

ZEST GLOBAL BONDS

UCITS FUND

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# The Zest Global Bonds

| Name of the Scheme                            | Zest Asset Management UCITS SICAV (Luxembourg) |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Name of the sub-fund                          | Zest Global Bonds                              |
| Management Company and Fund Admin             | Fund Partner Solutions SA (Pictet Group)       |
| Depositary Bank and Transfer Agent            | Pictet & Cie (Europe) SA                       |
| Investment Manager                            | Zest SA (Switzerland)                          |
| R EUR Share Class                             | ISIN CODE: LU1860670881                        |
| R EUR Share Class                             | Management Fee: 1.20% p.a.                     |
| On-going charges (one year charges – Class R) | 2.01% (as per PRIPS KID as of 01/06/2023)      |
| I EUR Share Class                             | ISIN CODE: LU1860670618                        |
| I EUR Share Class                             | Management Fee: 0.80% p.a.                     |
| On-going charges (one year charges – Class I) | 1.60% (as per PRIPS KID as of 01/06/2023)      |
| Subscription Fee                              | Up to 3%                                       |
| Redemption / Switch Fee                       | 0%                                             |
| Performance Fees                              | No Performance Fee                             |
| NAV Calculation, Subs and Reds                | Daily frequency                                |

# The Fund Manager





Alberto Conca

Chief Investment Officer and Fund Manager

Alberto is the Fund Manager of the Zest Global Bonds Fund

Alberto has over 20 years of experience in portfolio management, having worked in the United States, Ireland, Italy and Switzerland. After graduating in Economics from the University of Pavia, Alberto moved to Connecticut (USA), where he worked on the development of non-linear models for the prediction of volatility. He later returned to Italy and worked for RAS, becoming the Head of Equity at Aletti Gestielle. Alberto then worked as a fund manager for Kairos Alternative Investments, and at Pioneer Alternative Investments, where he comanaged the Global Long Short Fund from Ireland. In 2008, he arranged and managed funds at Sequoia and later at Lemanik. He cofounded AQA Capital in 2015 and then joined Zest in 2018 as partner and CIO. Alberto is now partner of LFG Holding, the group under which LFG+ZEST operates.

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### **GEOGRAPHIES**

FOCUS ON EUROPEAN MARKETS

### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

STRAIGHT CORPORATE BOND

NO STRUCTURED PRODUCTS

NO SYHNTETIC INSTRUMENTS

### **INDUSTRIES**

NO SECTORIAL BIAS



### **INVESTMENT APPROACHES**

DURATION < 5 years (except for perpetuals)

DIVERSIFICATION (max 3.5% single stocks)

YTM > 2.5%

### **TARGET COMPANIES**

LARGE CAP

HIGH LIQUIDITY

CASH FLOW GENERATION

## **PROPRIETARY MODELS**

SECTOR ANALYZER

BOND SELECTION

**MARKET TIMING** 

## Solid Issuers



The Zest Global Bonds is a straight corporate bond fund, which adopts a simple investment guideline: investments are made only in bonds issued by corporations that, based on our fundamental analysis, are able to repay the bond at maturity with cash currently on hand plus the free cash flow generate between now and maturity date.

Key figures (as of 29.02.2024)

AUM - Total: 36'760'301

Average duration: 2,63 years

Average Current Yield: 6,10%

### Consideration

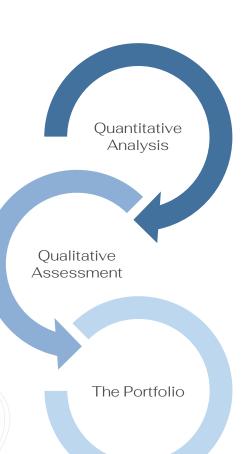
ZEST GLOBAL BONDS Fund has 5 years track record, even if...

... the methodology used has a solid almost 10 years track record, having been applied to the AQA SELECTIVE INCOME Fund, which results to be among the best funds within the Corporate Bond US Universe in every time frame horizon

# A three stage process



Quant meets Fundamentals to unlock investment potential/opportunities



A proprietary, sophisticated multi-factor model to filter the investment universe.

An extensive analysis of companies' business model, its competitors, and the long-term strategy, integrating qualitative factors to uncover overlooked investment opportunities and drive long-term value creation.

