

# BOND EUROPE CLIMATE CARBON OFFSET PLAN NEWSLETTER



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#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The objectives of the THEAM Quant Bond Europe Climate Carbon Offset Plan are:

- To provide capital growth over the medium term by being exposed to a dynamic basket of European investment-grade corporate Bonds, which are selected using a systematic selection method based on environmental, social and governance criteria (ESG), carbon emission and energy transition criteria as well as companies financial robustness;
- To offset its carbon footprint by purchasing verified emission reduction certificates (VERs) from the Kasigau Corridor REDD+ Project.

## **STRATEGY**

In order to achieve its objective, the fund implements a quantitative investment strategy through the BNP Paribas Bond Europe Climate Care Index TR, with an expected tracking error of up to 2% with the European investment-grade bond market.

The final selection accounts for the following elements:



The Fund provides exposure to a basket of European investment-grade corporate Bonds with high ESG standards\*;



The selection of Bonds is made to ensure liquidity, maintain risk control (through diversification) and aim for promising yield



Bonds are selected to reduce the portfolio's carbon emissions and maximize its energy transition strategy



The residual carbon footprint of the Fund is then offset every quarter by purchasing VER certificates from the Kasigau Corridor REDD+ project in Kenya

\*Excluding ones: (1) with a Moody's ESG score in the lowest 25% in their sector or below 30/100, (2) involved in alcohol, nuclear power, tobacco, pornography or other controversial activities, (3) with a BNP Paribas Asset Management ESG score of 9 or 10 (10 being the worst) These internal guidelines are for indicative purposes only; Prospectus and KID are prevailing.

## PERFORMANCE As of November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Apr 21 - Nov 24	THEAM QUANT- BOND EUROPE CLIMATE CARBON OFFSET PLAN
Performance 1 month	1.79%
Annualised Performance Since Start Date	-2.02%
Cumulative Performance Year To Date	3.95%
Annualised Volatility Since Start Date	5.42%
Annualised Sharpe Ratio Since Start Date	-
Max Drawdown Since Start Date	-20.75%

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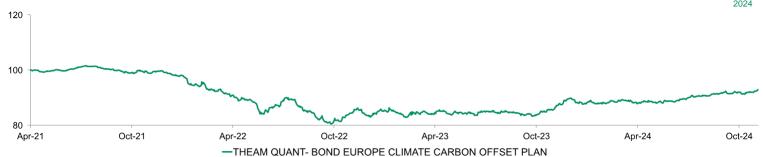
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## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

#### MACRO BACKGROUND

- In November, financial market movements reflected uncertainties over future US policy following the presidential election. Despite the polls suggesting a very tight race, the election result was clear cut. Donald Trump was elected, and the Republican Party achieved a clean sweep by retaining a majority in the House of Representatives and reclaiming one in the Senate.
- The yield on the German 10-year Bund (2.39% at the end of October) rose in the wake of US yields to 2.45% on 7 November. After that, an unbroken downward trend brought it to 2.09% at the end of November, its lowest since early October. Weak economic indicators in the eurozone led investors to anticipate that ECB monetary policy easing would accelerate in the coming months, perhaps from as early as the December meeting. On Friday 29 November, after markets closed, the rating agency Standard & Poor's announced that it maintained France's AA- sovereign rating with a 'stable' outlook. The agency warned, however, that a downgrade was not ruled out if 'the government is not able to reduce the large public deficit, or if growth falls below our projections for an extended period of time'.
- Against this backdrop, the 5-year Bund yield decreased from 2.27% to 1.93% over the month. Investment Grade credit spreads decreased to 56bps in November.

## PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN

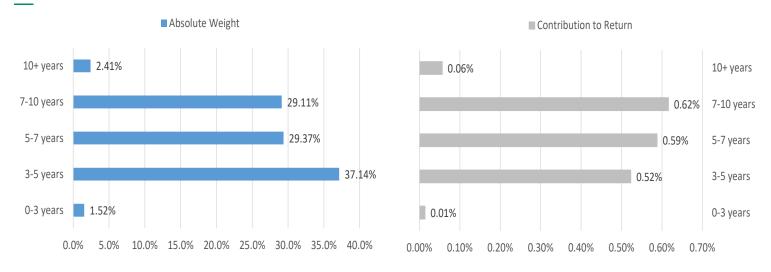
- The Europe Bond Climate Care strategy posted a positive performance in November (1.83%), overperforming the European Investment Grade Market (QW5A Index) at 1.58%. Corporate bonds were mostly benefited by the increased probability of a cut in interest rates, investment grade credit spreads slightly decreased over the month.
- A rebalancing of the portfolio occurred on 3rd Oct with a turnover of 30%.
- The index displays good diversification among issuers, sectors and geographies.
- It includes 69 Bonds, among 35 issuers
- The top 3 countries are similar for both the index and the benchmark: France (28% vs 26%), Netherlands (20% vs 22%), Italy (14% vs 7%).
- In terms of sectorial exposures: as expected, given the index thematic, some carbon-intensive sectors are underweighted (Energy, Consumer Cyclical, Utilities), while some low-carbon sectors are overweighed (Technology, Financial, Communications).
- Credit ratings range from Aa3 to Baa3 (as per Moody's), with the median rating being Baa1 (in line with the Benchmark's one)
- In terms of sustainability, the Index meets expectations:
- its Energy Transition score is equal to 75 –scoring scale from 1 to 100- (vs 62 for the Benchmark)
- its Carbon Intensity is 14 tons per million € invested (vs 85 for the Benchmark).
- The Index yield averaged at 3.02% over the month for an average time-to-maturity (at end of November) of 5.68Y, vs 2.89% and 5.87Y for the Benchmark.





