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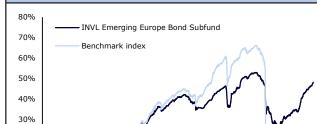
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## **FACTS STRATEGY** The objective of the subfund is to ensure balanced Management company SB Asset Management growth of the assets of the subfund by investing at LTIF00000468 ISIN code least 85 percent of its net assets in the investment units of Class I of the fund INVL Emerging Europe Inception date 2010-10-29 Bond Fund (hereinafter - the Master Fund) of the umbrella investment fund INVL Fund intended for Minimum investment FUR 0 institutional investors established in the Grand AUM, EUR M 8.3 Duchy of Luxembourg. This way, the subfund will operate as a feeder subfund. In its turn, the Master Strategy AUM, EUR M 264 Fund invests up to 100 percent of its assets in Management fee 0.45% government and corporate debt securities in Emerging Europe. Currency **EUR** Recommended investment term - minimum 1 - 2 Lithuania, Latvia, Denmark, Finland, years. Countries of distribution Norway, Germany

For more information on the fund (prospectus, benchmark, results) please click on the link below: https://www.sb.lt/lt/privatiems/investavimas/investiciniai-fondai/invl-besivystancios-europos-obligaciju-subfondas





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## FUND MANAGER COMMENT

**RESULTS** 

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July was a positive month for INVL Emerging Europe Bond subfund as it returned 1.2%, slightly underperforming the benchmark index which appreciated by 1.3%. However, looking at year to date results, the fund has outperformed its benchmark by more than 1.5%, as a result of having quality issuers in its portfolio.

Normalising inflation rate (3.0% reading in July vs 3.1% consensus) and weaker employment data has led FED officials to comment on a real possibility to cut interest rates as early as September. Consequently, US 10-year government yield contracted more than 40 bps, as the market is now (as of July 31st) pricing in 3 rate cuts until the end of the year. European markets experienced a similar trend in interest rate expectations, though to a lesser extent. In Central and Eastern Europe, Ukraine has agreed on a restructuring scheme with a committee of international bondholders, which will see a 37% nominal value write off from the current bond debt, while also restructuring the interest payment structure. In Turkey, Moody's raised the sovereign's credit rating to B1 (now rated B+ by all rating agencies) citing return to orthodox monetary policy.

Moldavian high-yield name Trans-Oil continued to be the largest contributor to the fund's positive performance. While there were no company-specific news, investors are increasingly confident in the likelihood of successful refinancing of the issue, as the company maintains a strong financial position and has experienced minimal negative impact from the conflict in Ukraine. In terms of trading, the fund continued to add longer-duration issues to capture the upside from the declining interest rate environment. Additionally, we increased the fund's position in AirBaltic 2029 bonds at a 13% yield to maturity. Overall, the fund maintains lower interest rate sensitivity than the benchmark (3.0 and 4.5 duration respectively) while having higher yield to maturity (5.6% vs 5.5% respectively).

<sup>\*</sup>Standard deviation is used to measure risk. Standard deviation is an indicator that measures how strongly fund's daily return deviates from its mean. The lower the standard deviation the lower the fund's risk. The standard deviation value corresponds to the period shown in the historical returns graph.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Sharpe ratio measures the performance of an investment compared to a risk-free asset, after adjusting for its risk. The greater a portfolio's Sharpe ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance. Sharpe ratio value corresponds to the period shown in the historical returns graph.

\*\*\*Benchmark index:

<sup>50%</sup> Bloomberg Pan Euro EM: Europe Total Return Index Unhedged EUR (I04339EU Index)

<sup>40%</sup> Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield (Euro) TR Index (I02501EU Index)

<sup>10%</sup> European Central Bank ESTR OIS Index (OISESTR Index)

Consumer Staples

Real Estate

Financials

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Government

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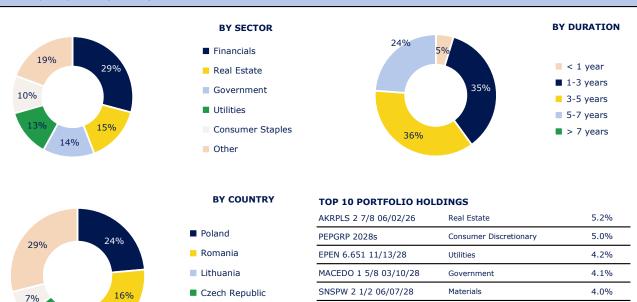
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## **BREAKDOWN OF INVESTMENTS**



ARAGVI 8.45 04/29/26

GWILN 6 1/4 03/31/30

TVLRO 8 7/8 04/27/27

LHVGRP 8 3/4 10/03/27

LITHUN 28

The Fund does not invest and does not have exposure to Russian and Belarusian bonds

Estonia

Other

## **REASONS TO INVEST**

14%

- Combination of only hard currency (EUR or USD) sovereign and corporate debt ensures attractive yield, while limited credit and duration risk provides for low volatility.
- Fund maintains average investment grade credit rating. Lower government debt levels Central and Eastern Europe 53%, Eurozone 90% (as of the end of Q3 2023).
- Active share of over 80% (creating value through off-benchmark picks, participation in primary issues, inefficiencies in the market).
- Historical Sharpe ratio exceeding 1 places the fund among the best Emerging Europe bond funds in the world by risk-adjusted returns.

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