



## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

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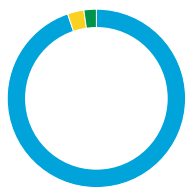
■ Top 10 issuers 24.8%  
■ Rest of portfolio 75.2%  
No. of issuers 119

### TOP 10 ISSUERS (%)

Bundesrepublik Deutschland	7.6
Caisse Nationale De Credit Agricole	2.2
Rabobank Nederland	2.2
Deutsche Telekom AG	2.1
BMW AG	2.1
ABN Amro Bank NV	1.9
RWE AG	1.7
Goldman Sachs Group Inc	1.7
Citigroup Inc	1.6
Banque Federative Du Credit Mutuel	1.6

### TOP SECTOR OVER/UNDERWEIGHTS (%)

	Fund	Benchmark	Relative	
Sovereign	10.7	-	10.7	█
Cash and Equivalents	1.9	-	1.9	█
Utilities	12.8	11.2	1.6	█
Covered	1.2	-	1.2	█
Banks	29.7	28.7	1.0	█
Consumer Services	4.3	3.5	0.7	█
Insurance	5.0	5.1	-0.1	
Financial Services	1.9	2.8	-0.9	█
Health Care	3.8	5.2	-1.4	█
Basic Materials	1.6	3.1	-1.5	█
Telecommunications	5.6	7.4	-1.8	█
Consumer Goods	10.7	13.4	-2.7	█
Oil & Gas	1.6	5.0	-3.4	█
Industrials	4.3	8.9	-4.6	█



### CURRENCY (%)

■ EUR	94.7
■ USD	3.0
■ GBP	2.3

This is the currency breakdown before allowing for any hedging the fund may use. We aim to hedge the portfolio 100% back to the base currency.

### CREDIT RATING (%)

	Fund	Benchmark	Relative	
AAA	11.9	0.5	11.3	█
AA	6.9	10.4	-3.5	█
A	33.8	40.3	-6.5	█
BBB	40.5	48.7	-8.2	█
BB	4.4	-	4.4	█
B	0.7	-	0.7	█
NR	0.0	-	-	
Cash	1.9	-	1.9	█

## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

After a strong July, risky assets had a much more difficult August. In Europe, the Morandi bridge collapse and budget uncertainty led to weakness across Italian assets. The banking sector was particularly impacted, which led to weakness across broader European financials. Within investment grade credit, sterling bonds outperformed euro-denominated bonds, while emerging markets had a challenging time.

Credit spreads widened in August after tightening in July and fund outperformed the benchmark due to our cautious positioning across both sector allocation and stock selection. In particular, idiosyncratic risks were heightened during the month. The portfolio had no exposure to the issuer associated the bridge collapse in Italy. One of our portfolio themes is being underweight European companies that are more exposed to emerging markets. This theme worked well over the month given the sell-off in emerging market-related assets.

Looking ahead, strong US economic data should encourage further US monetary policy tightening. Other developed market central banks, notably the ECB, are also expected to gradually withdraw policy support. The technical backdrop for corporate bond markets can often be difficult in September as issuance accelerates, and we will also see the political cycle hot up with the Italian budget and US/China trade negotiations coming to the fore. We continue to hold a cautious portfolio stance but we will evaluate the risk/reward profile in markets and adjust portfolio risk accordingly. We also expect a heavy issuance calendar in September.



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### FUND MANAGERS

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- The fund could lose money if any institution providing services such as acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the fund.
- Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset on which they are based and can increase the size of losses and gains.
- The fund may have underlying investments that are valued in currencies that are different from the currency of this share class. Any such investments will be impacted by exchange rate fluctuations and this may affect the value of your investment and any income from it. Currency hedging techniques may be applied to reduce the impact of exchange rate fluctuations but may not entirely eliminate it.
- We may take some or all of the ongoing charges from the fund's capital rather than the fund's income. This increases the amount of income, but it reduces the growth potential and may lead to a fall in the value of the fund.
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