

GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE TOTAL RETURN BOND REVIEW (USD)

First Quarter 2024

Economic Review

There was a meaningful pivot in the Fed's policy communication in the beginning of the quarter. The tightening bias was explicitly removed from the communique and Chair Powell abandoned the notion that a prolonged period of below-trend growth would be required to bring inflation back to target, thus paving the way for rate cuts in 2024. Resilient U.S. growth coupled with declining inflation have increased prospects for the elusive "soft landing." However, February marked the beginning of a dramatic repricing of Fed expectations, both in timing and magnitude. Several data points, including higher-than-expected inflation and strong employment data pushed the likely timing of the first U.S. interest rate cut into the summer.

Disinflation in Europe and the United Kingdom resumed, and weak economic growth continued to diverge from the strength observed in the U.S. Across Europe, differentiation has emerged as the European periphery has started to outperform core countries such as Germany and France. Additionally, pan-European central bank policy has diverged, to some degree, as evidenced by the rate cut in March at the Swiss National Bank. The European Central Bank continues to be in an explicit "data-dependent stance" while also moving forward with increasingly dovish rhetoric. The macro data would arguably indicate that the European Central Bank could start easing ahead of the Fed, which would be a historically unusual move. The disinflationary picture is mirrored in the UK, admittedly with more progress required. The Bank of England (BOE) overnight rate stands at an elevated level of 5.25%, with market expectations for cuts currently priced for the June and August meetings.

Japanese growth has weakened of late but remains resilient and the Bank of Japan has now firmly exited the excessive monetary easing regime. Initially, this came implicitly by way of abandoning the Yield Curve Control (YCC) policy in October 2023, and explicitly, when lifting its key interest rate out of negative territory in March, setting it at a range of 0.0%-0.1%.

	3-MONTH RETURN (%)	1-YEAR RETURN (%)	ITD ANNUALIZED RETURN (03/31/2022)
Global Sustainable Total Return Bond (USD) Composite (Gross of fees)	-0.6	2.9	0.5
Global Sustainable Total Return Bond (USD) Composite (Net of fees)	-0.7	2.4	0.0
SOFR Overnight Rate (Local Total Return)	1.4	5.4	4.1
Bloomberg Global Aggregate 1-10 Yr Total Return Index (USD Hedged)	0.3	4.5	1.4
Bloomberg Global Aggregate (USD Hedged)	0.0	4.1	0.1

Signs of a nascent recovery in China, the world's second largest economy, emerged in the first quarter, thus improving the prospects for global GDP. The improved growth outlook has placed upward pressure on commodity prices, thus complicating global central bank efforts. Offsetting this, to some extent, is the deflationary pressure that China is exporting to the rest of the world. Excess capacity in the economy is putting pressure on exporters to cut prices, and there is clear evidence that export prices are falling at their fast rate since 2008. Chinese policy support for the economy has been limited and the durability of the recovery is tenuous. In other emerging markets, we continue to see divergence from developed market central bank monetary policy. Emerging market central banks were early to enter restrictive monetary policies and are now well into the cutting cycle.

Market Review & Portfolio Performance

Global sovereign yields steadily increased throughout the first quarter as expectations for central bank easing continued to be ratcheted back. Higher than anticipated inflation in the U.S. was primarily responsible for shifting central bank forecasts. U.S. and German yield curves were modestly more inverted whilst the U.K curve steepened over the period. Riskier fixed income continued to perform

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viewed as diminishing. The Bloomberg Global Corporate spread declined from 115 basis points to 100 whilst the Bloomberg Global High Yield spread declined from 359 basis points to 322.

Over the period, the strategy returned -0.7%, underperforming the Bloomberg Global Aggregate USD hedged return of 0.0% by 0.7%. Relative underperformance for the period was primarily due to overweight positions in Euro-area and U.K. government bonds, as well as no exposure to Chinese government bonds. Security selection was additive to the quarter as positions in European financials, lower in the capital structure, outperformed the corporate index. Active currency positions also provided modest outperformance in the quarter.

