# Sustainable Euro Investment Grade Credit

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# **Objective**

Seeks to generate consistent excess returns versus the benchmark utilizing a conservative alpha investment process which combines a top-down market view with bottom-up corporate fundamental analysis while implementing an integrated sector and issuer selection process based on stringent ESG criteria

#### **Benchmark**

iBoxx Euro Corporate Overall Total Return Index

## **Highlights**

- Combines a top-down market view with bottom-up corporate fundamental analysis
- Actively managed strategy that invests primarily in investment grade, euro-denominated corporate bonds
- Strong beta-driven risk orientation
- · Diversified strategy with uncorrelated positions

#### Portfolio Construction:

- Investment Grade Corporates 90-100%
- BB Corporates 0-10%

#### Beta Ranges vs Benchmark:

- Overall portfolio (-30% | +30%)
- Sector level (-5% | +5%)
- Issuer level (-3% | +3%)
- Duration is managed with a narrow range to the benchmark

Facts	
Strategy inception	5/18/21
Composite inception	7/1/21
Strategy assets	\$1,461.3M
Composite assets	\$1,368.7M

Portfolio characteristics	Composite	Index
Average maturity	5.19 yrs	4.99 yrs
Average duration	4.54 yrs	4.46 yrs
Average yield	3.69%	3.68%
Average credit quality	А3	A3
Average number of issues	384	3,791
Weighted average coupon	2.35%	0.00%
Z-Spread	85	82

#### **Composite Performance (%)**

CUMULATIVE RETURN			AVERAGE ANNUALIZED RETURN				
	3 MO	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
GROSS	0.52	0.52	7.48	-	-	-	-1.72
NET	0.44	0.44	7.16	-	-	-	-2.01
BENCHMARK	0.35	0.35	6.72	-	-	-	-2.76

Returns are shown in EUR. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. Returns are shown in US dollars and are annualized for one and multi-year periods. Gross returns are net of trading costs. Net returns are gross returns less effective management fees.

There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be realized or that the strategy will generate positive or excess return.

Average Yield is Yield to Effective Maturity. Duration and Maturity for equity securities are deemed to be zero.

The Z-spread, also known as the zero-volatility spread, is a measure used in fixed income markets to measure a portfolio's credit risk in relation to the risk-free rate. A larger Z-spread indicates higher credit risk and, a smaller Z-spread indicates

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SECTOR DISTRIBUTION (%)			
	Composite	Index	
Banks	31.4	30.8	
Utilities	11.4	11.3	
Health Care	7.5	5.5	
Telecommunications	7.1	5.3	
Real Estate	5.9	4.8	
Industrial Goods & Services	4.8	5.5	
Financial Services	4.5	3.0	
Food & Beverage	4.0	4.6	
Insurance	4.0	4.1	
Automobiles & Parts	4.0	5.9	
Infrastructure	2.8	3.4	
Technology	2.3	2.6	
Chemicals	2.0	2.0	
Personal & Household Goods	1.9	2.7	
Construction & Materials	1.8	1.4	
Travel & Leisure	1.0	1.2	
Government Bonds	1.0	-	
Media	1.0	1.2	
Retail	0.2	0.8	
Futures	-	-	
Basic Resources	-	0.4	
Oil & Gas	-	3.5	
Cash	1.4	-	

COUNTRY DISTRIBUTION (%)			
	Composite	Index	
United States	21.8	18.6	
France	18.2	20.9	
Germany	10.7	14.3	
United Kingdom	10.1	7.4	
Netherlands	8.2	6.3	
Sweden	5.2	2.9	
Spain	4.8	5.9	
Switzerland	4.1	2.8	
Belgium	3.2	2.2	
Other	13.7	18.7	

CREDIT QUALITY (%)		
	Composite	Index
AAA	1.0	0.6
AA	14.8	13.4
A	48.5	47.3
BAA	33.3	38.6
BA	0.5	0.1
Not Rated	0.6	-
Cash & Equivalents	1.4	-

MATURITY DISTRIBUTION (%)			
	Composite	Index	
Less than 1 Yr.	2.4	1.7	
1 to 3 Yrs.	23.2	31.5	
3 to 5 Yrs.	24.4	27.2	
5 to 7 Yrs.	31.2	18.0	
7 to 10 Yrs.	11.5	14.8	
10 Yrs. or more	5.9	6.9	
Cash & Equivalents	1.4	-	

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## **Key Risks**

Credit Risk, Issuer Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Liquidity Risk, Non-US Securities Risk, Currency Risk, Prepayment Risk and Extension Risk. Investing involves risk including possible loss of principal

Due to rounding, Sector, Country, Credit Quality and Maturity distribution totals may not equal 100%. This portfolio is actively managed and characteristics are subject to change. Credit Quality reflects the highest credit rating assigned to individual holdings of the composite among Moody's, S&P or Fitch; ratings are subject to change. Cash & Equivalents may include unsettled trades, fees and/or derivatives.

The Composite includes all discretionary accounts with market values greater than €20 million managed by Loomis Sayles that seek to add value for clients primarily through seeking to generate consistent excess returns versus the benchmark utilizing a conservative alpha investment process. This process combines a top-down market view with bottom-up corporate fundamental analysis whereby ESG is fully integrated. This results in an actively managed, diversified strategy, with strong beta-driven risk orientation and uncorrelated positions. The Composite invests primarily in euro-denominated, investment grade corporate bonds. Accounts may allow up to 10% in BB-rated securities and up to 10% in non-EUR denominated securities, albeit hedged for currency and interest rate risk. Portfolio duration is managed within a narrow range to the benchmark. The strategy excludes investments in certain sectors and companies based on ESG screening criteria. The Composite inception date is July 1, 2021. The Composite was created in 2023. For additional information on this and other Loomis Sayles strategies, please visit our web site at www.loomissayles.com.