

# Base Investments Sicav - Bonds Value EUR

Monthly Factsheet - December 2024

Marketing Document for retail investors in: LU, CH, IT

## Fund Data

<b>Strategy</b>	Flexible Bond
<b>Fund size</b>	€221m
<b>Portfolio Manager</b>	Giuliano Flematti
<b>Domicile, Legal structure</b>	Luxembourg UCITS
<b>Delegated Investment Manager</b>	Banca del Sempione SA
<b>Custodian Bank</b>	Edmond De Rothschild (Europe)
<b>Administrator/ Management Company</b>	Edmond De Rothschild Asset Management (Lux)
<b>Auditor</b>	Pricewaterhouse Coopers Sarl
<b>Management Fee</b>	1.00%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	15% of the performance of the NAV against the HWM

Class	Type	ISIN
EUR	Retail	LU0133519883

## Objective

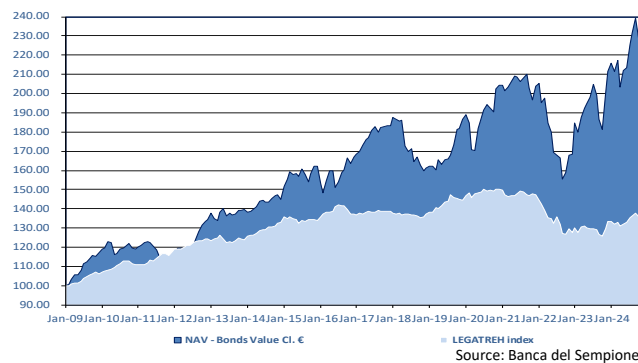
Bonds Value is a global and dynamic bond fund, that mainly invest in fixed-income securities. The sub-fund is decorrelated to interest rate markets. The Sub-Fund is actively managed without reference to any benchmark meaning that the Investment Manager has full discretion over the composition of the Sub-Fund and and the deviation of portfolio holdings from the Index may be significant.

## Strategy

Discretionary and unconstrained. The Sub-Fund has the flexibility to invest in a wide range of bonds, with no constraints of duration, sectorial allocation or geographical area. Up to 20% of the portfolio may be invested in High Yield.

Global Value Approach	Flexible Duration	Relative Value	Forex
Bonds securities selection with potential for appreciation	The possibility to be <i>long or short duration</i> allows value creation in every market condition	Spread between markets and along the curves	In presence of <i>trend or strong manager conviction</i>

## Performance Summary



The sub-fund is actively managed without reference to any benchmark (index). The benchmark in this graph is shown here for comparative purposes only and is not used for the calculation of the performance fee.

Class EUR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2024</b>	2,01	-1,91	2,65	-6,38	4,43	0,62	5,61	2,82	3,19	-4,80	1,93	-5,24	<b>4,10</b>
<b>2023</b>	9,75	-2,69	4,50	2,51	1,15	1,72	3,39	-2,71	-6,33	-2,71	10,31	5,55	<b>25,63</b>
<b>2022</b>	0,68	-4,82	1,04	-6,50	-2,53	-5,88	-0,75	-0,98	-6,67	2,22	5,80	0,14	<b>-17,50</b>
<b>2021</b>	0,06	-1,44	0,86	1,38	1,37	-0,08	-1,13	0,82	0,95	-3,37	-3,04	3,60	<b>-0,23</b>
<b>2020</b>	1,11	-2,26	-7,39	-0,37	6,68	3,12	2,16	1,53	-0,90	-1,13	6,40	0,91	<b>9,44</b>
<b>2019</b>	0,65	0,03	-1,11	3,23	-1,39	1,53	0,07	1,42	2,95	4,77	0,21	2,79	<b>16,04</b>
<b>2018</b>	2,47	-0,54	-0,62	0,25	-7,11	-1,62	0,84	-3,98	1,59	-2,80	-1,76	0,83	<b>-12,12</b>
<b>2017</b>	0,86	0,94	1,92	1,52	0,57	2,25	1,06	-1,64	1,33	0,38	0,25	-0,09	<b>9,66</b>
<b>2016</b>	-5,26	-3,13	4,18	3,23	0,32	-5,52	1,85	3,22	0,75	4,05	-1,73	2,01	<b>3,08</b>
<b>2015</b>	4,89	2,33	2,52	-0,89	0,46	-0,95	2,48	-2,22	-2,24	3,18	1,80	-0,01	<b>11,90</b>
<b>2014</b>	-1,05	0,39	0,88	1,00	2,04	0,20	-0,67	-0,08	1,49	0,90	0,27	-1,65	<b>4,12</b>
<b>2013</b>	2,67	-2,07	-0,82	3,18	1,31	-2,58	1,14	-0,87	0,34	1,46	-0,02	0,26	<b>3,98</b>

