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## GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE TOTAL RETURN BOND REVIEW (GBP)

Second Quarter 2024

#### **Economic Review**

During the quarter, the long-awaited divergence between the U.S and other developed market economies' debt markets gained pace. While Core CPI in the U.S. remains above the Fed's target, core PCE inflation - the Federal Reserve's preferred inflation measure (also see: Economic Indicators: The Tale of Two Charts) - was closer to target and reached 2.6% for May year over year. The underlying drivers behind inflation are primarily a function of services with the ongoing, post-COVID-19 transition from goods to services spending. With U.S. inflation moderating, the focus has been on labor market data that, despite being mixed, showed some weakness in measures such as the unemployment rate, job openings, and the guits rate. The Fed published its guarterly Summary of Economic Projections in June and does not expect an increase in the unemployment rate nor a meaningful uptick in inflation or growth for the rest of the year, while rate cut projections were reduced to one during fiscal year 2024. Loose fiscal policy and unusually large budget deficit spending continue and represent upside risk to inflation.

Disinflation and weak economic growth in Europe and the United Kingdom continued and gave enough support for the ECB to start cutting rates on June 6th, ahead of the Fed. The ECB had prepared the market for the start of this normalization of monetary policy over the guarter. From here on we expect the ECB to be in data dependency mode, with no cuts until the autumn. In the U.K. the economic picture remained weak. Headline CPI moderated, but as it is the case with most developed market economies, services inflation remains the stickiest component of inflation and above expectations. Expectations for rate cuts shifted out towards the summer with the BoE expected to start cutting rates after the election – we expect the first cut to come during the August meeting. The European parliamentary elections and the French snap election in June created volatility from a spread perspective. Whilst market reaction has been relatively contained, there were notable movements in the French government bond market (OAT). The spread between French OATs and German Bunds widened, signaling increased perceived risk in French sovereign debt. This spread remains elevated, reflecting investor caution.

	3-MONTH RETURN (%)	YTD RETURN(%)	1-YEAR RETURN (%)	ITD ANNUALIZED RETURN (01/31/2022)
Global Sustainable Total Return Bond (GBP) Composite (Gross of fees)	-0.12	-0.74	3.30	-0.59
Global Sustainable Total Return Bond (GBP) Composite (Net of fees)	-0.24	-0.99	2.79	-1.08
UK Sterling Overnight Interbank Average (SONIA)	1.27	2.56	5.18	3.54
Bloomberg Global Aggregate 1-10 Yr Total Return Index Hedged Index	0.55	0.74	4.62	-0.50
Bloomberg Global Aggregate (GBP Hedged)	0.05	-0.001	3.70	-2.18

Japanese rates saw a meaningful move higher and an aggressive steepening of the yield curve. Despite mixed economic data, including a negative quarterly GDP print, the BoJ seems comfortable with the tightening of monetary policy.

Emerging market central banks were early to enter restrictive monetary policies and yet again early in entering the cutting cycle. Some emerging market central banks, such as Mexico and Brazil, have now either paused or decreased the magnitude of rate cuts and we have seen a repricing at the front end. Mexican political noise negatively impacted local rates and the peso over the quarter, however. The dollar strength further impacted carry trades, across Asian currencies in particular.

The Bank of Canada started cutting rates on June 5th, leaving rates at 4.75%.

Within the Antipodean countries, Australia's economy has been relatively stronger compared to New Zealand with inflation not moving meaningfully towards the RBA's target. There is a clearer picture for the Reserve Bank of New Zealand to cut rates this year, despite a slight upward revision to the official cash rate (OCR), given the higher likelihood of deteriorating economic data as the year progresses.

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## Second Quarter 2024 GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE TOTAL RETURN BOND REVIEW (GBP)

#### Market Review & Portfolio Performance

The U.S. sovereign yield curve steepened throughout the second quarter. The unusual influence of the U.S. over international debt markets began to dissipate as central banks across part of the developed world, like Canada and Europe, start to normalize their monetary policy. Riskier fixed income widened modestly during the quarter with the Bloomberg Global Corporate spread increasing from 95 basis points to 104 whilst the Bloomberg Global High Yield spread widened from 320 to 328 basis points.

Over the quarter, the Strategy returned -0.24%, underperforming SONIA and the Bloomberg Global Aggregate 1-10 GBP Hedged that returned 1.27% and 0.55% respectively. Relative underperformance for the quarter came from long rates positioning in Europe, Australia and the U.K. while security selection in corporate credit was accretive to performance during the quarter. We have extended duration further from 5.2 years to 5.8 years and added more yield to the portfolio which was approximately 4.4% at the end of the quarter.

#### Outlook

We expect weaker global growth along with continued disinflationary trends to lead developed world (ex-Japan) central banks to begin lowering rates in 2024. Despite the end of restrictive monetary policy, we expect the lingering effects of high inflation and tight financing conditions for many consumers and businesses to lead to a sustained period of below trend economic output. We believe markets have started to exit the economic and market structure that has existed since the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) – what economists and investors have become conditioned to believe would be the "new normal" – and are transitioning back to an "old normal," reminiscent of the pre-GFC era. In such an environment, adoption, resilience, and flexibility in allocation to manage economic cycles and market dynamics should become critical for fixed income investors (Investment Letter – A New Fixed Income Market Regime).