A comprehensive list of long-term investment opportunities, regularly monitored is used to actively manage the fund's portfolio. Backed by dedicated market timing tools, we conduct daily portfolio review, with monthly rebalancing.

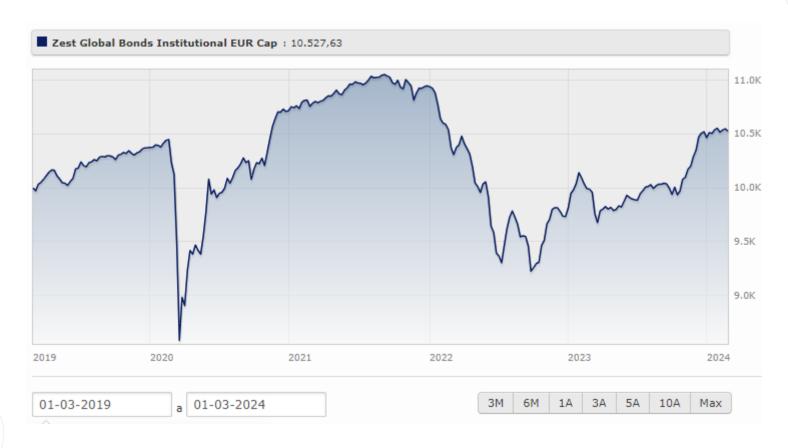


PERFORMANCE AND PORTFOLIO





\*Results and performance are updated as of the 29.02.2024



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# 1 Year Performance vs Morningstar Category

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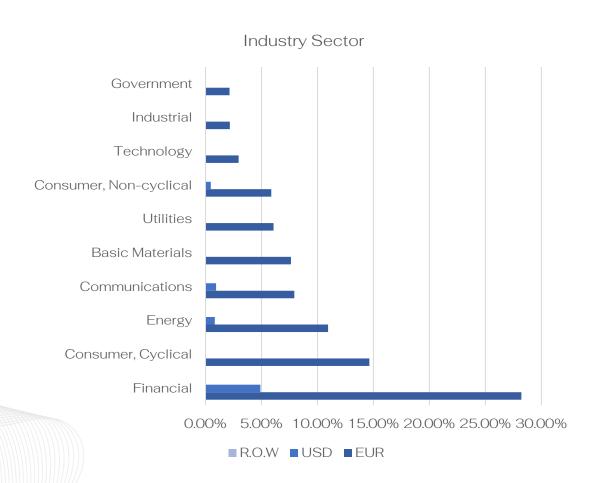


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# Portfolio breakdown: sectorial exposure

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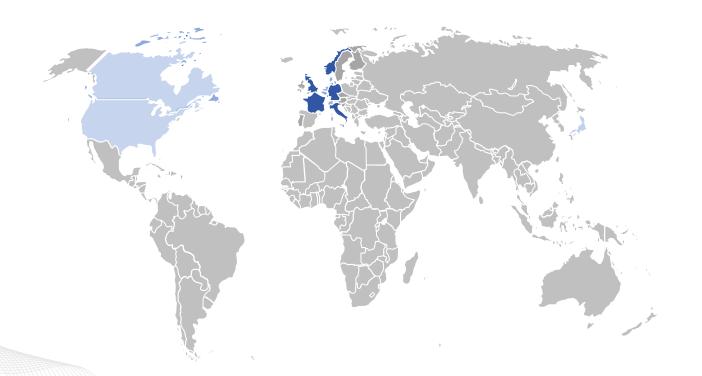


|                        | <b>CURRENCY EXPOSURE</b> |       |       |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| INDUSTRY SECTOR        | EUR                      | USD   | R.O.W |
| Financial              | 28.2%                    | 4.9%  | 0.0%  |
| Consumer, Cyclical     | 14.6%                    | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Energy                 | 10.9%                    | 0.8%  | 0.0%  |
| Communications         | 7.9%                     | 0.9%  | 0.0%  |
| Basic Materials        | 7.6%                     | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Utilities              | 6.1%                     | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Consumer, Non-cyclical | 5.9%                     | 0.5%  | 0.0%  |
| Technology             | 3.0%                     | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Industrial             | 2.2%                     | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Government             | 2.2%                     | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| TOTAL                  | 88.62%                   | 7.15% | 0.0%  |



