or sector.

Fund Manager's Commentary

Asia credit markets had a mixed start to the year. The Federal Reserve held rates unchanged in the January 2023 Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting against the backdrop of better-than-expected US macroeconomic data. On the other hand, the Chinese government announced a 50 basis points (bps) cut to the reserve requirement ratio following mixed economic data from China.

For the month of January 2024, the J.P. Morgan Asia Credit Index (JACI) composite registered positive returns of 0.26%. High Yield (HY) outperformed; returning 2.67% led by outperformance in higher-beta issuers like the Pakistan sovereign. HY spreads tightened 64bps to 828bps. Investment Grade (IG) underperformed for the month of January 2024; losing 0.12% as a result of the higher US Treasury (UST) yields and slight widening in credit spreads (+2bps to 150bps).

We are looking for 2024 to be a more benign year. Rates volatilities should abate with an anticipated end to rate hike cycle. Credit spreads are expected to stay range bound without widening significantly given diminishing risk of recession. The silver lining is that Asia high yield sector is starting from a cleaner slate with much lower concentration in the problematic China property sector and a higher weighting in sectors with favorable or stable outlooks.

In the expected soft-landing scenario, we expect fundamentals and credit trends to remain largely stable in 2024. While credit spreads are hovering close to the historical mean, yields are still near post- Global Financial Crisis (GFC) highs and should remain attractive. Technicals are supportive on a third consecutive year of negative net supply with low supply from China.

Returns would be sensitive to the US Treasuries. Short end carry in highly rated credit names remains a favored segment given front end curve inversion in interest rates. Within the Investment Grade sector, we prefer long duration and bank bonds lower down the capital structure. Idiosyncratic credit differentiation and selection will be meaningful drivers of Asia credit market performance in this volatile cycle.

All data are sourced from Lion Global Investors and Bloomberg as of 31 January 2024 unless otherwise stated.

Performance (%)

		1-year	3-years p.a.	5-years p.a.	10-years p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
000	NAV	-0.8	-4.8	-0.6	2.0	3.1
SGD Class ¹	NAV^	-5.8	-6.4	-1.6	1.5	2.8
Olass	Benchmark [#]	5.9	-2.1	1.5	3.5	3.9
	NAV	-2.4	-3.8	0.4	2.0	3.8
USD Class ¹	NAV^	-7.3	-5.4	-0.7	1.5	3.4
Olass	Benchmark [#]	4.2	-2.3	1.6	3.1	4.1
SGD-	NAV	-3.9	-5.7	-1.1	NA	-0.7
Hedged	NAV^	-8.7	-7.3	-2.1	NA	-1.3
Class ¹	Benchmark#	2.6	-3.0	1.0	NA	1.2

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance

Source: Lion Global Investors Ltd / Morningstar

Fund Facts

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Fund Inception Date:	SGD Class:1 Dec 2009
	USD Class:1 Dec 2009
	SGD-Hedged:19 Jul 2016
Subscription Mode:	Cash, SRS ²
Minimum Investment:	S\$ / US\$ 1,000
Initial Charge:	Currently 3% Maximum 5%
Management Fee:	Currently 1.0% p.a. Maximum 2.0% p.a.
Valuation Dealing:	Every dealing day
NAV Price:	S\$1.024/ US\$0.797
NAV Price (Hedged Class):	S\$0.728
Fund Size:	S\$144.2 million
Weighted Yield to Maturity ³ :	9.89%
Weighted Duration ⁴ :	4.19 years
Weighted Credit Rating ⁵ :	BBB+

Credits Rating⁵ (% of NAV)

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High Yield	15.7
Investment Grade	84.3

Currency Exposure of Bonds(% of NAV)

SGD	41.9
USD	58.1
	100.0
Codes	
SGD Class:	SG9999006548 LGLASBS SP
USD Class:	SG9999006555 LGLASBU SP
SGD Hedged Class:	SG9999015515 LGLABSH SP

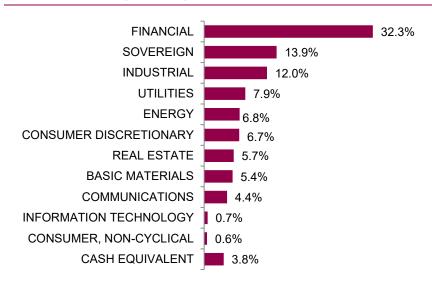
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Country Allocation (% of NAV)



Sector Allocation (% of NAV)



Top 10 Holdings (% of NAV)

US TREASURY 4.5% 15/11/2033	4.4
US TREASURY 3.75% 31/12/2028	2.8
US TREASURY 4.25% 31/12/2025	1.8
KOOKMIN BANK/SINGAPORE (SER EMTN) 5.75% 01/07/2024	0.9
UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LTD (SER REGS) (REG) (REG S) VAR	
15/04/2029	0.9
SANDS CHINA LTD (REG) 5.125% 08/08/2025	0.9
SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP (SER	0.9
REGS) (REG) (REG S) VAR	
05/02/2030	0.9
DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD (SER REGS) (REG S) (REG) 1.169%	
22/11/2024	0.9
KEPPEL CORP LTD (SER EMTN) (REG S) (BR) 2.459% 04/06/2025	0.9
CN HUANENG GP HK TREASURY	0.0
(REG S) (R EG) 1.6% 20/01/2026	0.9

#Benchmark: JP Morgan Asia Credit Index.

NAV: Figures include Initial Charge.(in respective fund's currency)

¹ Returns based on single pricing. Dividends are reinvested net of all charges payable upon reinvestment and in respective share class currency terms. Return periods longer than 1 year are annualized.

² Supplementary Retirement Scheme ("SRS")

monies may be used to purchase SGD Class Units only.

³ In local currency yield terms and on unhedged FX basis. Inclusive of cash & equivalents at a yield of 0.10%.

Inclusive of cash & equivalents which are

assumed to be zero duration.

⁵ Includes cash & equivalents @ AA, takes the worst of S&P, Moody's, Fitch or Internal ratings and based on a straight-line model.

The above is based on information available as of 31 January 2024, unless otherwise stated. The bonds referenced are not intended as recommendations to buy or sell. Opinions and estimates constitute our judgment and along with other portfolio data, are subject to change without notice.

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