GLOBAL CREDIT BOND FUND Quarterly update

LOW-COST ACTIVE FIXED INCOME

Marketing communication

The Vanguard Global Credit Bond Fund is an actively managed fixed income solution investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of global investment-grade fixed income securities. The fund is managed by Vanguard's Fixed Income Group and aims to generate a diversified, consistent level of return and income over the long term.

Highlights

- Global credit delivered positive returns in the second quarter of 2025.
- The Vanguard Global Credit Bond Fund returned 2.10%, outperforming its benchmark, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index (USD Hedged), which returned 1.98%.
- The top contributors to the fund's performance were credit selection in European and emerging market corporate bonds.

Market overview

Despite experiencing significant tariff-related volatility in April, global credit markets rallied in May and June, with spreads retracing much of their earlier widening. Geopolitical tensions in the Middle East in June had little impact on the broader rally in risk assets.

Inflation in developed markets continued to align with central bank targets over the quarter. In the US, headline inflation rose to 2.4%, while core inflation (which excludes energy and food prices) remained steady at 2.8%. In the UK, headline and core inflation declined to 3.4% and 3.5%, respectively. In the euro area, headline and core inflation remained steady at 2.0% and 2.3%, respectively.

In the US, the Federal Reserve (Fed) held its policy rate steady at a range of 4.25%-4.50% during the quarter, citing uncertainty around the inflationary impact of tariffs. At its June meeting, the Fed increased its inflation forecast to 3% for 2025 and lowered its GDP forecast to 1.4%.

The European Central Bank cut its Deposit Facility Rate by 25 basis points (bps) at both its April and June meetings, from 2.50% to 2.00%, in a bid to boost the euro area's flagging economy.

Meanwhile, in the UK, the Bank of England reduced its Bank Rate by 25 bps in May, from 4.50% to 4.25%, after data showed the UK economy had declined 0.3% in April, having been weighed down by tax hikes and weaker exports to the US.

Government bond yields broadly steepened over the quarter. In the US, 2-year US Treasury yields declined by 6 bps, while 10-year yields rose by 6 bps¹. In the euro area, German 2- and 10-year bund yields fell by 16 bps and 8 bps², respectively. In the UK, 2- and 10-year gilt yields declined by 35 bps and 19 bps³, respectively.

In credit markets, investment-grade (IG) credit spreads tightened, in line with the general risk-on sentiment in markets. US dollar-, euro- and sterling-denominated IG spreads tightened by 11 bps, 6 bps and 10 bps⁴, respectively. Emerging market (EM) IG and EM high yield (HY) spreads tightened by 16 bps and 38 bps, respectively⁵.

Fund performance and positioning

The Vanguard Global Credit Bond Fund returned 2.10% in the second quarter, outperforming its benchmark, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index (USD Hedged), which returned 1.98%.

Beta-related gains due to tightening credit spreads contributed to the fund's performance over the quarter, but the largest contributor to returns came from credit selection. European financials and utilities posted strong gains, while selective positions in EM names such as Mexico and Bulgaria also contributed to fund performance over the quarter. Detractors included the fund's bias to European IG over US IG, as US IG spreads tightened more than European IG spreads, after experiencing significant widening at the end of Q1 and in early April. The fund's underweight to

 $^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}$ Vanguard and Bloomberg, for the period 31 March 2025 to 30 June 2025.

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higher-beta names also weighed on returns amid the broader risk-on move in markets.

In terms of rates positioning, we are short the long end of US rates, and favour UK gilts over German bunds. We are also positioned for a flattening of the Japanese yield curve.

In credit markets, we remain cautiously overweight to high-quality credit, focusing on well-capitalised companies and attractive new issues. We continue to favour euro-denominated IG over USD-denominated IG and have been increasingly finding good opportunities in Australian dollar credit. We maintain a bias towards non-cyclicals over cyclicals and financials over non-financials, favouring individual companies in resilient sectors in a tariff-driven environment, including tobacco, UK utilities and European REITs.

Outlook

Policy and geopolitics are playing a growing role in markets and their impact on monetary policy. While developed market central banks have broadly been cutting rates, the path ahead remains uncertain amid ongoing economic and trade policy risks.

Our outlook for global credit remains positive. Starting yields are higher than they are for cash and the asset class could outperform meaningfully if rate cuts continue. Valuations are at the tighter end, with spreads back down near their pre-tariff historical low levels. The technical backdrop remains supportive, with 2025 net supply expected to be flat or lower than last year, alongside record demand for high-quality credit.

In HY credit, valuations now appear stretched. We remain cautious but will add to positions selectively, given the area's attractive yields and favourable return potential.

