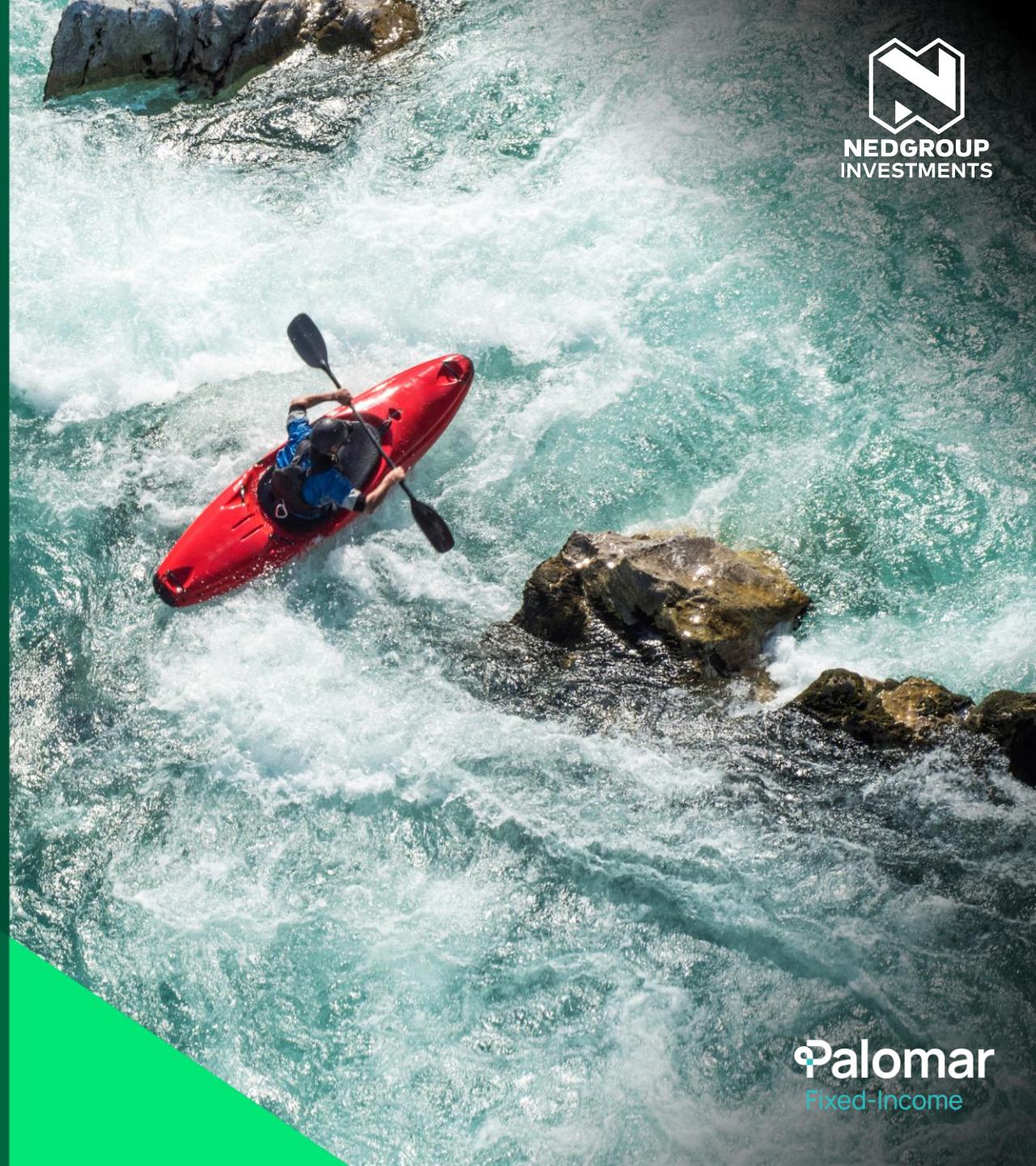


# Nedgroup Investments Global Strategic Bond Fund:

## ► An anchor in an uncertain world

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see money differently



# The Nedgroup Investments Advantage



Everyone should benefit from the difference that the best boutiques bring.

**We do this by:**

## 1. Championing boutiques

We create the right conditions for fund managers to flourish and deliver consistently strong outcomes.

## 2. Selecting the exceptional

We are dedicated to finding exceptional fund managers - our deep experience as multi-asset investors, gives us a distinct advantage.

## 3. Partnering for decades

We foster multi-decade relationships to provide clients more choice, better access and alignment with their investments.

**Harnessing the power of boutiques**

# Access to investment excellence through boutiques



Asset class	Equities		Multi-asset		Fixed income	Property
Fund name	Nedgroup Investments Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Nedgroup Investments Contrarian Value Equity Fund	Nedgroup Investments Global Flexible Fund	Nedgroup Investments Global Cautious Fund	Nedgroup Investments Global Strategic Bond Fund	Nedgroup Investments Global Property Fund
Launch date of fund	Nov 2020	Jun 2018	Nov 2008	Nov 2008	Jan 2024	Aug 2016
Investment partner	NS <sup>+</sup> PARTNERS <sup>®</sup>	FPA <small>Investors first</small>	FPA <small>Investors first</small>	Pyrford 	Palomar <sup>**</sup> 	RESOLUTION CAPITAL
Start of partnership with fund manager	2019	2013		2019	2023	2016
SFDR status of fund	Article 6	Article 6	Article 6	Article 6	Article 8	Article 8

# Why partner with us?



## Core global bonds

- ▶ Unlevered core global bond portfolio that emphasises liquidity.
- ▶ Focus on interest rate and credit risk, avoids currency risk.
- ▶ Stays away from bonds that are:
  - illiquid
  - lower quality
  - exposed to material ESG risk



## Nimble portfolio management

- ▶ Demonstrable allocation skills in co-portfolio management set-up.
- ▶ Disciplined framework for nimble decision-making and ESG considerations.
- ▶ Strategic approach to alpha generation through relative value, duration and security selection.



## Proven track record

- ▶ Consistent rolling 3-year excess returns<sup>1</sup>.
- ▶ Superior rolling 3-year risk-adjusted returns<sup>1</sup>.
- ▶ 20+ years' experience as multi-sector bond investors.

**Global Strategic Bond Fund**  
An active core global bond solution

# Nedgroup Investments Global Strategic Bond Fund



A portfolio constructed through a valuation-driven approach, benefitting from two seasoned managers who combine top-down macroeconomic perspectives and bottom-up credit selection.