# Portfolio breakdown: geographical exposure

\*Portfolio breakdown is updated as of the 31.01.2024



| GEOGPRAPHIC EXPOSURE |        |  |  |
|----------------------|--------|--|--|
| Fixed Income         |        |  |  |
| ITALY                | 28.83% |  |  |
| FRANCE               | 17.19% |  |  |
| UNITED STATES        | 11.09% |  |  |
| NETHERLANDS          | 7.87%  |  |  |
| SPAIN                | 5.66%  |  |  |
| BRITAIN              | 4.35%  |  |  |
| AUSTRIA              | 4.05%  |  |  |
| LUXEMBOURG           | 3.32%  |  |  |
| GERMANY              | 2.91%  |  |  |
| MEXICO               | 2.25%  |  |  |
| JAPAN                | 1.63%  |  |  |
| SWEDEN               | 1.22%  |  |  |
| HUNGARY              | 1.17%  |  |  |
| DENMARK              | 0.98%  |  |  |
| NORWAY               | 0.83%  |  |  |
| IRELAND              | 0.73%  |  |  |
| ISLE OF MAN          | 0.73%  |  |  |
| PORTUGAL             | 0.70%  |  |  |
| SWITZERLAND          | 0.25%  |  |  |
| TOTAL                | 95.77% |  |  |



OUR METHODOLOGY



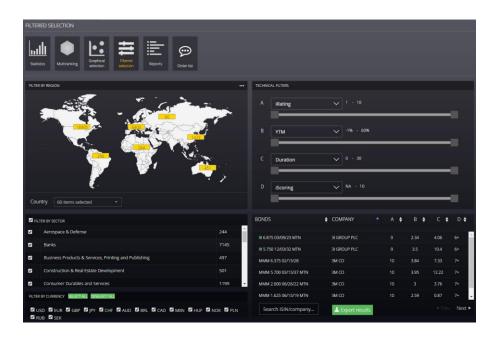
# Screening Software

We use a Software to perform a first screening of the Investable Universe with given sectorial preferences and different risk/reward profiles, at any given time

The Investable Universe is created over some key requirements:

- ♦ Only EU or US Issuers
- ♦ EUR Currency
- ♦ Duration < 5 (except for perpetual)</p>
- ♦ YTM > 2.5%

The output consists in around 1500 emissions



# Our three-stage process

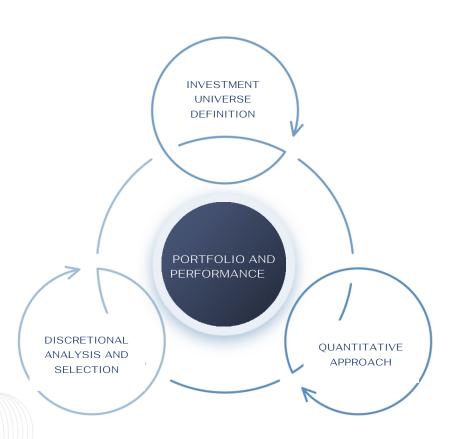


We insert additional filters to reach an average duration of 2-4 years and an average YTM superior to 2.5%, taking into consideration only High-Quality ISSUERS according to our methodology



# Quantitative meet discretional





### INVESTMENT UNIVERSE DEFINITION

Creation of ad hoc screens through a dedicated software, Issuers are selected and categorized by:

- ✓ Country
- ✓ Sector
- ✓ Duration
- ✓ YTM
- ✓ Liquidity

### QUANTITATIVE APPROACH

The issuers are analyzed with proprietary quantitative models to define an investable universe

### DISCRETIONARY ANALYSIS AND SELECTION

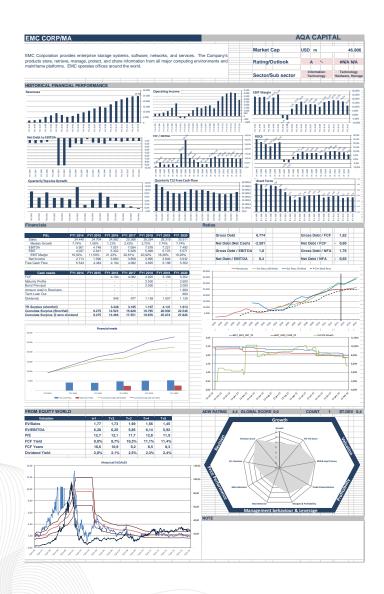
Fundamental analysis on the issuers and support by proprietary tools to select single names and take the investment decision