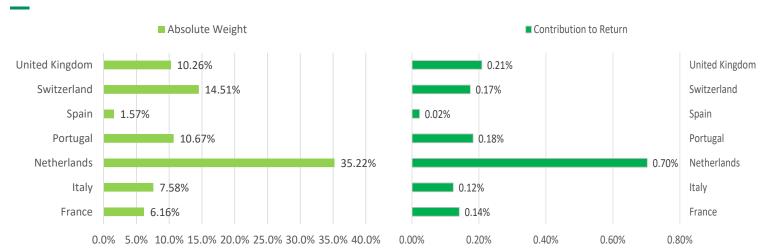


## **BREAKDOWN BY TIME TO MATURITY**



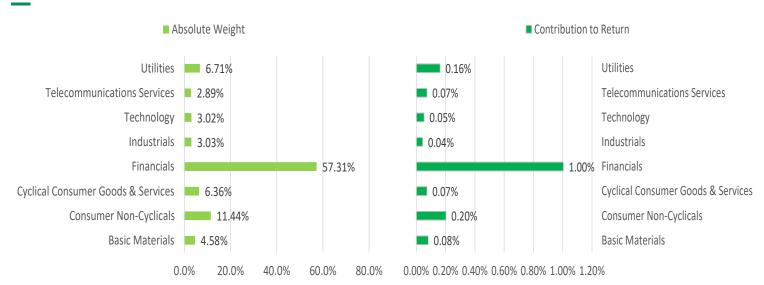
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## **BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRY**



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## **BREAKDOWN BY SECTOR**



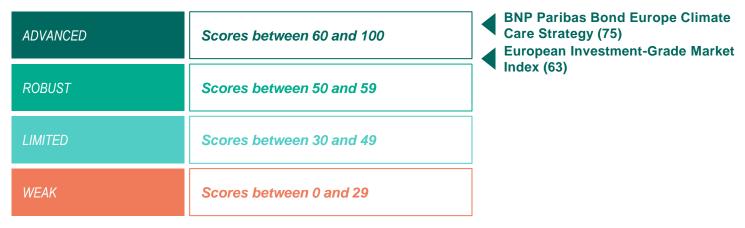
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## **ENERGY TRANSITION SCORE**

Average Pro Forma Energy Transition Strategy score vs. Benchmark portfolio



For illustrative purposes only. Source: Moody's ESG Solutions.

#### **ESG REPORT**

For the latest ESG Report on the THEAM Quant – Bond Climate Carbon Offset Plan fund, please click the banner below.



## **CARBON FOOTPRINT REPORTING: CARBON OFFSET PLAN**

- BNP PARIBAS Asset Management France assesses the carbon footprint of companies (Scope 1 & 2) each quarter, taking into account the composition of the BNP Paribas Bond Europe Climate Care Strategy to determine the amount of VERs necessary for offsetting the carbon emissions.
- BNP PARIBAS Asset Management France then calculates the carbon footprint of fund, this being the carbon footprint of the exposure of the Climate Care investment strategy, at the beginning of the quarter based on the average assets under management (AUM) of the fund over the quarter.

## **CURRENT QUARTER**

Estimated carbon footprint of the Bond Europe Climate Carbon Offset Plan Fund (ton of CO2 for €1M invested in the fund) for 1 year

33

Estimated annualised cost of VER acquisition and servicing necessary to offset the carbon footprint of an investment into the fund expressed in bp of the fund NAV

0.06%







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#### **FUND CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS**

Fund	THEAM QUANT- BOND EUROPE CLIMATE CARBON OFFSET PLAN	Capital protection	No
Management Company	BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Europe	Minimum Investment horizon	3
Comparative Index	No Benchmark	Legal form	SICAV
Assets under Management	EUR 19.23 million as of 29 November 2024	SRI Ranking (scale from 1 to 7)*	3
SFDR article	rticle This products promotes environmental or social characteristics pursuant to article 8 of the EU regulation 2019/2088.		
Share		I ACC EUR	
Launch date		15 April 2021	
ISIN code	LU2051095011		
Bloomberg code	THCOPIC LX		
Ongoing charges	0.44%		
Subscription / Exit fees	None / None		
Minimum subscription	100K € equiv		
Passporting	Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Luxembourg		

<sup>\*</sup>The Summary Risk Indicator is determined on a scale from 1 to 7 (7 being the highest risk level), the higher the risk, the longer the recommended investment horizon.

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The value of investments and the income from them may go down or up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

**Liquidity Risk:** This risk arises from the difficulty of selling an asset at a fair market price and at a desired time due to lack of buyers.

Counterparty Risk: Linked to the default of a counterparty on over-the-counter markets.

**Risk related to the use of forward financial instruments:** In order to achieve its investment objective, the UCITS makes use of forward financial instruments traded over-the-counter that allow it to replicate the performance of the strategy. These instruments may involve a series of risks that could lead to adjustments or even the early termination of the instrument, which may affect the net asset value of the UCITS.

**Risks related to carbon footprint measurement:** The Fund's carbon footprint will be offset based on an estimated carbon footprint at each Strategic Index rebalancing date and offset at the next Strategic Index rebalancing date. Thus, there is a risk of error in the carbon footprint estimation due, in particular, to a risk of deviation between the two rebalancing dates that could lead to an incomplete compensation of the Fund's carbon footprint.

Risks related to the underlying project of the VER certificates: The attention of the unitholders is drawn to the fact that there is a risk of cancellation of the VERs in case of exceptional events (errors, fraud, political risk etc.) affecting the projects at the origin of the issue VER.

For the full list of risks, please refer to the prospectus.





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