## Portfolio Managers



David Roberts  
35 years in the industry  
26 years managing  
multi-sector bonds



Alex Ralph  
25 years in the industry  
23 years managing  
multi-sector bonds

- ▶ Seasoned multi-sector bond investors across markets
- ▶ An average of 30 years' experience in the industry

## Key Fund Facts

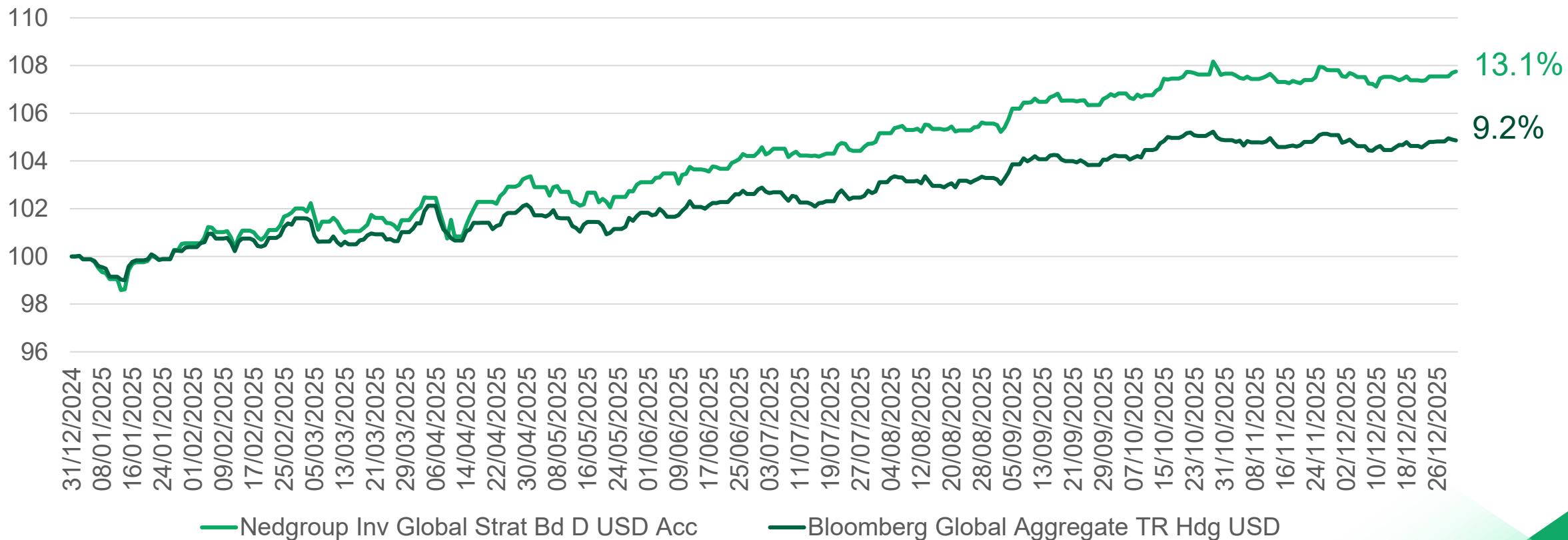
<b>Objective</b>	To provide a combination of capital growth and income over the long term by investing in global bonds
<b>Inception Date</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<b>Performance Indicator</b>	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (US\$ hedged)
<b>Fund size</b>	US\$248m (31 December 2025)
<b>Base currency</b>	US\$ (hedged GBP and EUR share classes available)
<b>SFDR status</b>	Article 8

# Do you want your bond fund to behave like bonds?



## Cumulative returns since inception (net of fees, % USD)

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Nedgroup Investments Global Strategic Bond Fund:  
Core, Nimble, Proven.

# A strategy set up to generate yield without taking on excess risk

## Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (Dec 24)

**52%** developed market sovereign

**18%** investment grade corporates

**0%** high yield

**16%** emerging market debt

**14%** securitised debt

Mix of hard and local currency

## Our investment universe for core global bonds (expected ranges)

**30-40%** developed market sovereign

**20-60%** investment grade corporates

**20-30%** high yield

**0-10%** emerging market debt

**100%** hard currency

 *Reject bonds that are illiquid, lower quality and have material ESG risk*

 *Minimise shocks by avoiding currency risk and equity*

 *No excessive interest rate risk. Duration range: 3-8 years*

## Target outcomes

- ▶ Excess return 1.5% p.a. relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate (hedged, US\$)
- ▶ Portfolio yield of 4-6%\*\* p.a. (in US\$ terms)
- ▶ Maintaining a positive portfolio ESG rating

# Our agile investment framework

## Investment objective

To provide a combination of capital growth and income over the long term by investing in global bonds



## Bottom-up idea generation and research responsibilities:

- Credit quality
- Credit geography
- Industry selection
- Security selection
- Issuer-level ESG research

## Portfolio construction in practice

### Key inputs into portfolio construction

- Set portfolio strategy
- Strategic asset allocation
- Sector rotation
- Geographical rotation

Leverage external research to empower decision making

On-the-desk communication and collaboration



## Top-down idea generation and research responsibilities:

- Relative value
- Duration by geography
- Yield curve management
- Portfolio-level ESG research

# A value-driven investment philosophy enables consistency

Bond markets are inefficient and often deviate away from their “fair value”. Our active approach is therefore driven by a combination of:



## Valuations

This three-way view highlights:

- ▶ Volatility
- ▶ Uncertainty and
- ▶ Opportunities

Beta strategies exploit absolute valuations of the general market. Alpha strategies exploit relative valuations, between different parts of the bond markets



## Fundamentals

Consensus economic forecasts need to be adjusted to reflect the path of incoming data and our perspectives on the impact to bond prices.



## Technicals

Both quantitative and qualitative factors can offer information about the likely direction of flows to and from the bond markets. This includes supply and demand, investor positioning, investor surveys and trading book levels.

# Are we there yet? The yield curve has steepened

## US Treasury yield curve (30-year minus 5-year, bps)



## German government yield curve (30-year minus 5-year, bps)



# Capturing value amid rates volatility

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## Example: Australia 3-year government bond yield (bps)



Australian bonds have experienced significant turbulence over the past month:

- Prices surged when inflation looked under control.
- Then collapsed as inflation concerns resurfaced.
- Fell further following hawkish signals from the US Federal Reserve.

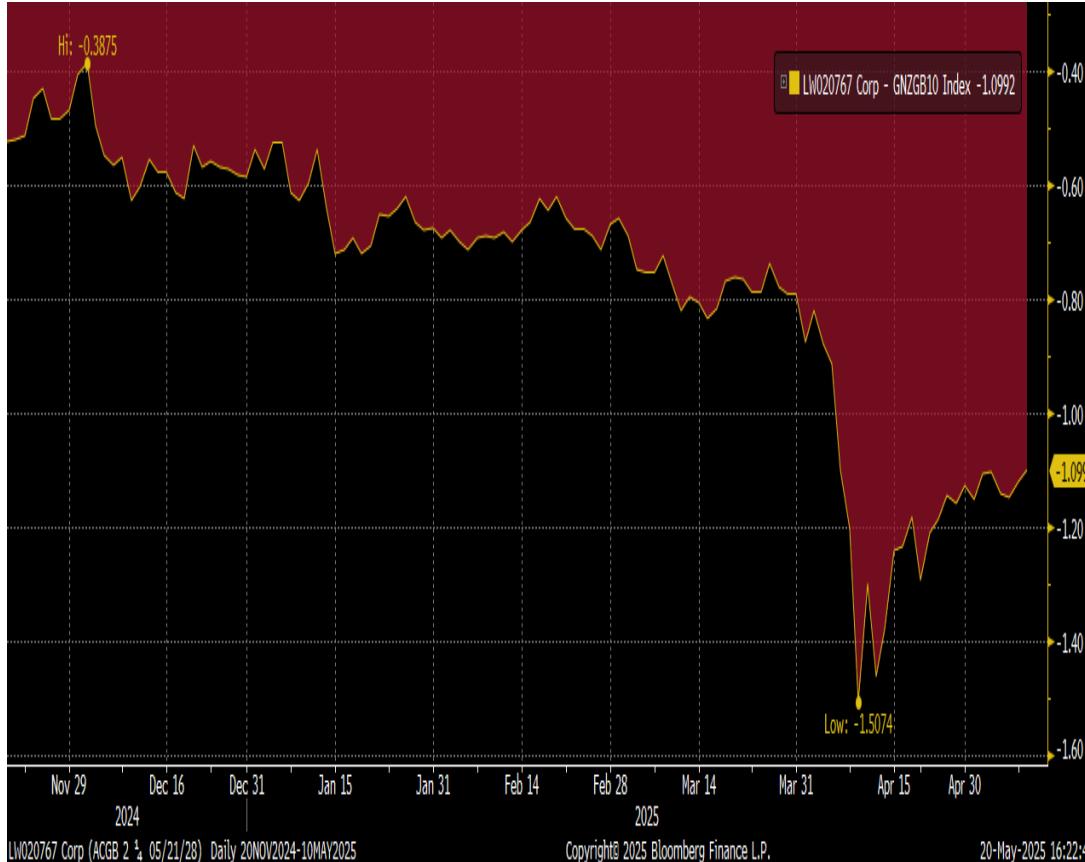
As valuations, the fund shifted from short → neutral → long:

