

### **INVL GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS BOND SUBFUND**

August 2024

#### STRATEGY FACTS

The objective of INVL Global Emerging Markets Bond Subfund is a maximum total return, consistent with preservation of invested capital. Focused on hard-currency sovereign and corporate debt securities in Emerging Markets, the fund aims to capture higher yields and growth potential in rapidly developing economies.

The fund is restricted to buying EUR and USD denominated securities only, while at the same time hedging the USD risk, providing its investors the return in EUR.

Recommended investment term - minimum 2 years.

Management company

ISIN code

LTIF00000666

Inception date

2016-07-01

Minimum investment

AUM, EUR M

11.2

Strategy AUM, EUR M

318

Management fee 1.25%

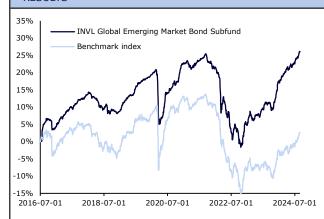
Countries of distribution Lithuania, Sweden, Finland, Norway

**EUR** 

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-besivystanciu-pasaulio-rinku-obligaciju-subfondas

Currency

#### **RESULTS**



	Fund	Benchmark ***
Return YTD	7.2%	5.1%
Return 1Y	13.2%	10.4%
Return 3Y	1.0%	-9.6%
3 year annualised return	0.3%	-3.3%
Return since inception	26.1%	2.6%
Volatility (St. deviation)*	3.3%	5.5%
Duration	3.9	6.4
YTM	6.4%	4.9%
Sortino ratio**	-0.4	-1.0

## **FUND MANAGER COMMENT**

August was a positive month for INVL Global Emerging Markets Bond subfund as it returned 1.3%, underperforming the benchmark index which appreciated by 1.9%, as the benchmark is considerably more sensitive to changes in interest rate expectations. However, looking at year to date results, the fund has outperformed its benchmark by more than 2.1%, as a result of having quality issuers in its portfolio.

Weak employment data and concerns of a slowing US economy have continued to weigh on yield expectations as market priced in even more rate cuts until the end of the year. 4 rate cuts are now priced in during the remaining three FED meetings of the year, meaning that one of the rate cuts is expected to even be 50 bps, instead of the regular 0.25%. Expectations of rate cuts in Europe did not change much throughout the month, as inflation has been close to target levels for some time. While primary market was very muted during much of August, the last week of the month started seeing activity as Bulgaria raised a total of ~4.3 bln. EUR with three separate issues (3 bln. EUR denominated and 1.5 USD denominated), finalizing its financing needs for the year. From relevant corporate issuers, Czech utilities group CEZ Group successfully issued a 7Y 700 mln. EUR bond and Lithuanian Šiaulių Bankas issued a 300 mln. EUR bond. All of the new issues were heavily oversubscribed (up to 5x), showing the high market's demand after a relatively quiet holiday period. Emerging Markets enjoyed a strong month in bond performance, buoyed by weaker dollar and the aforementioned lower US interest rate expectations.

During the month we exited Dominican Republic bonds. Rationale for the exit was quite clear – bond outperformed the Global EM benchmark index by ~15% since acquisition in May 2021 and spread to the index had fallen to a record negative 130 bps (~180 bps contraction since acquisition). Instead, we switched to a new sovereign position – Panama. Panama is investment grade-rated by 2 rating agencies (BBB/Baa3, while Dominican Republic has composite BB- rating), has government debt to GDP of just over 50% and provides a higher yield to maturity than previously held Dominican bonds. Overall, the fund maintains lower interest rate sensitivity than the benchmark (3.9 and 6.4 duration respectively) while having higher yield to maturity (6.4% vs 4.9% respectively).

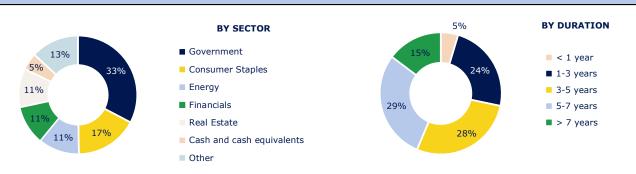
100% Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate Total Return Index Value Hedged EUR (H00014EU Index)

<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>Sortino ratio is used to measure the risk-adjusted return of the portfolio. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but penalizes only those returns falling below required rate of return. Sortino ratio is obtained from Bloomberg which measures the ratio over a 3-year period at a daily granularity.
\*\*\*Rependment index:



### **BREAKDOWN OF INVESTMENTS**





#### **TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

Real Estate	4.8%
Energy	4.2%
Financials	4.1%
Consumer Staples	4.1%
Government	4.1%
Materials	4.0%
Energy	3.9%
Consumer Discretionary	3.8%
Real Estate	3.7%
Consumer Staples	3.6%
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The Fund does not invest and does not have exposure to Russian and Belarusian bonds

### **REASONS TO INVEST**

- Historically, Emerging market economies have been growing almost twice as fast as Developed markets.
- Government debt levels in emerging markets are twice as low as in developed countries.
- High active share investing into up to 25 most attractive investments by identified market mispricings, EUR and USD issues arbitrage and off-benchmark opportunities while avoiding certain issuers.
- Relatively low volatility due to investments in shorter-duration corporate bonds and less indebted as well as better rated government and off-benchmark picks.
- Combination of only hard currency (USD risk hedged to EUR) sovereign and corporate debt ensures attractive yield, while limited credit and duration risk provides for low volatility.

# COMPANY CONTACT

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