# NORTHERN TRUST ASSET MANAGEMENT

# NORTHERN TRUST HIGH QUALITY EURO GOVERNMENT BOND INDEX

Marketing Communication

PASSIVE FIXED INCOME

SHARE CLASS PEUR

AS OF MARCH 2024

# **FUND**

## **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to track the risk and return characteristics of Bloomberg Barclays Euro Sovereign High Quality Index (the "Index").

The Fund invests in bond issues (with a minimum time to maturity of at least one year at the date of its selection for the Index) from those governments making up the European Monetary Union. To remain in the Index the debt of a particular country must retain an index rating of AA3 or better by Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poors credit rating agencies. Further details of the Index constituents, weightings and methodology can be found at: https://indices.barcap.com/Benchmark\_Indices/Index\_Constituents\_for\_UCITS (click on Euro Sovereign High Quality Index).

Target Market: This Fund is appropriate for investors who plan to invest over the medium to long term; and are looking for a passively managed investment in (primarily Government issued) fixed interest securities.

## SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE % — IN EUR AS OF 31/03/24

- Northern Trust High Quality Euro Government Bond Index Fund
- Bloomberg Barclays Euro Sovereign High Quality Index



## Past performance does not predict future returns

	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year*	5 Year*	Since Inception*
Share Class	0.87	-1.34	-1.34	2.57	_	_	-4.90
Index	0.89	-1.31	-1.31	2.69	_	_	-4.80

Performance is calculated from the inception of the share class. All data shown is net of fees. Please refer to the Fund prospectus for pricing information.

## All performance in EUR as of 31/03/24

# 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE PERIODS — TO LAST MONTH END

	31/03/23- 31/03/24	31/03/22- 31/03/23	31/03/21- 31/03/22	31/03/20- 31/03/21	31/03/19- 31/03/20	31/03/18- 31/03/19	31/03/17- 31/03/18	31/03/16- 31/03/17	31/03/15- 31/03/16	31/03/14- 31/03/15	Calendar Year 2023
Share Class	2.57	-12.54	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	6.07
Index	2.69	-12.46	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	6.18

Index performance returns do not reflect any advisory fees, transaction costs or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in any index.

# **RISK WARNINGS**

Credit Risk - A borrower or a counterparty may fail to repay or otherwise fail to meet contractual obligations to the Fund.

Liquidity Risk – Some recognised exchanges are less liquid or more volatile which may affect the price received and time taken when selling investments. Small capitalisation companies are also less liquid and this may result in fluctuations in the price of shares.

Investment Risk - The Fund may not achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Fund involves investment risks including possible loss of the amount invested

Counterparty Risk – In case of bankruptcy of the broker, there is no guarantee collateral held by the broker will be returned to the Fund. In the event of bankruptcy of the counterparty, the premium and any unrealised gains may be lost.

Issuer Risk - The issuer of a bond held within the Fund may not be able to meet its obligations to the Fund.

Derivative Risk - Derivatives may result in gains or losses that are greater than the original amount invested.

Valuation Risk - A position in the Fund may be valued incorrectly, as some prices may be uncertain at a point in time.

Currency Risk - Where a class of shares are in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund, the non-base share classes of the Fund may be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates.

Political Risks - The performance of the Fund may be affected by changes in economic and market conditions due to political developments and changes in government policies.

<sup>\*</sup> Performance shown annualized for periods greater than 1 year.

# NORTHERN TRUST HIGH QUALITY EURO GOVERNMENT BOND INDEX FUND

CREDIT RATING ALLOCATION %		
	Fund	Benchmark
AAA	44.5	44.4
<u>AA</u>	55.3	55.6
Cash Equivalents	0.2	0.0
TOP REGIONS/		
COUNTRIES %	Fund	Benchmark
France	45.6	45.7
Germany	36.0	35.9
Netherlands	8.5	8.5
Austria	6.7	6.9
Finland	2.9	3.0
Others	0.3	0.0
MATURITY		
ALLOCATION %	Fund	Benchmark
0-1yr	0.2	0.0
1yr-2yrs	10.8	10.9
2yrs-3yrs	10.1	10.1
3yrs-5yrs	20.3	20.4
5yrs-7yrs	14.1	14.2
7yrs-10yrs	15.4	15.4
10yrs-15yrs	9.5	9.6
15yrs-20yrs	6.3	6.2
20yrs-25yrs	5.4	5.4
25yrs-30yrs	4.5	4.5
25yrs-30yrs SECTOR	4.5	4.5
	4.5	4.5 Benchmark
SECTOR		

FUND					
OVERVIEW					
Domicile	Ireland				
Legal Structure		ICVC			
Regulatory Structure		UCITS IV			
Currencies Offered	EU	EUR/USD/GBP			
Total Fund Assets	€3	€357.6 Million			
Benchmark Bloomberg B	arclays Euro Sovereign				
	High Q	uality Index			
Fund Launch Date	07/05/13				
Share Class Launch Date		30/03/22			
Fund Base Currency		EUR			
Share Class Currency		EUR			
Bloomberg Ticker		THGBIEP			
ISIN	IE000NOAOE77				
Minimum Initial Investment	€10,000				
Minimum Subsequent Investmen	t N	No Minimum			
Dealing Frequency	Daily				
Dealing Deadline	12:00pm Irish Time on				
Dealing Deadline	the Dealing Day				
Settlement	T+2				
Portfolio Manager	Team Managed				
OCF SHARE CLASS P1 EUR**	0.13%				
Use of Income	Accumulating				
FUND					
CHARACTERISTICS	Fund	Benchmark			
Average Maturity	9.3	9.3			
Duration	7.8	7.8			
Yield to Maturity	2.7	2.7			
Convexity	1.2	1.2			
Current Yield	1.7	1.7			
Total Number of Issues	194.0	191.0			

# NORTHERN TRUST HIGH QUALITY EURO GOVERNMENT BOND INDEX FUND

#### Glossary

Business Related Exclusions: Business related exclusions cover tobacco manufacturing, retail and trade and for-profit prisons.