- **No initial exposure**, preferring New Zealand bonds which also rallied
- **Shorted Australian bonds** when markets priced in a rate cut we didn't expect—bonds were overvalued and the RBA signalled hesitation
- **Locked in gains** as bonds fell on stronger data
- **Added to long position** when Fed Chair Powell's comments triggered further sell-off and markets began pricing for a rate hike

# G7 divergence means cross-market patterns get disrupted

**Example: Australia 3-year vs New Zealand 10-year government bond yield spreads (bps)**

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- Politics and economics collide
- Short maturity Australian government bonds rally as Trump imposes tariffs
- Long New Zealand government bonds sell-off as data remains firm
- As a result, spreads blow out creating a short-term opportunity

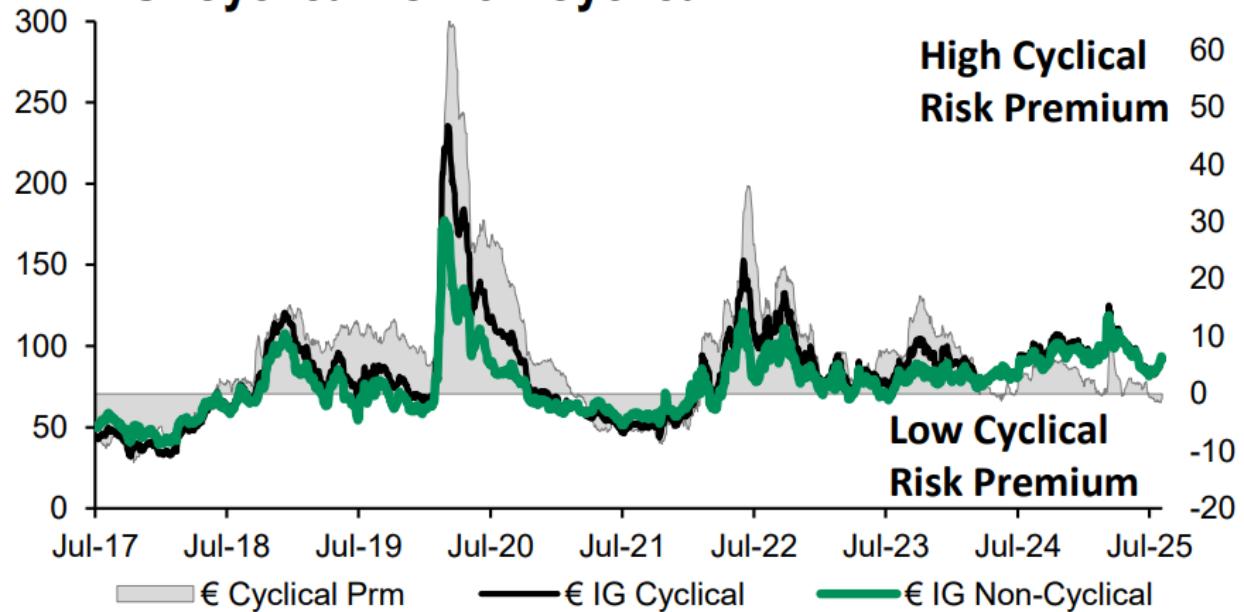
# Meanwhile, credit spreads are back to historical tights. Is this rational exuberance?

Option-adjusted spreads for ICE BofA US Corporate Index and ICE BofA EUR Corporate Index (bps)