Outlook

We expect weaker global growth along with continued disinflationary trends will 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. Whilst not uncommon during economic inflection points, we are struck by the inconsistency of economic indicators. We discuss the persistent divergence of

some of these indicators in our most recent investor letter: [Economic Indicators: The Tale of Two Charts.](#)

In a weakening growth and disinflationary environment, we expect short-term rates to decline as central banks cut interest rates. The strategy holds curve steepening positions with long exposure in the U.S., Euro-area, and U.K. front-end (2 years out to 5 years) and limited duration positions in longer dated maturities. Large and continuous sovereign debt supply will likely limit yield declines in longer maturity securities. Long duration positions have generally been focused outside of the U.S. In a divergence from previous cycles, we expect other developed world central banks to begin lowering rates before the U.S., including the Eurozone, U.K., and Canada. Asset allocation is skewed to higher quality parts of the fixed income universe, including developed market sovereign bonds, supranational, developed market corporate bonds, and high-quality, government-guaranteed, mortgage-backed securities. On a duration and quality-adjusted basis, corporate credit is approaching record-high valuation whilst fundamentals are continuing to deteriorate. Leverage, interest coverage, top-line revenue growth and FCF have all reached inflection points, in our view. We have been cautious allocating to corporate credit, instead optimizing current positioning with idiosyncratic opportunities that reflect better alignment between fundamentals and valuation.

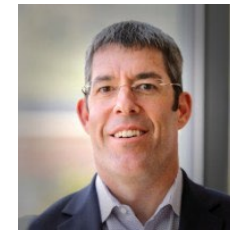
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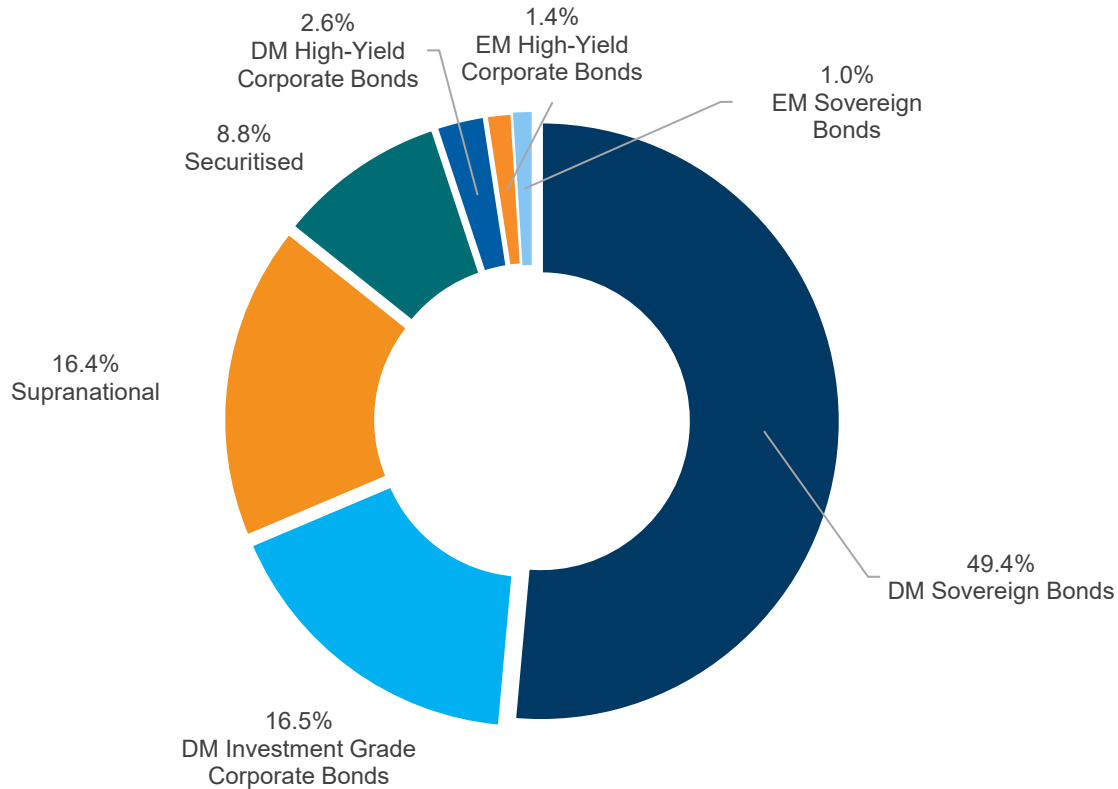
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PORTFOLIO ATTRIBUTES