Our view is that this slowing growth and disinflationary environment is one where short-term rates should decline as central banks cut interest rates. Additionally, we think unusually large deficit spending and loose fiscal policy could increase the risk of higher rates at the long end of sovereign curves, particularly that of the U.S. The strategy holds curve steepening positions with long exposure in US, Euro-Area, Canada, and UK front-end rates (2 years out to 5 years) with minimal exposure to longer-dated maturities. We do hold high quality credit and prefer to optimize our current positioning with idiosyncratic opportunities that reflect better alignment between fundamentals and valuation.

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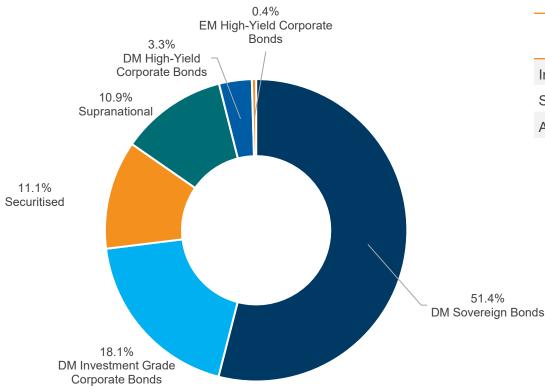
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# Second Quarter 2024 PORTFOLIO ATTRIBUTES

Global Sustainable Total Return Bond Representative Account as of 06/30/2024

#### Asset Class Breakdown (% of portfolio)

As of 06/30/2024



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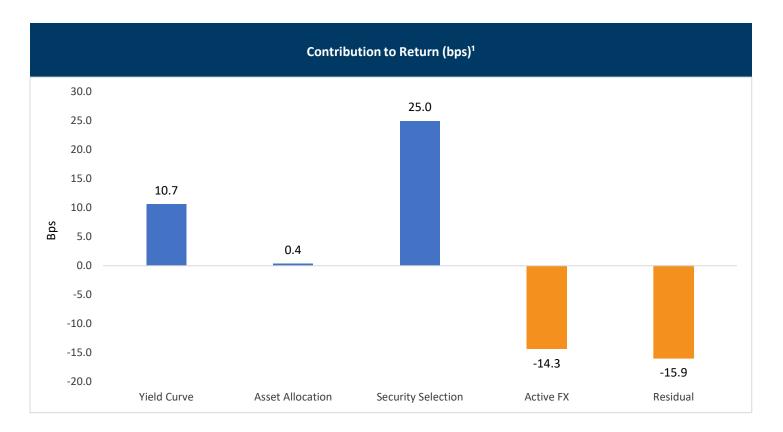
Interest Rate Duration	5.8 years
Spread Duration	2.1 years
Average Rating	A+

Source: FactSet. The portfolio information is based on a representative Global Sustainable Total Return Bond (GBP) Income account as of 06/30/2024 and is provided as Supplemental Information. Sector breakdown includes cash and equivalents, cash was 4.7% as of 06/30/2024. Portfolio characteristics include cash and equivalents. The information provided in this material is not intended to be and should not be considered to be a recommendation or suggestion to engage in or refrain from a particular course of action or to make or hold a particular investment or pursue a particular investment strategy, including whether or not to buy, sell, or hold any of the securities mentioned. It should not be assumed that investments in such securities have been or will be profitable. Numbers may not total 100% due to rounding. Please see disclosure statements at the end of this presentation for additional information and for a complete list of terms and definitions.

## Second Quarter 2024 QUARTER-TO-DATE PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION



Representative Global Sustainable Total Return Bond GBP Account as of 06/30/2024



- Relative underperformance for the quarter came from curve positioning in the U.S. and Europe. The strategy holds curve steepening positions with long exposure in US, Euro-area, Canada, and UK front-end rates (2 years out to 5 years) with minimal exposure to longer-dated maturities. Also, not having exposure to Chinese debt has been a drag on performance as Chinese rates rallied.
- We own front-end duration in Canada and have benefitted from a steepening of the curve. Within Europe we have benefitted from not having exposure to France and long positions in the front end of German Bunds, Spanish Bonos, and a 3/10 curve steepener in Italy.
- We generated performance through a short position in Japanese government bonds versus a long position in other developed market rates.
- We hold high quality credit with an allocation of 22% at the end of June. Security selection in corporate credit was accretive to performance.