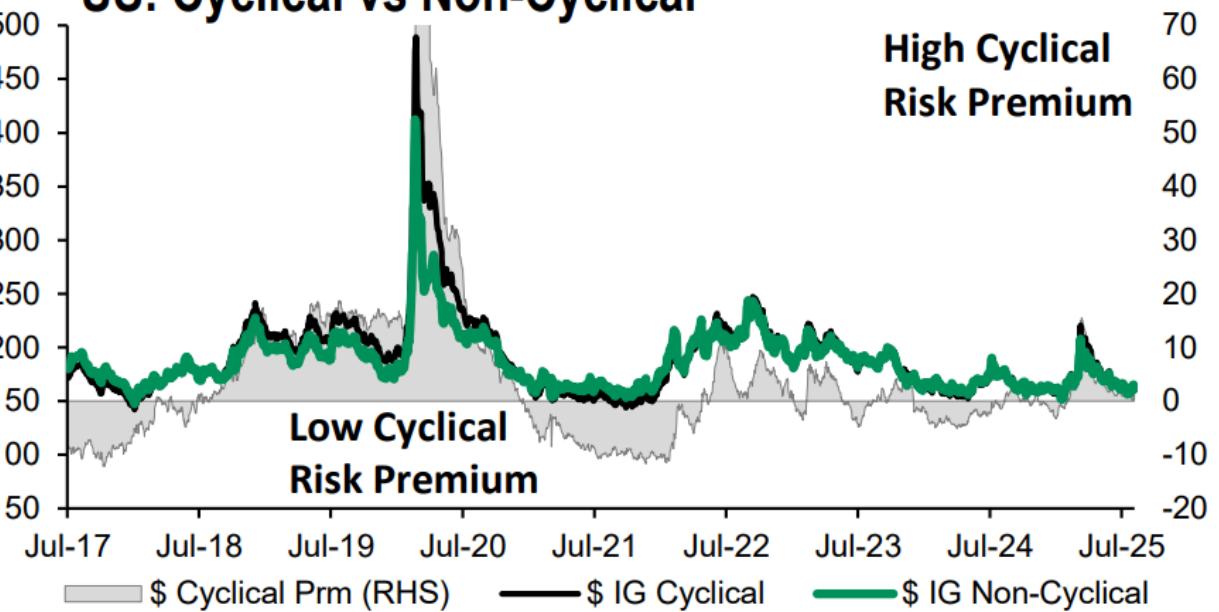


# Cyclical risk premium remains low

EU: Cyclical vs Non-Cyclical

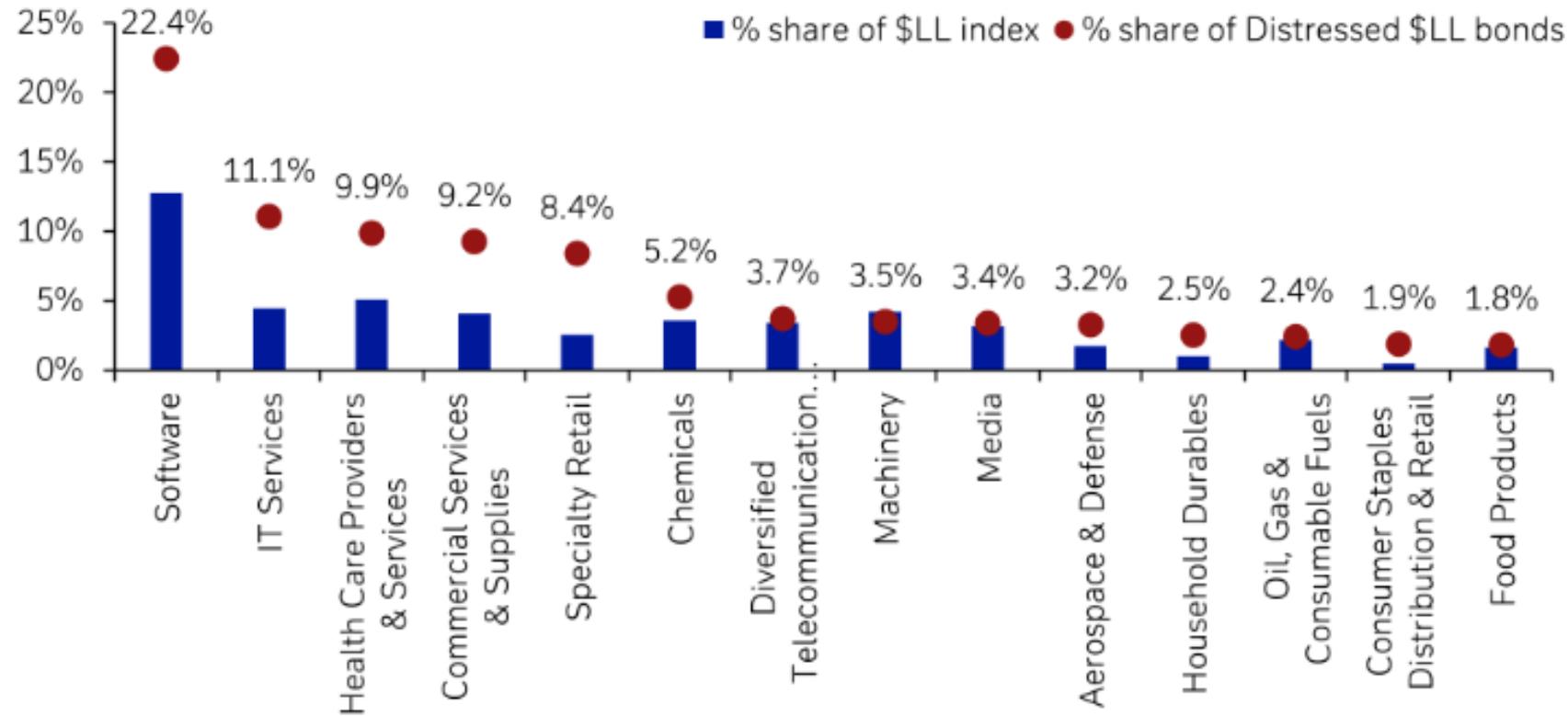


US: Cyclical vs Non-Cyclical



# Beware of the knock-on effect of sector concentration in loans and private credit

## Distressed \$ leveraged loans by sector



- Loan defaults rising — potential read-across to private credit.
- Increased sector concentration — software now comprising nearly 15% of the market, raises exposure concerns.
- 20%+ distressed ratio could be an early warning for private credit, if liquidations occur.

# Time to move down the curve, up in quality and up in seniority

## Example: BT



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## Investment decision

- Sold our sterling BT Hybrids (BB+, 2030 Call)
- Bought the sterling BT Seniors (BBB, 2041 Maturity)

## Rationale

### Valuations:

- 41bps yield pickup by switching from hybrids to seniors.
- 3 months ago, the switch would have cost 30bps. A quarter of this move was driven by gilt curve steepening, the rest by market compression.

### Technicals:

- DMO shifting to shorter issuance given pressure on long end.
- BoE may slow QT from £100bn to £76bn.

### Fundamentals

- Constructive: improving line losses, expanding margins support fibre capex plan.

# Look closely, there are still pockets of value

## Example: VF Corp bond



### Rationale

#### Valuations:

- 2026 bonds offered 280bps spread in May — strong carry and downside protection.
- Investor Day disappointment led to equity and bond sell-off, with further impact from liberation day sell-off.

#### Fundamentals:

- VF Corp has been struggling with a brand turnaround strategy and was downgraded to junk at the end of last year given their elevated leverage.
- Supreme brand sale supported deleveraging and brand repositioning.
- Management committed to 2.5x leverage — fundamentals improving.

# Results to date

## Net of fees returns to 31 December 2025 (USD, %)

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- Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex China (US\$ hedged)

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# Summary



Market volatility is a gift for active managers.



Our value-driven framework anchors us through volatility and unlocks opportunities.

No need to take big bets; small incremental wins and agility are enough.

Asset allocation skills are particularly helpful during bouts of political risk.



Continued rates volatility creates significant cross-market and curve opportunities.

Meanwhile tight credit spreads mask rising risks. Moving up in quality and issuer selection are key.