Source: Banca del Sempione SA

**Past performance is not indicative of future performance.** The performance data does not take into account the commissions and expenses applied to the issue and redemption of shares. Past performance is shown in the share class currency. **Returns are gross of tax charges.** The fund's performance may be the result of currency fluctuations, either rising or falling. Investors may not recover their entire capital invested



### Lipper Fund Awards

- 2022 Europe
- 2022 Switzerland
- 2018 Europe
- 2015 Switzerland

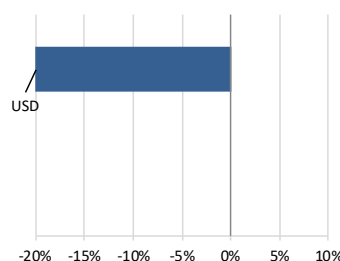
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#### Premio Alto Rendimento

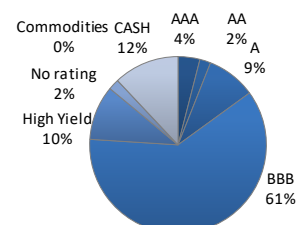
- 2021-Best Diversified Euro Bond Fund
- 2017-Best Diversified Euro Bond Fund
- 2016-Best Diversified Euro Bond Fund
- 2015-Best Diversified Euro Bond Fund

## Portfolio

### Currency Diversification



### Rating



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### Portfolio

Asset	%
<b>Government Bond</b>	25
Of which inflation linked	10
<b>Corporate Bond</b>	30
Of which corporate hybrid	7
<b>Financials</b>	32
Of which subordinated	19
<b>Convertible Bond</b>	1
<b>Commodities</b>	0
<b>Cash</b>	12

Statistics	
Duration	14.00
Yield to Maturity	5.30
Average Quality	BBB+
Volatility daily (180 days)	12.41%
Volatility weekly (104 weeks)	13.05%
Correlation vs Barclays Global Aggregate EUR (12m)	0.80
Correlation vs MSCI Hedged Eur(12m)	0.22
Contribution to duration - currency	
EUR	3
USD	10
GBP	1

Source: Banca del Sempione SA

### Monthly summary

In December we witnessed a relatively volatile market and after a first part that saw the continuation of what happened in November, especially in the equity market, the second part closer to the end-of-year holidays led to a return of volatility on both the bond and equity components. In addition to the relatively low liquidity that characterizes the market in this period and some profit taking with relative repositioning of portfolios for the start of the new year, an important signal came from the FED meeting. In the final appointment of 2024, despite rates having been cut by 25 bp as expected, Chairman Jerome Powell brought attention back to inflation which remains at higher levels than the FED would like. The consequence was that rate expectations, also confirmed by the new dot plot published, see a 2025 with only 2 cuts and a more restrictive attitude by the American central bank than expected by the market. The effects on American Treasury yields were significant with the 10-year closing the year at 4.57% almost at the maximum of the year, further weighing down the rates were also the discussions on the renewal of the American debt ceiling that will have to be dealt at the beginning of 2025. Even at a European level, despite a 25 bp cut by the ECB, government yields continued to be weighed down by the political vicissitudes of France and Germany with the German 10-year closing at 2.37%, also in this case almost at the maximum of 2024.

Volatility also came to the equity market after the FED meeting with the S&P500 and the Nasdaq 100 recording relatively closes of -3% and -3.6% on the day of the FED chairman's speech. However, another very positive year for American stocks ends with index returns above 20% and once again technology dominating the context, a less bold year for European stocks which anyway close positively with a +8.30%. Expectations of higher rates in America have given further bounce to the USD which closes at 1,035 against the Euro, gold in slight retracement closes at 2624 USD/ounce, positive performances for WTI recovering to 71.70 USD per barrel.

### Top Performance Contributors

### Top Performance Detractors

- Dollar short
- Long duration
- Spread oat-bund

### Positioning and market view

Negative end of the year for the subfund which closes the year with a modest +4.10 compared to the Bloomberg Global Aggregate index at +1.67%.

The contrarian positions we took in the last quarter (short dollar and especially long duration after the significant corrections seen on the bond markets following the first cuts by the ECB and the Fed) weighed on performance. The beginning of the year seems to follow this trend, so it is time to reflect on us and our convictions.

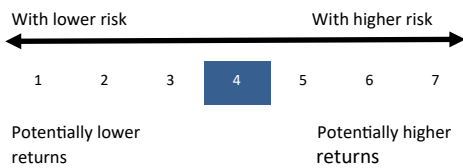
Are we witnessing a trend of secular yield increases after the secular trend of declines? Is the market afraid of inflationary surges? Or are we witnessing a technical situation with large emissions, central banks engaged in Qt and macro data that still distance fears of recession in America? We lean more towards the third hypothesis. So let's imagine a market correction in progress but with yields achieved that still appear interesting. For example, the 2-year in America performs like the Fed rates, the real yields on the long end (inflation linked) are extremely interesting. Probably an increase in the term premium could continue and for this reason we keep steepening positions albeit on the long-very long segment of the curve. We keep a rather high duration although partly hedged by option structures on February and March.

