

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

Monthly summary report

as at 31 August 2020



2018

-4,62%

5,07% -0,34%

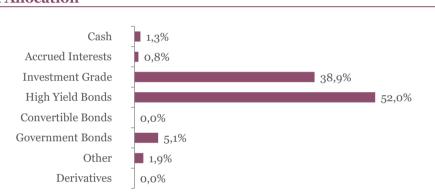
## **Investment Objective**

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
NAV per share	104,77	Bond Opportunities I	1,01%	3,65%
2020 year-to-date return as at end of August 2020	-3,07%			

### Fund key facts Asset Allocation

Inception date	31 August 2016	
ISIN code	LU1452411033	
Asset class	Bonds in EUR	
Total fund assets	€ 109 million	
Base currency	EUR	
Legal status	Luxembourg UCITS	
Management Fee	0,53%	
Custodian	Crédit Suisse Lux	
Liquidity	Daily	
Settlement Date	Trade Date + 2 Days	



YTD

-3,07%

2019

7,39%

Currency breakdown	EUR	USD	JPY
Exposure	90,4%	4,9%	4,7%

Top 10 bond holdings	YTM	Rating	Weight	Sector breakdown
US TREASURY N/B : T o 1/8 06/30/22	0,1%	AA+	3,1%	Communication Services 6,7%
BANQ FED CRD MUT : BFCM 1 5/8 11/15/2	1,0%	BBB+	2,4%	Consumer Discretionary 13,5%
ISS GLOBAL A/S : ISSDC 1 1/2 08/31/27	1,1%	BBB	2,4%	Consumer Staples Diversified 9,4% 9,7%
SEB SA: SKFP 1 3/8 06/16/25	1,2%	NR	2,3%	Energy 1,8%
WHIRLPOOL EMEA: WHR 0 1/2 02/20/28	1,2%	BBB	2,2%	Financials Health Care 7,8%
BTPS: BTPS 2 1/2 11/15/25	0,5%	BBB-	2,0%	Industrials 15,0%
FEDEX CORP: FDX 15/8 01/11/27	0,5%	BBB	2,0%	Information Technology 📜 1,8%
AB INBEV SA/NV : ABIBB 1 1/8 07/01/27	0,4%	BBB+	1,9%	Materials Real Estate 7,9%
GRAND CITY PROP : GYCGR 1 1/2 02/22/2	0,7%	BBB+	1,9%	Utilities 2,9%
SIG COMBIBLOC PU : SIGCBL 2 1/8 06/18/	1,3%	ВВ	1,9%	Government Bonds ABS/CLO Cash & Equiv. 5,1% 0,0% 2,1%



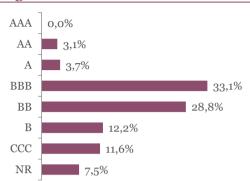
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#### **Duration breakdown**

#### 18,7% 17,5% 17,0% 13,5% 13,2% 11.2% 6.0% 1,8% 1.0% 0,0% 0,0% 0,0% 8 2 6 7 3 1 4 5 a 10 10+

### Rating breakdown



#### **Top funds holdings**

ISHARES EURO HY **High Yield Bonds** 9,7%

#### **Market Review**

Markets reacted positively to the improvement of the global economy that continued to recover from the coronavirus pandemic. The Eurozone composite PMI jumped by 6.4 pts m/m to 54.9 pts, above the 50 no-change mark for the first time since February. Indeed, despite a second wave taking shape around the globe, governments decided to implement targeted measures instead of lockdowns, which supported economic activity. Furthermore, the Fed announced a new strategy that will be even more dovish by allowing inflation to rise modestly above its 2% target for some time.

In this context, safe havens receded. The German 10Y yield increased by 13 bps to -0.40% and the yield curve steepened (2-30Y +10 bps). The US yield curve shifted even further (10Y +18 bps to 0.70%, 2-30Y +26 bps). Conversely, peripheral spreads tightened (Spain -6 bps, Italy -5 bps). Corporate bonds benefited from this economic momentum. As demonstrated by the equity rally, credit spreads tightened (IG-8 bps, HY -37 bps).

#### **Portfolio Performance**

The fund gained 1,01% in August. High yield bonds contributed the most, including Almaviva and Loxam that posted reassuring results. Subordinated bonds also posted good results (notably Santanter, VW, EDF and Eurofins). Investment grade performed moderately due to the negative yield effect, while selection was accretive (especially IMCD, Fedex and Ceetrus). Foreign currencies (USD, JPY) performed negatively due to the EUR strength.

During the month, we took advantage of the bond market's reopening to introduce new bonds (Vodafone Perp, Belden) that offered interesting relative value. We also reduced Italy after its good performance (country spread: -99 bps since May, to 149 bps).

#### **Market Outlook**

In our view, fiscal and monetary support coupled with selective measures to cope with a second wave are supportive to the economic activity. While valuations have normalized for the past six months, credit spreads remain attractive, especially in a context of low rates for longer. Therefore, we continue to focus on credit with a slight bias towards the high-yielding bonds (BBB, high yield) and maintained a moderate duration.

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