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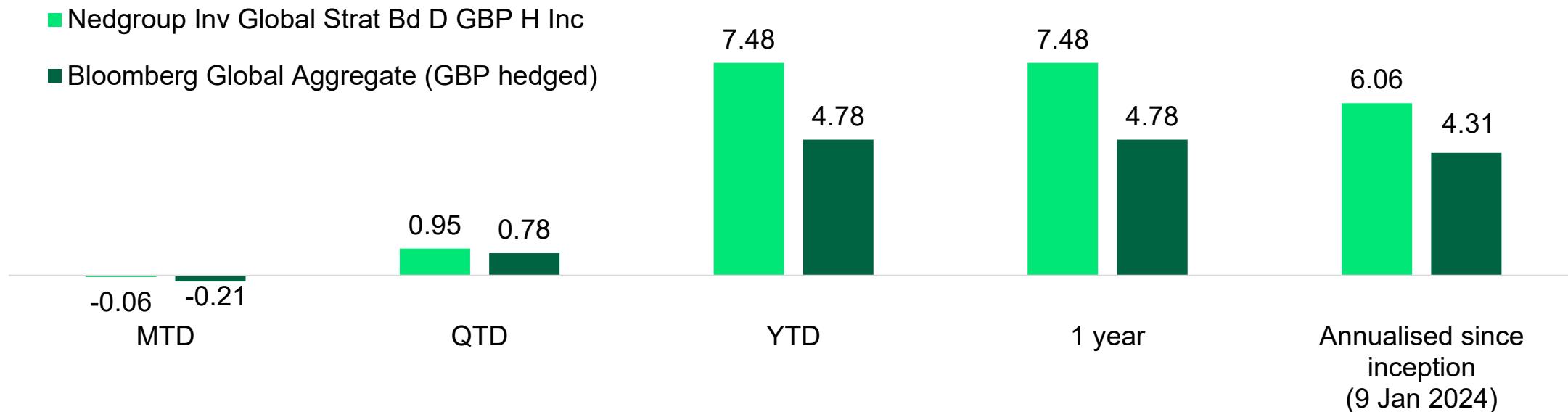
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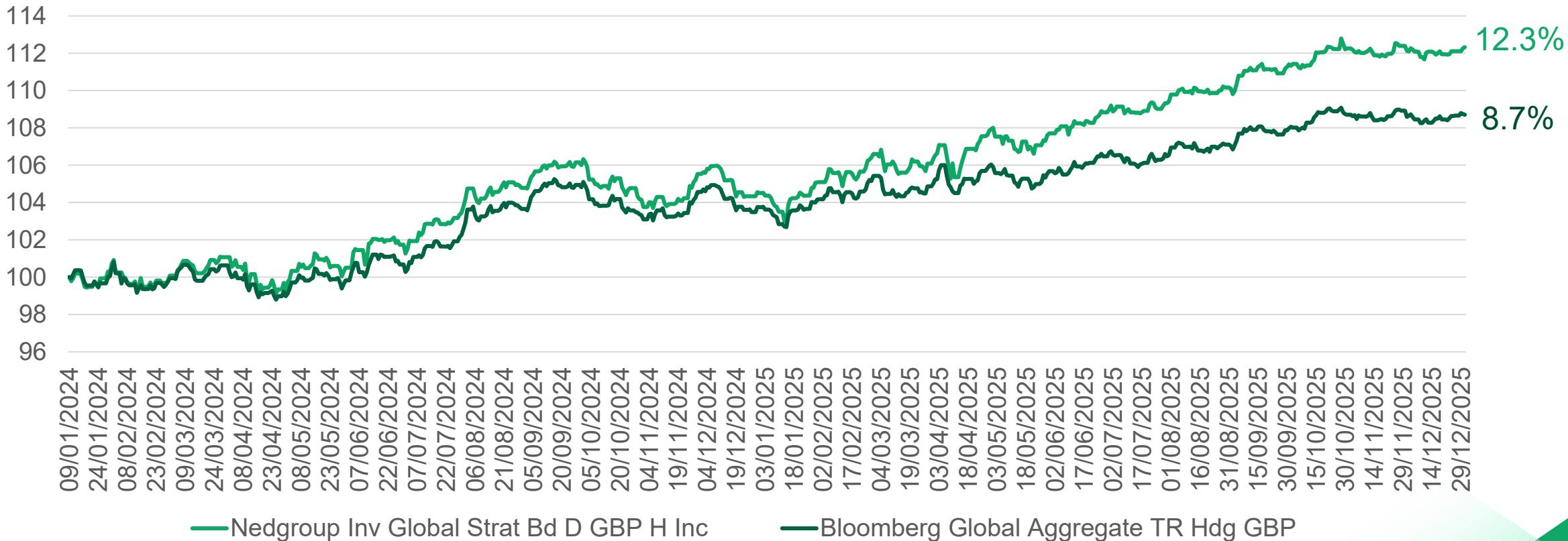
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## Cumulative returns since inception (net of fees, % GBP hedged)

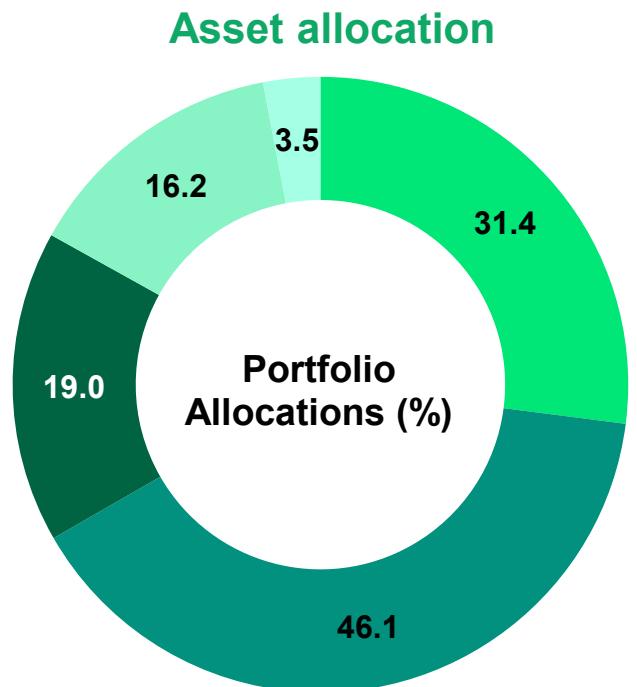
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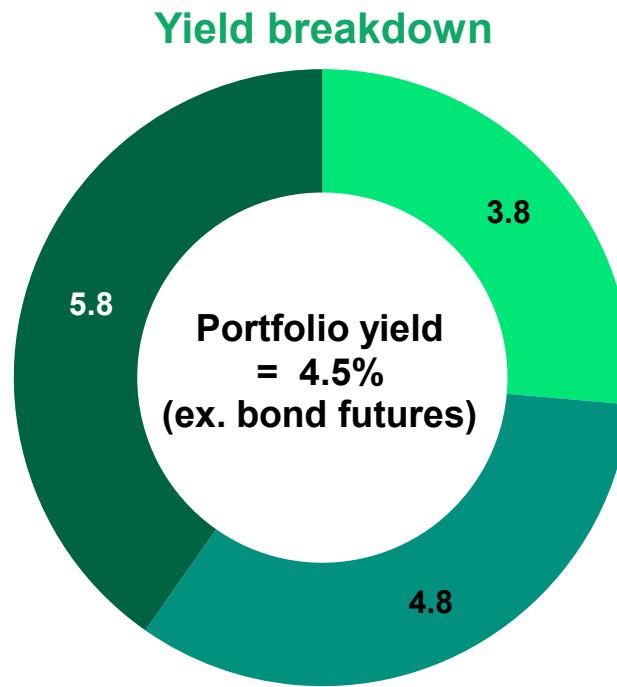
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# Portfolio summary

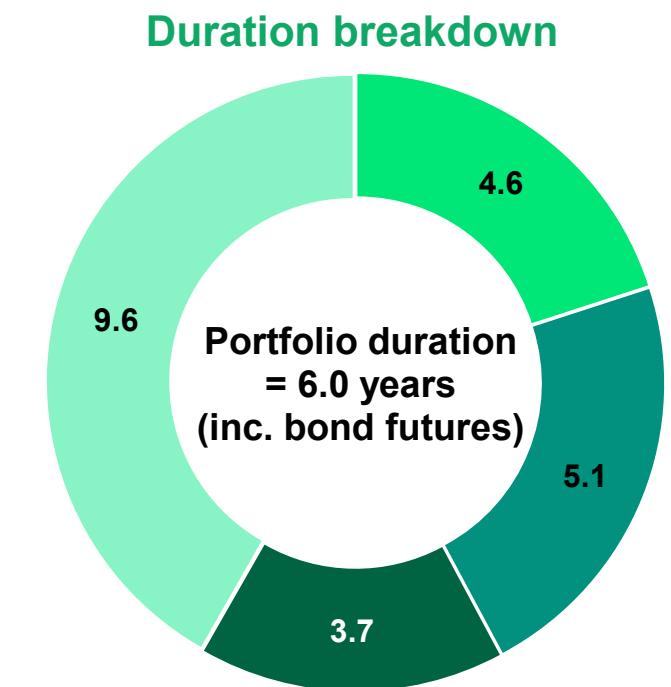
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# Portfolio by sector, credit quality and duration