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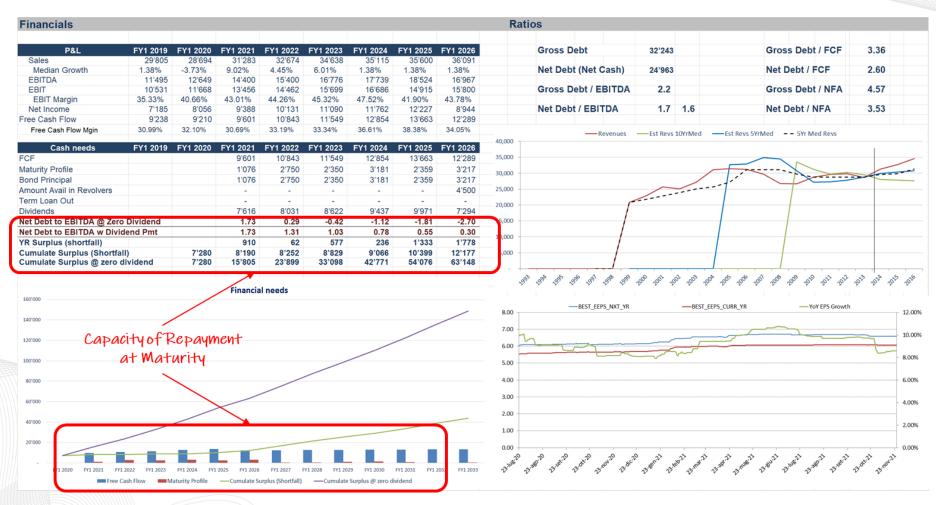


- 20+ years of historical data
- Different time horizons trends
- ➤ 5+ years of Consensus estimates
- Cash surplus/deficit analysis
- ➤ Liquidity & Credit Analysis
- Equity Analyzer tool (70 Indexes ca)



## Fundamental Bond Evaluator tool: zoom in

The below shows an extract taken from the proprietary Bond Evaluator tool, that supports the evaluation of companies' key financial ratios to assess the free cash flow of the issuers and to assess their capacity of repaying debts at maturity





FUND STRUCTURE







# Counterparties

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## Management Company



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## Investment Manager



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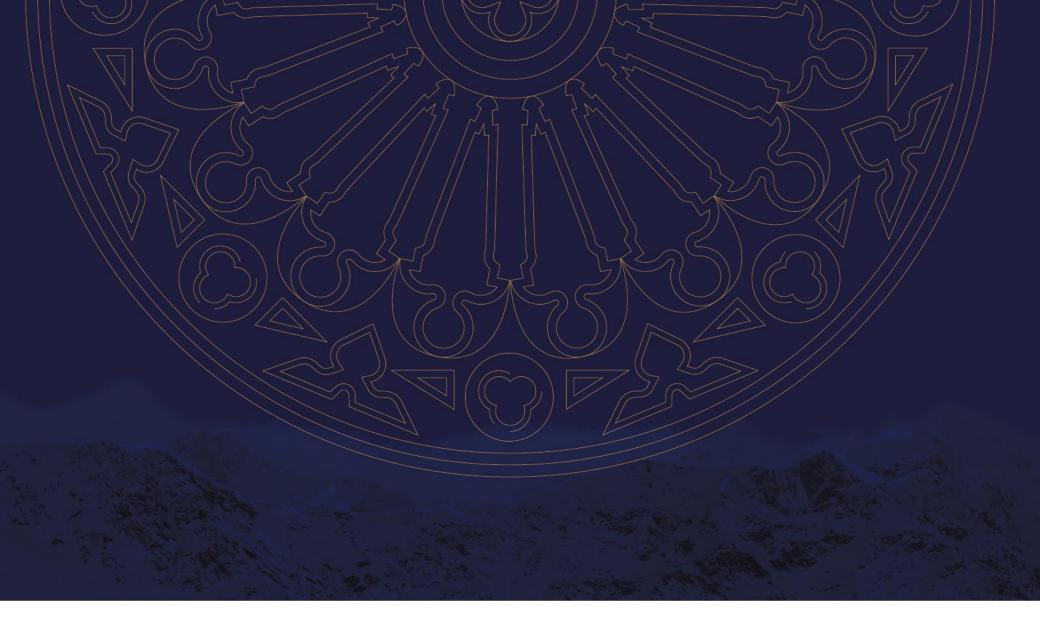
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