Global Sustainable Total Return Bond Representative Account as of 03/31/2024

Asset Class Breakdown (% of portfolio)

As of 03/31/2024



PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

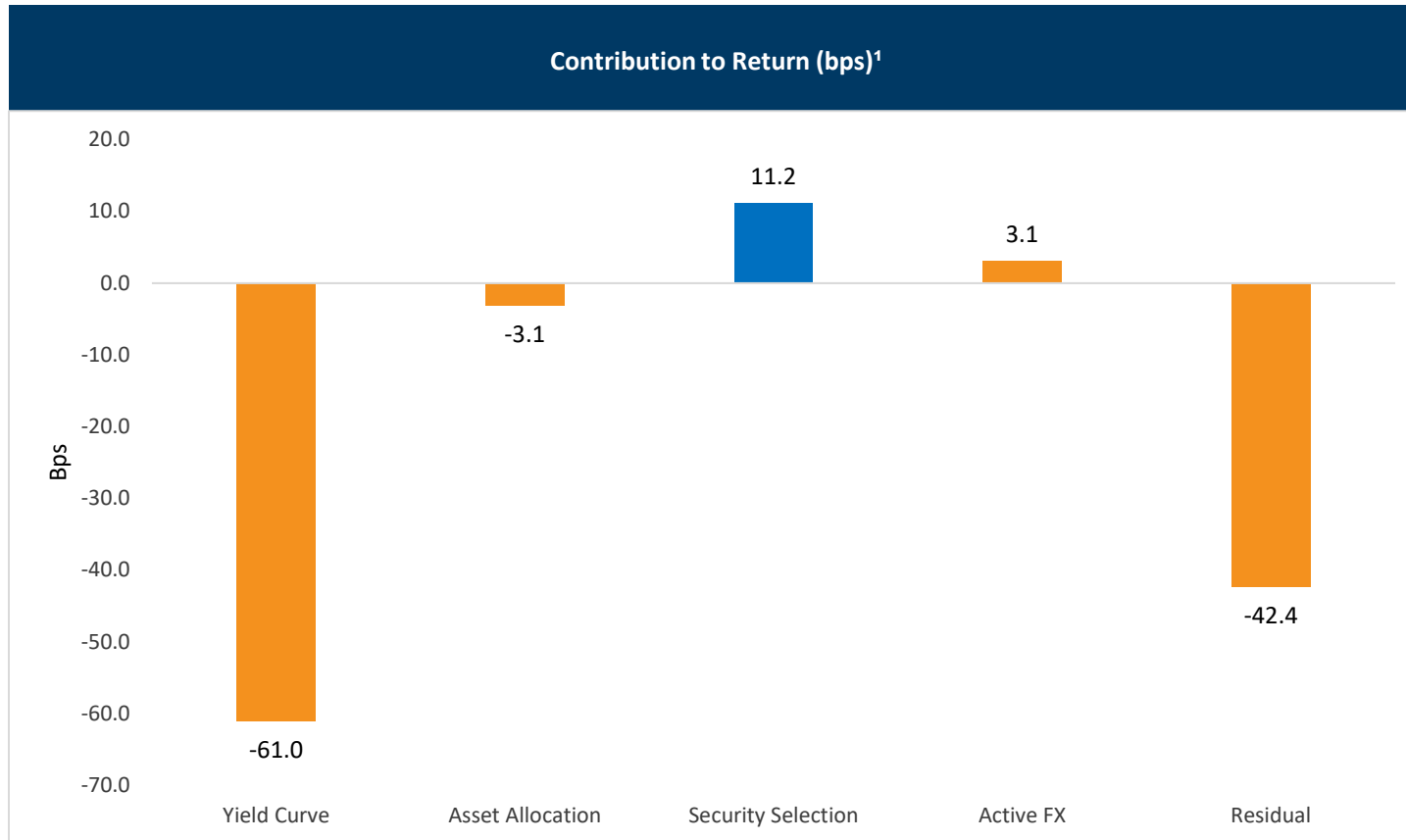
Interest Rate Duration	5.1 years
Spread Duration	1.9 years
Average Rating	AA-

