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UBAM - EURO CORPORATE IG SOLUTION

Optimising income in EUR with similar risk characteristics as the euro investment-grade corporate bond market UBAM - Euro Corporate IG Solution provides liquid exposure to the European investment-grade market through a top-down investment process.

Key points

- Outperformance of CDS strategies over cash bond strategies over the long term and during crises
- Investment-grade portfolio with a typical maturity of 5 years and no economic leverage
- Top-down macroeconomic-driven process to actively manage the interest rate and credit exposure
- Use of standardised and cleared interest rate and credit derivatives
- Experienced investment professionals with expertise in European investment-grade bond and derivative markets

Investment case

UBAM - Euro Corporate IG Solution was launched with the aim of optimising income in EUR while maintaining similar risk characteristics as the euro investment-grade corporate bond market. The fund uses cleared, liquid CDS indices for credit exposure and fixed income interest rate futures for rate exposure.

Fund concept

UBAM - Euro Corporate IG Solution offers liquid exposure to the European investment-grade market, maintaining abundant liquidity thanks to its exclusive use of CDS indices for credit exposure.

The investment-grade CDS index market offers high liquidity in all market conditions, in particular compared with the traditional bond market, along with very tight and stable bid-offer spreads.

At the neutral point, the fund's risk characteristics of interest rate and credit spread exposure will always match that of the European investment-grade market.

UBAM - Euro Corporate IG Solution is actively managed with the ability to vary interest rates +/- 3 years, credit spreads +/- 3 years and allocate a maximum of 25% to the US.

Outperformance of a EUR IG derivate strategy vs the EUR investment-grade market

Proforma return of the investment-grade market, in EUR after fees



	Strategy ¹	Bond market ²	ETF ³
Annualised return	3.9%	3.7%	3.5%
Annualised volatility	2.8%	3.8%	3.9%
Sharpe Ratio ^a	1.4	1.0	0.9
Maximum drawdown ^b	-5.4%	-8.5%	-14.0%

The ETF was launched on 09.03.2009. The annualised return and annualised volatility above refer to a composite made of the ETF's benchmark before 09.03.2009 and its net returns from 09.03.2009 The performance shown is not that of the fund.

Sources: UBP, Bloomberg Finance L.P., JP Morgan, as of 31.12.2021 – since 31.12.2005.

Proforma returns are hypothetical (do not reflect trading in actual accounts) and are provided for informational purposes only.

¹ Proforma composite, after fees in EUR: iTraxx Main Europe (spread adjusted for ERL0) + 5-year Bund future (modified duration adjusted for ERL0) + eonia index total return.

Fee applied is TER of 35bp. Pro-forma to 29.06.2018, UBAM – Euro Corporate IG Solution thereafter.

² Index ICE BofAML Euro Large Cap Corporates: total return before fees in EUR (ERL0)
³ Composite: after 09.03.2009 – ETF inception = Ishare Core € Corp Bond UCITS ETF: net of fees (TER = 20bp); before 09.03.2009 = Bloomberg Barclays Euro Corporate Bond index (no fees), i.e. the ETF's benchmark a) No risk-free rate, b) Maximum drawdown: peak to trough. Past performance is not an indicator of future results.

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Investment process

The UBAM - Euro Corporate IG Solution's investment process is based on our Fixed Income team's proven macro-driven approach:

- We determine a 6-9-month macroeconomic scenario based on in-house economic indicators and the analysis of business cycles and monetary policies in the main geographical areas. Our in-house indicators have proven consistently effective over the past fifteen years.
- We identify the main market themes, such as monetary policies (LTRO, QE), the eurozone sovereign crisis, banking regulations and their consequences for the investment-grade segment in terms of valuations and investor positioning.
- The resulting top-down allocation view determines our interest rate exposure, credit spread exposure and geographical allocation.

Asset allocation is our key added value in generating outperformance

1. 6- to 9-month macroeconomic scenario

- Proprietary macroeconomic leading indicators (with near 20-year track record)
- Detailed analysis of relevant global business cycle data
- Detailed analysis of central bank policies and reaction functions

2. Identification of overarching market themes

- Monetary policies: LTRO, quantitative easing
- European sovereign crisis
- Banking regulations (Basel III), etc.

3. Top-down allocation view

- Interest rate exposure +/- 3 years
- Credit spread exposure +/- 3 years
- Max 25% allocation to US

Investment guidelines*

- Investment-grade only
- Interest rate exposure: +/- 3 years versus EUR IG market
- Credit spread exposure: +/- 3 years versus EUR IG market
- Maximum exposure to US: 25%

Main risks

Counterparty, Credit, ESG & Sustainability, Liquidity.

Please refer to the prospectus for more detailed information on the specific and material risks relevant to the Fund. This Fund does not include any protection from future market performance, so you could lose some or all of your investment.

Investment team

- Fourteen-strong team overseeing USD 14 billion worth of fixed-income assets as of 30 June 2023
- Proven expertise in CDS index management
- Led by Philippe Gräub, who has over twenty years' financial markets experience

General information

Name	UBAM - Euro Corporate IG Solution	
Legal form	Sub-fund of UBAM, Luxembourg-domiciled SICAV,	
	UCITS	
Base currency	EUR	
Currency-hedged share classes	CHF, GBP, SEK, USD	
Cut-off time	13:00 (LU time)	
Inception date	10.07.2018	
Minimum investment	None	
Liquidity	Daily	
Applicable management fee ¹	AC EUR: 0.25%	
	IC EUR: 0.15%	
	UC EUR: 0.15%	
Registered countries ²	AT, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, IT, LU, NL, NO, PT,	
	SE, SG, UK	

ISIN	AC EUR: LU1808450032	
	IC EUR: LU1808451352	
	UC EUR: LU180845232	
Bloomberg ticker	AC EUR: UBHGAEC LX	
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Investment manager	Union Bancaire Privée, UBP SA	
Depositary bank	BNP Paribas SA, Luxembourg Branch	
Administrator	CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch	
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