<sup>1</sup>Brown Advisory figures are benchmarked against the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index 1-10Y (GBP Hedged)

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# Second Quarter 2024 QUARTER-TO-DATE YIELD CURVE CONTRIBUTION



Representative Global Sustainable Total Return Bond GBP Account as of 06/30/2024

Yield Curve Contribution to Return <sup>1</sup>										
	6m	2у	5у	10y	20y	30y	Rest	Carry	Total	
JPY										
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	0.1	0.8	1.7	7.0	9.4	8.2	0.4	-4.2	32.3	
GBP										
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	0.2	-6.4	-8.2	10.3	3.7	0.5	-0.3	18.7	18.5	
USD										
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	-0.2	0.4	-19.2	3.4	11.3	16.1	-1.1	5.9	16.6	
CNY										
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	-0.1	-1.6	-3.8	-1.8	-0.7	-1.3	0.1	-5.1	-14.3	
EUR										
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	-0.3	2.0	-10.5	2.5	4.5	4.1	-0.3	-12.6	-10.6	
AUD										
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	0.3	0.4	-2.0	-9.2	-0.4	0.1	0.0	1.2	-9.7	

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## Second Quarter QUARTER-TO-DATE ACTIVE CURRENCY



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## Second Quarter 2024 QUARTER-TO-DATE TOP & BOTTOM 5 SECURITY CONTRIBUTORS



Representative Global Sustainable Total Return Bond GBP Account as of 06/30/2024

BEST INSTRUMENTS BY SECURITY SELECTION CONTRIBUTION

INSTRUMENT	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (BPS) <sup>1</sup>
UKT 0.875 10/22/2029	2.4
CABKSM 5.25	2.3
FN 6.0 9/1/2053	1.8
F 3/6/2026	1.7
UKT 4.25 12/7/2027	1.3

#### WORST INSTRUMENTS BY SECURITY SELECTION CONTRIBUTION

INSTRUMENT	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (BPS) <sup>1</sup>
BTPS 3.35 7/1/2029	-0.9
UKT 4.125 1/29/2027	-0.6
MBONO 7.75 5/29/2031	-0.5
FIDELI 7.75	-0.5
MBONO 8.5 3/1/2029	-0.4

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5y5y Interest Rate Swaps is the market expectation of the average level of inflation over 5 years, 5 years from now.

Alpha is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a portfolio and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index.

Beta primarily used in the capital asset pricing model (CAPM), is a measure of the volatility-or systematic risk-of a security or portfolio compared to the market as a whole.

Duration is a time measure of a bond's interest-rate sensitivity, based on the weighted average of the time periods over which a bond's cash flows accrue to the bondholder.

Volatility is the degree of variation of a trading price series over time, usually measured by the standard deviation of returns.

Yield Curve is a line that plots yields, or interest rates, of bonds that have equal credit quality but differing <u>maturity dates</u>. The slope of the yield curve can predict future interest rate changes and economic activity.

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Residual value is the estimated value of a fixed asset at the end of its lease term or useful life.

### Brown Advisory GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE TOTAL RETURN BOND (GBP) COMPOSITE



					gland's SONIA nded Index	Bloomberg Global Aggregate 1-10 Year Total Return Index (GBP Hedged)					
Year	Composite Total Gross Returns (%)	Composite Total Net Returns (%)	Composite 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Benchmark Returns (%)	Benchmark 3- Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Benchmark Returns (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Portfolios in Composite at End of Year	Composite Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (GBP Millions)*	GIPS Firm Assets (\$USD Millions)*
2023	4.2	3.6	N/A	4.6	N/A	5.8	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	284	81,325
2022**	-4.6	-5.1	N/A	1.4	N/A	-7.3	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	2	58,575

\*\*Return is for period February 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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- 5. The Composite benchmarks are the Bank of England's SONIA Compounded Index and the Bloomberg Global Aggregate 1-10 Year Total Return Index (GBP Hedged). The Bank of England's SONIA Compounded Index is a measure of the rate at which interest is paid on sterling short-term wholesale funds in circumstances where credit, liquidity and other risks are minimal. SONIA is measured as the trimmed mean of interest rates paid on eligible sterling denominated deposit transactions. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate 1-10 Year Total Return Index (GBP Hedged) represents a close estimation of the performance that can be achieved by hedging the currency exposure of its parent index, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index, to GBP and limiting to bonds with maturities between 1 and 10 years. The Index is 100% hedged to the GBP by selling the forwards of all the currencies in the parent index at the one-month Forward rate. The parent index is composed of government, government-related and corporate bonds, as well as asset-backed, mortgage-backed securities from both developed and emerging markets issuers. SONIA Compounded Index are service marks of Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index are service marks of Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index is Compounded Index are service marks of Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index are service marks of Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates including Bloomberg Index Services Limited ("BISL"), the administrator of the index (collectively, "Bloomberg") and have been licensed for use for certain purposes by Brown Advisory. Bloomberg is not affiliated with Brown Advisory, and Bloomberg does not approve, endorse, review, or recommend the Global Sustainable Total Return Bond (GBP) Composite. An investor cannot invest directly into an index. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers.
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- The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the Composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark for the 36-month period ended on December 31. The 3 year annualized standard deviation is not presented as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023 because 36 month returns for the Composite were not available (N/A).
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