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## Sector breakdown

Sovereign	31.4
Financial	19.0
Bond Futures	16.2
Communications	13.0
Utilities	9.7
Consumer, Non-cyclical	7.3
Consumer, Cyclical	6.3
Industrial	4.5
Cash & Equivalents	3.4
Energy	2.4
Basic Materials	1.1

## Credit breakdown

Portfolio average = A

AAA	3.9
AA	28.4
A	24.8
BBB	23.2
BB	14.4
B	5.3

## Duration breakdown

Portfolio duration = 6.0 years

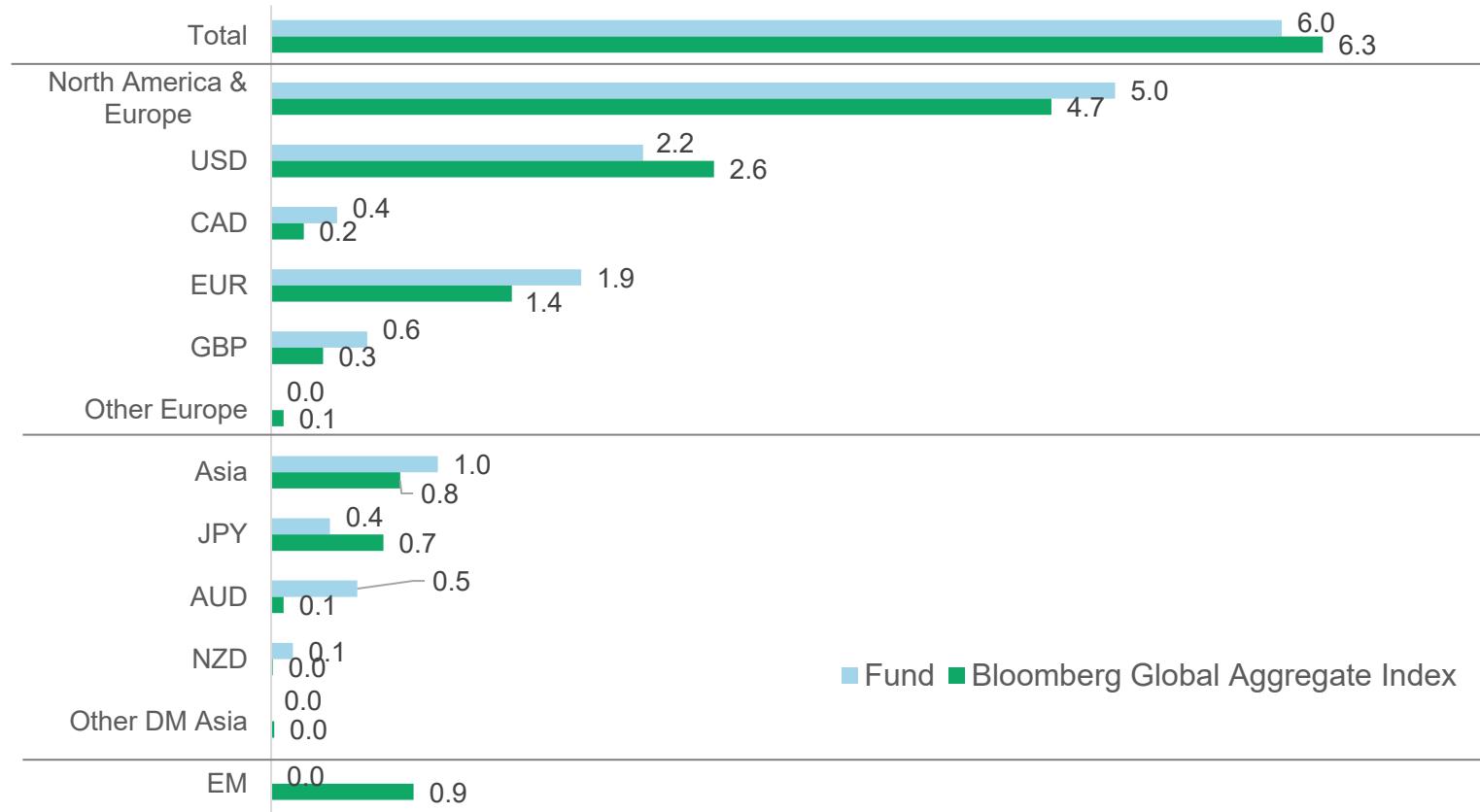
0-1 Year	16.1
1-3 Years	26.8
3-5 Years	17.6
5-10 Years	44.7
10-15 Years	4.3
15+ Years	6.8

# Portfolio by duration and currency

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## Positioning for cyclical dispersion



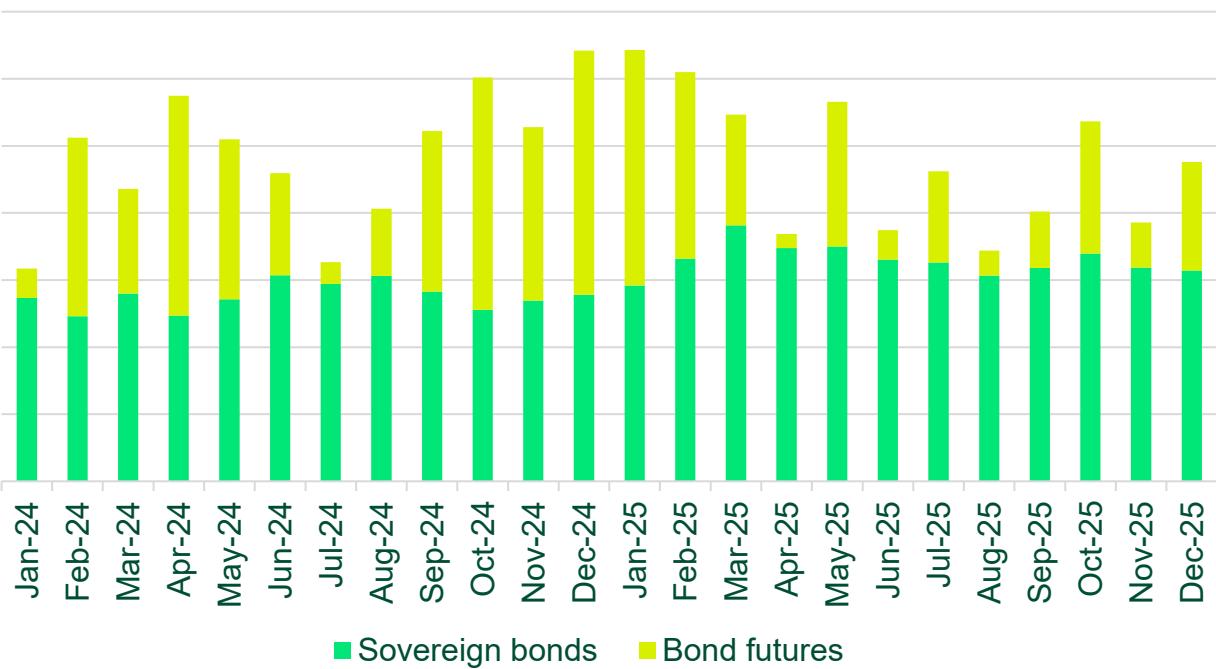
- ▶ Headline duration slightly lower than the index.
- ▶ Slight US underweight, driven by reduced exposure to longer dated bonds.
- ▶ Japan will raise rates.
- ▶ Australia beginning to price in rate hike.