Source: FactSet. The portfolio information is based on a representative Global Sustainable Total Return Bond (USD) Income account as of 03/31/2024 and is provided as Supplemental Information. Sector breakdown includes cash and equivalents, cash was 3.9% as of 03/31/2024. 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.

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QUARTER-TO-DATE PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

Representative Global Sustainable Total Return Bond USD Account as of 03/31/2024



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QUARTER-TO-DATE YIELD CURVE CONTRIBUTION



Representative Global Sustainable Total Return Bond USD Account as of 03/31/2024

	Yield Curve Contribution to Return ¹								
	6m	2y	5y	10y	20y	30y	Rest	Carry	Total
GBP									
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	-0.1	-13.3	-28.1	1.3	1.8	3.5	-0.4	21.1	-14.1
USD									
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	0.0	-13.3	-39.6	11.2	26.9	28.6	-1.1	1.3	14.1
CNY									
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	-0.2	-1.5	-2.7	-2.7	-1.7	-4.0	-0.4	-5.2	-18.4
EUR									
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	0.1	0.0	-27.7	8.6	5.4	4.7	-0.8	-14.3	-24.0
AUD									
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2	4.0
CAD									
Out-/Underperformance (bps)	0.5	-6.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.9	-0.3	-9.7	-9.7

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QUARTER-TO-DATE ACTIVE CURRENCY



Representative Global Sustainable Total Return Bond USD Account as of 03/31/2024

TOP 4 ACTIVE FX P&L	GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE TOTAL RETURN (BPS) ¹
Top 4	
CHF	7.8
MXN	3.2
CNH	2.1
EUR	0.9
Bottom 4	
JPY	-6.2
SEK	-2.6
NOK	-2.3
GBP	0.0

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QUARTER-TO-DATE TOP & BOTTOM 5 SECURITY CONTRIBUTORS



Representative Global Sustainable Total Return Bond USD Account as of 03/31/2024

BEST INSTRUMENTS BY SECURITY SELECTION CONTRIBUTION

INSTRUMENT	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (BPS) ¹
CABKSM 5.25	3.5
CABKSM 6.84 9/13/2034	3.2
SPGB 0.6 10/31/2029	2.8
ISPIM 8.248 11/21/2033	2.4
FN 6.0 9/1/2053	2.3

WORST INSTRUMENTS BY SECURITY SELECTION CONTRIBUTION

INSTRUMENT	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (BPS) ¹
IADB 0.875 4/20/2026	-1.6
KFW 1.125 7/4/2025	-1.6
UKT 4.25 12/7/2027	-1.3
CADES 0.125 12/15/2025	-1.2
UKT 4.5 6/7/2028	-1.1

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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.

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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 maturity dates. 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.

GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE TOTAL RETURN BOND (USD) COMPOSITE

Year	Composite Total Gross Returns (%)	Composite Total Net Returns (%)	Composite 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Federal Reserve Bank of New York SOFR Index		Bloomberg Global Aggregate 1-10 Year Total Return Index (USD Hedged)		Portfolios in Composite at End of Year	Composite Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$USD Millions)*	GIPS Firm Assets (\$USD Millions)*
				Benchmark Returns (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Benchmark Returns (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)				
2023	4.9	4.4	N/A	5.2	N/A	6.6	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	61	81,325
2022**	-3.2	-3.5	N/A	1.6	N/A	-3.8	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	40	58,575

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

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