

# **MWM SICAV - Bond Opportunities B - Acc**

Monthly summary report

as at 30 September 2020



## **Investment Objective**

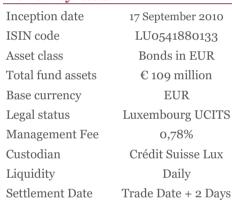
The fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over the medium term by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities (investment-grade corporate bonds, government bonds, high yield and emerging market debt as well as convertible bonds). The main focus is put on bottom-up selection. Interest rate as well as credit risks are managed actively.

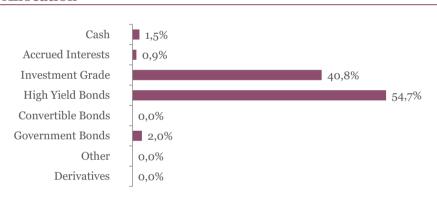
<b>Latest Update</b>		Performance	1M	3M	YTD	2019	2018	2017	5Y
NAV per share	129,33	Bond Opportunities B	0,04%	1,83%	-3,23%	7,09%	-4,89%	4,87%	8,99%
2020 year-to-date return	-3,23%								

## **Fund key facts**

as at end of September 2020

## **Asset Allocation**





Currency breakdown	EUR	USD	JPY
Exposure	90,5%	4,7%	4,8%

Top 10 bond holdings	YTM	Rating	Weight	Sector breakdown
BANQ FED CRD MUT : BFCM 1 5/8 11/15/2	0,9%	BBB+	2,4%	Communication Services 7,6%
SEB SA: SKFP 1 3/8 06/16/25	1,1%	NR	2,3%	Consumer Discretionary 14,3%
ISS GLOBAL A/S : ISSDC 1 1/2 08/31/27	1,3%	BBB	2,3%	Consumer Staples Diversified  10,2% 9,4%
LVMH MOET HENNES: MCFP o 1/8 o2/11	0,1%	A+	2,3%	Energy 1,8%
WHIRLPOOL EMEA: WHR 0 1/2 02/20/28	1,0%	BBB	2,2%	Financials Health Care 10,2%
BTPS: BTPS 2 1/2 11/15/25	0,3%	BBB-	2,0%	Industrials 13,7%
GRAND CITY PROP : GYCGR 1 1/2 02/22/2	0,6%	BBB+	1,9%	Information Technology 2,2%
AB INBEV SA/NV : ABIBB 1 1/8 07/01/27	0,3%	BBB+	1,9%	Materials Real Estate 7,8%
SIG COMBIBLOC PU : SIGCBL 2 1/8 06/18/	1,4%	BB	1,9%	Utilities 2,9%
SYNLAB BONDCO: LABFP Float 07/01/25	3,8%	В	1,8%	Government Bonds ABS/CLO Cash & Equiv.  2,0% 0,0% 2,4%



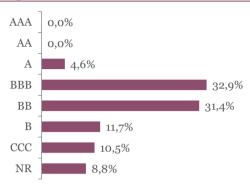
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## **Duration breakdown**

### 19,6% 17,0% 17,9% 14,6% 14,4% 4,9% 1.8% 1.8% 0,0% 0,0% 8 2 6 7 3 a 0 4 5 10 10+

## Rating breakdown



## **Top funds holdings**

ISHARES EURO HY High Yield Bonds 9,4%

### **Market Review**

September was an interesting month for fixed income markets as it marked the first month since March that credit spreads did not grind in following the Covid-19 sell-off (IG +4 bps, HY +23 bps). It was due to the combination of economic indicators showing a slowing pace of recovery in Europe (Composite PMI -1.8 pt to 50.1 pts) alongside worrying rises in coronavirus case counts.

In this context, government bonds performed positively (Bund 10Y -13 bps to -0.52%) on central banks remaining supportive by standing ready to act further if necessary. The BoE also disclosed it was briefed on how negative rates could be implemented effectively. Italian bonds led peripheral outperformance (BTP 10Y spread -10 bps to 139 bps) after prime minister Conte's success in regional elections, constitutional referendum.

## **Portfolio Performance**

The fund gained 0.04% in August. Investment grade bonds performed positively thanks to the yield effect and bond selection (Whirlpool, Fedex, Terega, IFF, Ceetrus, Sanef, BTP). By contrast, high yield bonds declined as credit spreads widened. Casino, Burger King, Loxam, Altice, Spie and Iqvia declined the most. USD and JPY currencies both contributed positively after ECB members warned about the appreciation of the EUR which dampened the inflation outlook.

During the month, we introduced appealing primary bond issues: VMed-O2, Kion and Campari. We reduced Upfield and Fedex that became expensive following good performance. Finally, we reduced Altice after its owner announced a take-private plan.

We acknowledge the current situation remains challenging with global economies slowing down and the resurgence of coronavirus cases. Additionally, political uncertainties prevail around the US presidential election and the ongoing Brexit negotiations. However, unconventional fiscal and monetary actions are supporting the economic activity. Positive outcomes could also materialize with the Covid-19 vaccine development.

Consequently, we are constructive on corporate bonds, especially after the recent decline. We stay very selective on names by avoiding the ones most-impacted by the pandemic. We also keep a moderate duration as we don't expect any significant shift in interest rates following central banks' statements.

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