Vanguard Global Credit Bond Fund Investor USD Hedged

Key fund facts (as at 30 June 2025)

Investment manager: Vanguard Global Advisers, LLC

Inception date: 14 September 2017

Domicile: Ireland

Benchmark: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index

Hedged in USD

Peer group: EAA Fund Global Corporate Bond - USD Hedged

Ongoing charges figure¹: 0.35%

Fund AUM: USD 1,850m

Number of holdings: 1696 Yield to worst: 4.6% Average coupon: 4.4%

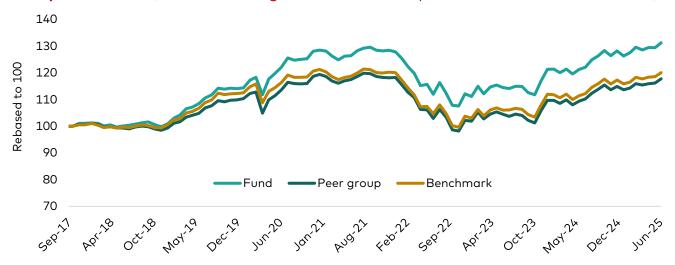
Average maturity: 8.4 years

Average quality: A-

Average duration: 5.9 years

ISIN: IE00BYV1RD15

Fund performance (Cumulative % growth, USD, 14 September 2017 to 30 June 2025)



Cumulative return (%) as at 30 June 2025	,	YTD 3 month		th	1 year	3 yr (ann.)		5 yr (ann.)	Since inception (ann.)	
Fund	3	3.90	2.10		7.47	5.4	5	1.46	3	.55
Peer group	7	7.86	4.58		9.55	5.5	0	0.58	1	42
Benchmark	3	3.61			7.01	4.68		0.63	2.38	
Calendar year return (%)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fund				-0.39	13.38	12.39	-0.50	-13.09	9.14	4.15
Peer group	-4.22	3.56	9.25	-4.47	10.21	10.54	-3.34	-16.88	9.31	0.21
Benchmark	-0.13	5.69	5.36	-0.47	11.85	7.78	-0.95	-14.22	8.68	3.52
12-month return (%) to:	30 Jun 2016	30 Jun 2017	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2019	30 Jun 2020	30 Jun 2021	30 Jun 2022	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2025
Fund				10.16	10.37	5.07	-12.73	1.93	7.03	7.47
Peer group	3.53	3.90	-0.13	6.38	4.06	7.05	-17.45	1.77	4.87	9.55
Benchmark	6.70	2.34	0.79	9.40	6.90	3.11	-12.75	1.36	5.76	7.01

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Vanguard Global Credit Bond Fund Institutional EUR Hedged

Key fund facts (as at 30 June 2025)

Investment manager: Vanguard Global Advisers, LLC

Inception date: 14 September 2017

Domicile: Ireland

Benchmark: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index Hedged

in EUR

Peer group: EAA Fund Global Corporate Bond - EUR Hedged

Ongoing charges figure¹: 0.35%

Fund AUM: EUR 1,576m

Number of holdings: 1696 Yield to worst: 4.6% Average coupon: 4.4%

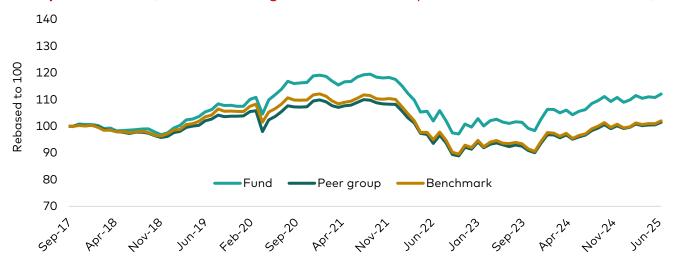
Average maturity: 8.4 years

Average quality: A-

Average duration: 5.9 years

ISIN: IE00BF7MPP31

Fund performance (Cumulative % growth, EUR, 14 September 2017 to 30 June 2025)



Cumulative return (%) as at 30 June 2025	,	YTD 3 month		1 year	3 yr (ann.)		5 yr (ann.)	Since inception (ann.)		
Fund	2	2.90	1.50		5.50	3.22		-0.31 1		48
Peer group	2	2.39	1.30		4.99	3.01		-0.57		.19
Benchmark	2	2.64	1.40		5.04 2.42		2	-1.18	0.26	
Calendar year return (%)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fund				-3.06	10.21	10.80	-1.30	-15.22	6.68	2.48
Peer group	-1.04	4.09	3.17	-4.13	7.98	5.76	-1.54	-15.51	5.90	2.42
Benchmark	-0.44	4.08	3.32	-3.24	8.61	6.27	-1.83	-16.39	6.13	1.77
12-month return (%) to:	30 Jun 2016	30 Jun 2017	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2019	30 Jun 2020	30 Jun 2021	30 Jun 2022	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2025
Fund				6.95	8.03	4.01	-13.91	-0.89	5.17	5.50
Peer group	4.06	1.86	-2.12	4.82	3.40	3.30	-14.12	-1.27	4.68	4.99
Benchmark	5.75	0.51	-1.59	6.11	4.56	2.06	-14.04	-1.51	3.84	5.04