Faced with an extremely uncertain and volatile government bond market, we witnessed an extraordinarily composed performance on the credit side. Low volatility and constant returns. We believe that at these levels valuations are not too cheap, so we are continuing the switch between corporate paper and government paper that has been underway for months.

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**Counterparty Risk:** the Product may suffer losses if a counterparty to a financial instrument defaults and fails to meet its payment obligations to the Product.

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**Interest Rate Risk:** interest rate risk is the possibility that the value of the assets of the Product will decline as the result of an unexpected change in interest rates, especially but not limited, for investments in bonds.

**Liquidity Risk:** which may occur: when investments are made in financial instruments that could have a lower level of liquidity in some circumstances for example in the case of a market crash or default of issuers and/or due to massive redemptions of shareholders resulting in a potential decrease of the value of certain of the Product's investments.

**Operational Risk:** this is the risk that failures, problems and/or inadequacies of systems, processes and/or people (in particular by the investment manager) may cause losses to the Product.

**Risk linked to the use of derivative instruments:** a careful use of derivatives can be beneficial to the Product but implies additional risks different from traditional assets such as the risk of divergent valuation depending on the application of different pricing methodologies. The use of derivatives can result in greater fluctuations of the Product assets and may cause the Product to lose as much as or more than the amount invested. Due to the use of derivatives, the Product may have an increased exposure to particular investment known as leverage. A fall in value of such investments can result in a proportionately greater loss to the Product.

**Currency Risk:** the Product invests in assets priced in foreign currencies which may be adversely affected by changes in exchange rates in relation to the reference currency of the Product and of the share classes denominated in a currency other than the reference currency.

**Volatility-Leverage** In order to efficiently implement the Sub-Fund's strategy and to achieve the risk target that is consistent with the Sub-Fund's risk profile, the Sub-Fund will rely intensively on financial derivative instruments and underlyings that may generate a high level of leverage and the Sub-Fund may experience higher volatility than a fixed income fund that does not use leverage.

**The list of possible risks is not exhaustive; full risk information is available in the Sale Prospectus, chapter 5 "Special consideration on risks".**

### Glossary

**Share class** sub-fund of a fund differentiated in terms of client type, fee structure, currency, minimum investment or other characteristics. The characteristics of each share class are described in the offering prospectus. **Management fee** is a fee that covers all costs charged to a fund in relation to portfolio management services and, if applicable, distribution services. **Incentive fee (performance)** is a fee withheld by the management company based exclusively on the results achieved by the fund and is calculated if the fund performs better than a reference index, the benchmark, or if it records a gain in absolute terms. **Duration** indicates the number of years an investor should keep a position in the bond until the present value of the bond's cash flows to equal the amount paid for that bond. Longer is the duration, more the price of a bond will be influenced by changes in interest rates. Duration can also be used to compare the risk of debt securities with maturities and yields. **High Water Mark (HWM)** is the highest value achieved by a fund and it is used as a threshold to measure a manager's performance. In the case of this fund, according to the HWM principle, no performance fee will be charged if the NAV, before considering the fee, is lower than the latest reference NAV. Any losses accumulated in the past can be written off after a period of five years. The performance fee is assessed at the end of each calendar year, following a calculation method described in the prospectus. **Index** is a portfolio that holds a broad range of securities according to predefined rules. Some indices are used to represent the performance of particular markets and therefore serve as a point of reference for measuring the performance of other portfolios. An index used as a reference for performance comparison is called a "benchmark index". **ISIN** (International Securities Identification Number) unique code that identifies a specific financial security. It is assigned by the respective national coding agency of a country. **Bonds** are debt (for the entity that issues them) and credit securities (for the entity that purchases them) that represent a portion of debt taken out by a company or public body for financing. They guarantee the buyer the reimbursement of the capital (at the end of the pre-established period) plus interest (the remuneration that is due to those who purchase bonds in exchange for the sum invested). **High Yield Bonds** are a type of corporate bond that offers a higher interest rate due to its greater risk of default. Credit rating evaluates the ability of a bond issuer to repay all its debt obligations (interest and principal) on time. High ratings, such as AAA or Aaa, indicate low risk (i.e. a low probability of default), while ratings such as BBB- or Baa3 indicate greater risk. **Yield to maturity (YTM)** indicates the fund's return if all the bonds in the portfolio were to be held until the maturity date. The ratio is expressed as a percentage annual return. **Volatility**, the fluctuation of a fund's performance over a given period, provides an analysis of the amount of risk and uncertainty in a security or portfolio. Typically, higher is the volatility, riskier is the securities or portfolio.

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