# Asset allocation since inception

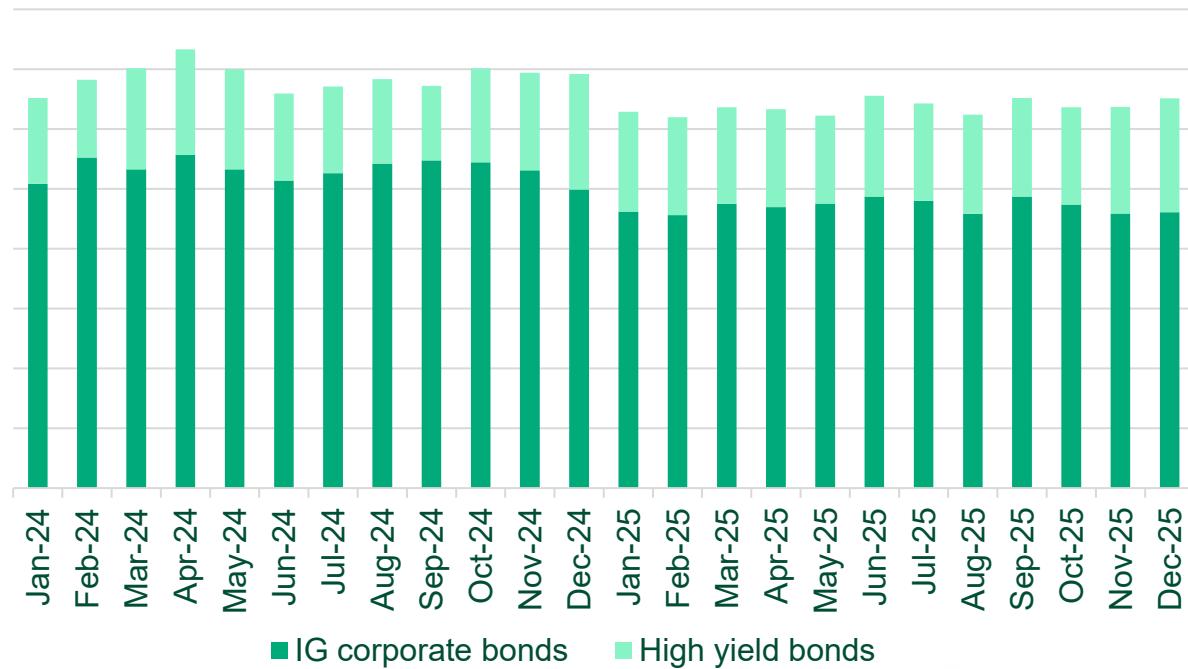
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**Rates exposure (%)**



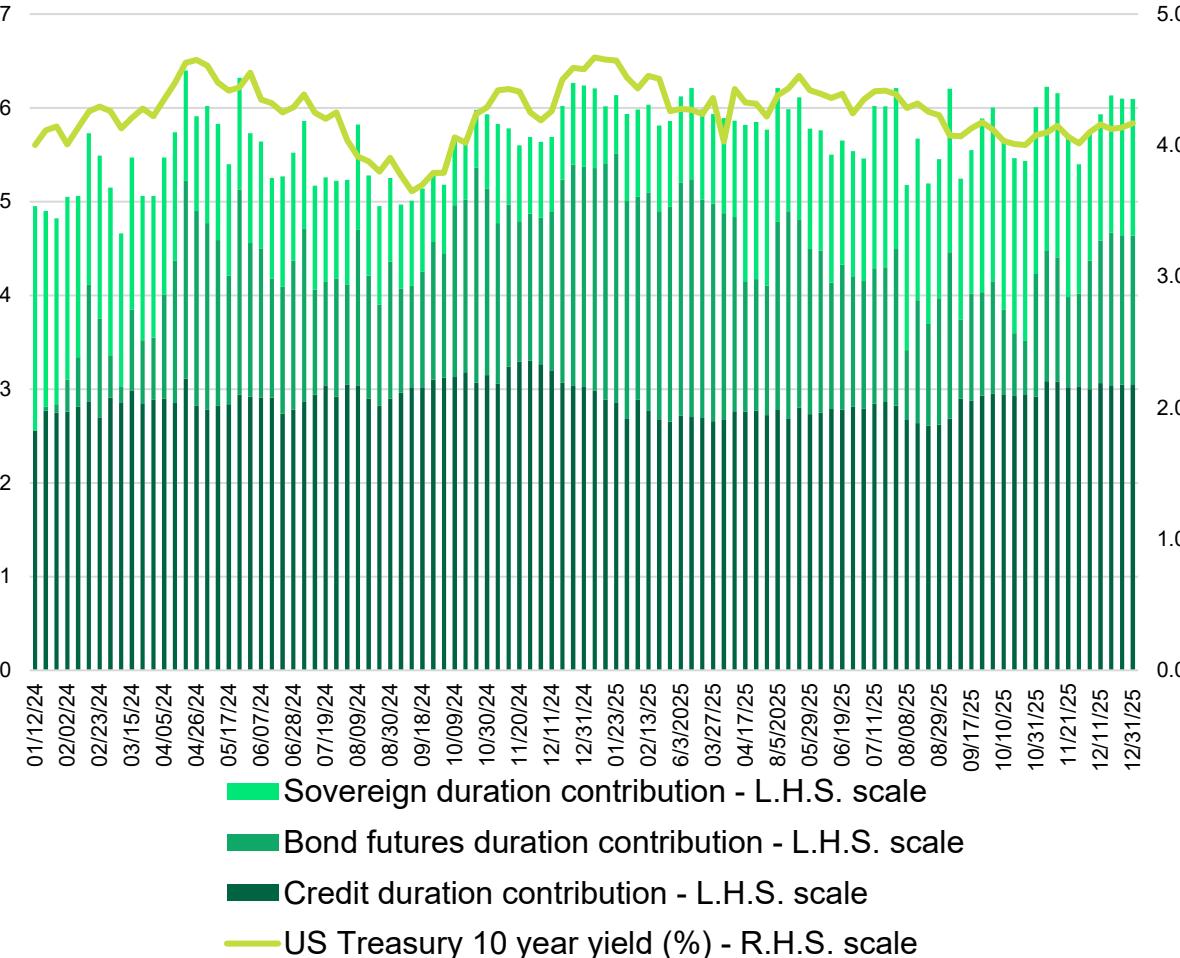
**Credit exposure (%)**



# Duration decisions since inception

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## Portfolio duration by sector



## Portfolio duration breakdown

Duration contribution (years)	Jan-24	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25
<b>Rates</b>	1.7	2.1	2.7	2.2	3.2	3.1	2.7	3.0	3.0
US	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.7	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.3
UK	-0.5	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
Germany	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.1
France	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Canada	-0.7	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4
Japan	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4
Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	-0.3	0.0	0.5
New Zealand	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
<b>IG bonds</b>	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3
<b>High yield bonds</b>	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7
<b>Total portfolio</b>	4.4	5.0	5.5	5.2	6.4	5.8	5.5	6.0	6.0