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Vanguard Global Credit Bond Fund Investor GBP Hedged

Key fund facts (as at 30 June 2025)

Investment manager: Vanguard Global Advisers, LLC

Inception date: 14 September 2017

Domicile: Ireland

Benchmark: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index Hedged

in GBP

Peer group: IA Global Corporate Bond

Ongoing charges figure¹: 0.35%

Fund AUM: GBP 1,350m

Number of holdings: 1696 Yield to worst: 4.6%

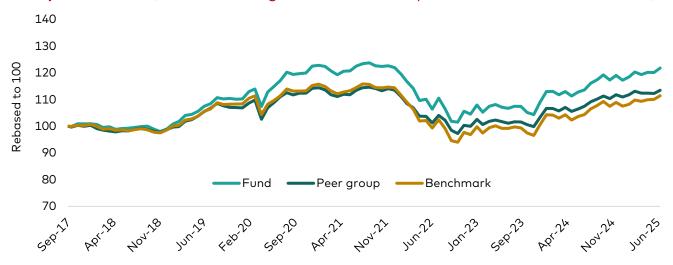
Average coupon: 4.4%
Average maturity: 8.4 years

Average quality: A-

Average duration: 5.9 years

ISIN: IE00BYV1RG46

Fund performance (Cumulative % growth, GBP, 14 September 2017 to 30 June 2025)



Cumulative return (%) as at 30 June 2025	,	YTD 3 month		th	1 year 3 yr (ann		nn.)	5 yr (ann.)	Since inception (ann.)	
Fund	3	3.89	2.05		7.23	4.6	2	0.79	2	.57
Peer group	2	2.27	0.99		5.60	3.89	9	0.43	1	64
Benchmark	3	3.63	1.94		6.78	3.90	0	0.00	1	.40
Calendar year return (%)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fund				-2.01	11.50	11.41	-0.68	-14.32	8.08	3.78
Peer group	1.08	13.39	3.31	-1.66	8.36	7.04	-0.79	-11.94	6.72	4.01
Benchmark	0.21	5.33	4.22	-2.13	9.97	6.83	-1.13	-15.34	7.64	3.13
12-month return (%) to:	30 Jun 2016	30 Jun 2017	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2019	30 Jun 2020	30 Jun 2021	30 Jun 2022	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2025
Fund				8.23	8.99	4.60	-13.17	0.31	6.46	7.23
Peer group	14.57	4.25	-0.85	7.37	5.25	2.20	-10.83	-0.10	6.29	5.60
Benchmark	6.78	1.46	-0.63	7.44	5.50	2.72	-13.22	-0.13	5.18	6.78

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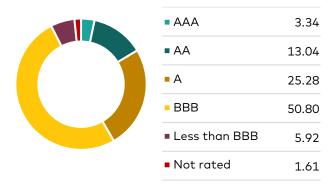
Fund breakdown (as at 30 June 2025)

Distribution by issuer (% of bonds)

	Fund %
Financial institutions	33.6
Industrials	27.9
Treasury/federal	11.6
Utilities	8.5
Agencies	6.2
Sovereign	5.9
Local Authority	3.3
Supranational	1.3
Provincials/Municipals	0.1
Asset Backed Security	0.0
Other	-1.2
Cash	2.8

The allocations are subject to circumstances such as timing differences between trade and settlement dates of underlying securities, that may result in negative weightings. The fund may also employ certain derivative instruments for cash management or risk management purposes that may also result in negative weightings. Allocations are subject to change. Cash includes physical cash on the account, cash like instruments (such as ultrashort term treasury bonds) and derivative instruments.

Distribution by credit quality (% of bonds)



Credit quality ratings for each issue are obtained from Bloomberg using ratings derived from Moody's Investors Service, Fitch Ratings, and Standard & Poor's. When ratings from all three agencies are available, the median rating is used. When ratings are available from two of the agencies, the lower rating is used. When one rating is available, that rating is used.

Source: Vanguard, as at 30 June 2025.



Investment risk information

The value of investments, and the income from them, may fall or rise and investors may get back less than they invested.

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Some funds invest in emerging markets which can be more volatile than more established markets. As a result the value of your investment may rise or fall.

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