Duration: is a measure of the sensitivity of the price of a bond or other debt instrument to a change in interest rates.

Forward EPS Growth: is an estimated growth of the next period's earnings of a company, usually till the completion of the current fiscal year and sometimes to the following fiscal year.

ISIN: International Securities Identification Number. It is a 12-digit alphanumeric code that uniquely identifies a specific security.

LT / ST: Long Term / Short Term.

Modified Duration: measures the change in the value of the a bond in response to a change in 100-basis-point (1%) change in interest rates.

Ongoing Charge: is a figure representing all annual charges and other payments taken from the fund.

Price-to-Book Ratio: is used to compare a firm's market capitalization to its book value. It's calculated by dividing the company's stock price per share by its book value per share. Book value is calculated as follows: (total asset - total liabilities) / number of shares outstanding.

Quant Active: securities are chosen based on numerical data compiled through quantitative analysis. It is aiming for high alpha from exposure to multiple factors: proven stock ranking model focused on selecting stocks that exhibit good value, quality, momentum and analyst revisions characteristics etc.

Spread Duration: is an estimate of how much the price of a specific bond will move when the spread of that specific bond changes.

SRRI: is a value based on the volatility of the fund, which gives an indication of the overall risk and reward profile of the fund.

Swing Pricing: protects existing shareholders against fund dilution by passing transaction costs to purchasing or redeeming shareholders. It allows funds to adjust the net asset value up or down once purchase or redemption limits are exceeded.

Trailing 12-month price-to-earnings ratio: is a relative valuation multiple based on the last 12 months of actual earnings, calculated by dividing the current stock price by the trailing EPS for the previous year.

WAL (Nominal Weighted Average Life): A bond's maturity is the length of time until the principal amount of the bond is to be repaid. WAL of the fund is calculated as the average of the underlying bonds' maturities, adjusted to take account of their relative weight (size) within the fund.

WAM (Weighted Average Maturity): A bond's maturity is the length of time until the principal amount of the bond is to be repaid. WAM of the ETF is calculated as the average of the underlying bonds' maturities, adjusted to take account of their relative weight (size) within the fund.

Weighted Average Market Cap: refers to a type of stock market index construction that is based on the market capitalization of the index's constituent stocks. Yield to Maturity (%): is the total return anticipated on a bond if the bond is held until it matures.

## For More Information

Please visit www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds OR please contact your local Northern Trust representative using the information below.

UK	NTAM_UK_Sales@ntrs.com	EMEA	NTAM_EMEA_Sales@ntrs.com
APAC	NTAM_APAC_Sales@ntrs.com	EUROPE/ NORDICS	NTAM_Amsterdam_Sales@ntrs.com
DACH	NTAM_DACH_Sales@ntrs.com		

# DISCLOSURE

© 2024 Northern Trust Corporation. Northern Trust Asset Management (NTAM) is composed of Northern Trust Investments, Inc. (NTI), Northern Trust Global Investments Limited (NTGIL), Northern Trust Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (NTFMIL), Northern Trust Global Investments Japan, K.K. (NTKK), NT Global Advisors, Inc., 50 South Capital Advisors, LLC, Northern Trust Asset Management Australia Pty Ltd and investment personnel of The Northern Trust Company of Hong Kong Limited (TNTCHK) and The Northern Trust Company (TNTC).

This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus and to the KIID before making any final investment decisions. The prospectus is available in English and the key investor information document is available in [English, Danish, Dutch, Italian, German, Spanish and Swedish] at www.northerntrust.com/pooledfunds.

For Asia-Pacific markets, this material is directed to expert, institutional, professional and wholesale investors only and should not be relied upon by retail clients or investors. For legal and regulatory information about our offices and legal entities visit northerntrust.com/disclosures.

The Fund is managed by Northern Trust Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited. The Fund is a sub-fund of Northern Trust Investment Funds plc which is a regulated collective investment scheme in Ireland under Central Bank of Ireland UCITS regulations. The Fund makes use of the Temporary Permissions Regime in the United Kingdom allowing EEA-domiciled funds to be distributed in the UK for a limited period until full authorisation is obtained.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Information contained herein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but its accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed. Information is only current as of the date stated and is subject to change without notice. Fund performance data provided herein should not be relied upon as a basis for investment decisions; performance data may be revised. This information does not constitute a recommendation for any investment strategy or product described herein. This information is not intended as investment advice and does not take into account an investor's individual circumstances. The information contained in this document is neither an offer for sale nor a solicitation of an offer to buy securities or related financial instruments.

Our UCITS Funds have been categorized in accordance with the SFDR categorization. For more information please visit:

northerntrust.com/europe/what-we-do/investment-management/sustainable-finance-regulation.

Issued in the United Kingdom by Northern Trust Global Investments Limited. Issued in the EEA by Northern Trust Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited.