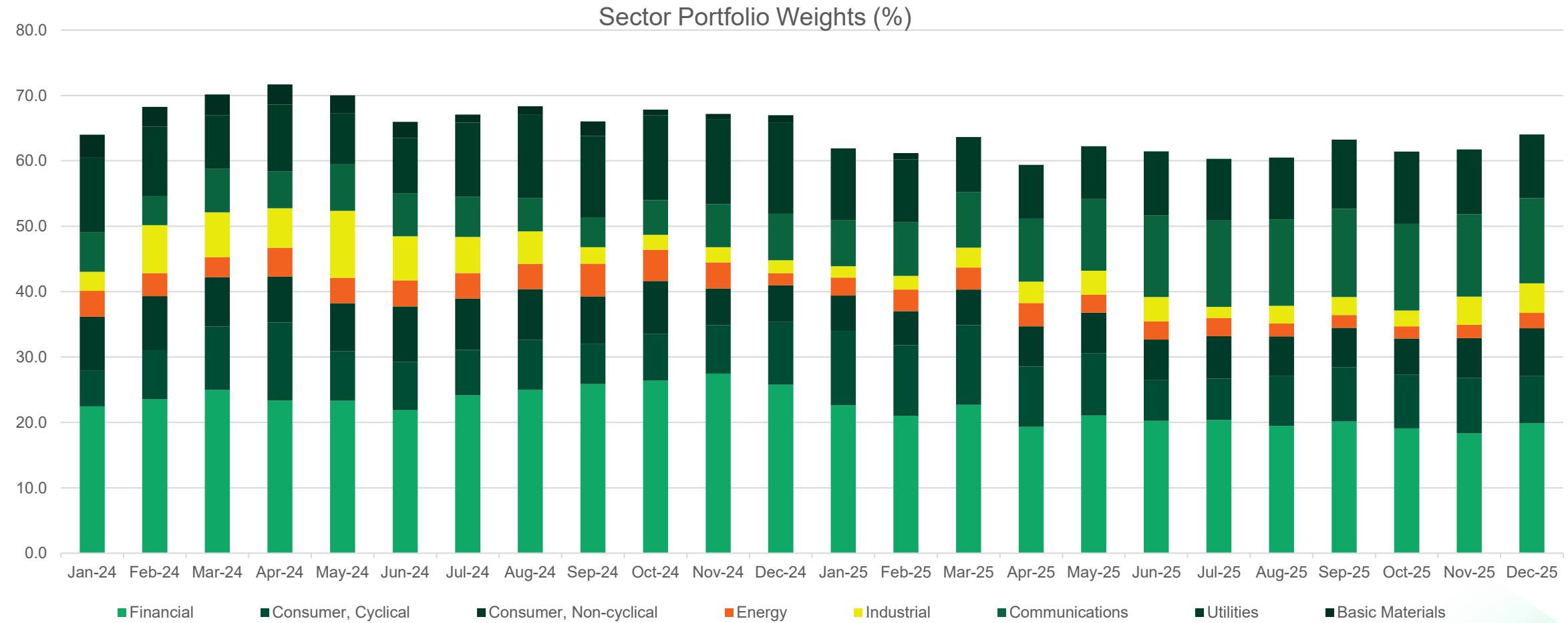
LHS chart: From January 2024 to December 2025. Credit is a combination of investment grade and high yield.

RHS chart: From January 2024 to December 2025.

Source: Nedgroup Investments, Bloomberg

# Sector rotation since inception

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# Top convictions

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## Top sovereign holdings

Holding	Bond type	Weight in portfolio (%)	Yield in US\$ terms (%)	Duration (years)	Credit rating
US Treasury	Cash	15.7	3.7	4.3	AA
Australian Government Bonds	Futures	13.5	n/a	3.8	AAA
US Treasury Bill	Cash	9.5	3.6	0.1	AA
US Government Bonds	Futures	9.0	n/a	7.4	AAA
Canadian Government Bonds	Futures	5.3	n/a	7.4	AAA

## Top credit holdings

Holding	Industry	Weight in portfolio (%)	Yield in US\$ terms (%)	Duration (years)	Credit rating
CIBC	Bank	1.3	4.7	4.2	A
UBS	Bank	1.3	4.8	5.7	A
Bank of America	Bank	1.3	5.0	6.3	A
Nationwide	Savings & Loans	1.1	5.1	4.2	BBB
BMS	Pharm	1.1	5.0	6.9	A

# Long-term track record of consistency



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Track record	Period	3- year rolling average			Returns (net)
		Excess returns (net)	Excess returns (gross)		
Aegon ( <i>managed by David Roberts</i> )	Apr 04 – Dec 17	1.0%	1.6%		5.9%
Liontrust ( <i>managed by David Roberts</i> )	Apr 18 – Feb 22	1.0%	1.3%		4.3%
Artemis ( <i>managed by Alex Ralph</i> )	Jun 05 – Aug 21	1.5%	2.5%		5.7%

Track record results in GBP. Net results after fees and expenses. Index shown is Bloomberg Global Aggregate Total Return Index (hedged to GBP). Aegon track record is for Aegon Strategic Bond Fund Class B from 30 April 2004 to 31 December 2017. Liontrust track record is for Liontrust Strategic Bond Fund Class C8 from 30 April 2018 to 28 February 2022. Artemis track record is for Artemis Strategic Bond Fund Class R from 30 June 2005 to 31 August 2021. Source: Morningstar, Nedgroup Investments

# How we embed ESG considerations

## We believe

- ▶ A holistic approach to issuer research and balance sheet analysis is essential
- ▶ Participation towards decarbonisation is more impactful over exclusion alone
- ▶ Governance can be decisive for credit investing

## Our goal

Maintain a positive ESG rating for the overall portfolio that,

- ▶ exceeds the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Total Return Index and
- ▶ is greater than 'BBB', based on the MSCI scale

## How we will achieve this:

### Exclusion screens

We exclude violators of the UNGC principles and OECD guidelines, companies involved in controversial weapons, tobacco production and utilities with coal exposure where the issuer has no mandated transition plan.

### Restrictions

- ▶ Minimum ESG rating for sovereign issuer: BB.
- ▶ Maximum exposure to issuers with an ESG rating lower than BB limited to 10%.

### Positive focus

Alongside fundamental research, monitoring of improvements and deterioration to ESG ratings over time helps identify issuers transitioning their business model.

### Engagement

Engagement can be particularly effective with issuers who are less advanced in their sustainability practices, such as unlisted corporate high yield issuers.

# BHP

### Screens

Copper mining has a large environmental impact given its high consumption of energy and water

### Data-led ESG analysis

- ▶ Copper is a vital commodity in the transition towards a low carbon economy
- ▶ BHP also mines Nickel, a metal used in the production of modern EV batteries

### Positive focus

- ▶ New risk management protocol for JV's following the 2015 dam failure in Brazil in relation to a 50/50 JV for an iron ore mine
- ▶ Sustainability targets implemented to reduce freshwater usage – a material challenge for mining
- ▶ Introduced target to maintain total operational GHG emissions below 2017 levels despite high business growth

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