

JPM EUR Corporate Bond 1-5 yr Research Enhanced Index (ESG) UCITS ETF*

Tickers: J15R, JER5, JR15

Topline

Monthly returns

Fund	Benchmark
▼ -0.54%	▼ -0.57%

Benchmark: Bloomberg Euro Corporate 1-5 Year Index

Markets Euro investment grade credit spreads tightened by 10 basis points (bps) to 121bps according to the Bloomberg Euro-Aggregate Corporate Index, while 1-5yr euro corporate bonds returned -0.57% on a total return basis

Helped Banking overweight.

Hurt Insurance underweight.

Outlook While spreads continued to tighten in the euro investment grade credit market, performance was negative. This was partly due to the weakening narrative that inflation is declining, signalling tight monetary conditions may unwind later than anticipated. Despite recent upside surprises to macroeconomic data, inflation continues to move toward European Central Bank targets. Company fundamentals remain resilient; trailing 12-month revenue and EBITDA growth remain positive, with a decrease in leverage and large dispersion across sectors. Technicals remain supportive; consistent flows helped after heavy issuance in January, where deals were pricing with minimal concession. Despite the tighter spread environment, we find pockets of value across the investment grade universe.

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Fund Overview

Investment objective

The Sub-Fund aims to achieve a long-term return in excess of Bloomberg Euro Corporate 1-5 Year Index (the "Benchmark") by actively investing primarily in a portfolio of short term investment grade Euro denominated corporate debt securities.

Trading information

Stock exchange	Exchange ticker	Trading currency	Bloomberg ticker	Reuters RIC	Sedol
London Stock Exchange	JR15	EUR	JR15 LN	JR15.L	BGXQNX0
London Stock Exchange	J15R	GBP	J15R LN	J15R.L	BGXQNY1
Borsa Italiana	JR15	EUR	JR15 IM	JR15.MI	BGXQNW9
Deutsche Borse	JER5	EUR	JER5 GY	JER5.DE	BGXQNS5
SIX SWISS	JR15	EUR	JR15 SW	JR15.S	BGXQNV8

Month in Review

- **The fund returned -0.54% (gross of fees)** over the month, outperforming the benchmark by 3 bps.
- **At the sector level**, our overweight to banking and energy were the largest contributors to performance for the month. Our underweights to insurance and finance companies were the largest detractors to performance for the month.
- **At an issuer level**, our overweights to Intesa SELP Finance and Caixabank, and our avoidance of Aareal Bank were the largest contributors over the month. Our avoidance of Heimstaden Bostad and Fastighets AB Balder, and our underweight to Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield were the top detractors for the month.

Looking Ahead

- **Global investment grade company fundamentals remain resilient.** Europe has adopted a, generally, more defensive approach to absorb potential headwinds such as a mixed-volume backdrop. The slowdown in EBITDA growth is not a concern for credit at this point given the high starting position, and we see disciplined capital allocation, with a continued emphasis on strong liquidity and ratings stability. The increased share buybacks have, so far, been neutral for credit, and leverage remains relatively low.
- **We expect technicals to be supportive for the coming month.** Europe continues to experience strong demand, as seen through weekly flows. These inflows have supported the investment grade market after a heavy record issuance month in February, where deals were able to price with minimal concession. The large volume in February is attributed to both M&A supply and a likely pull forward of issuers that have historically issued in March. While March is historically a heavy supply month, we are expecting supply to be more manageable compared to January and February.
- **Euro investment grade spreads** were -10 tighter in February, with banks outperforming Industrials for the second month in a row. While spreads are tight, they have the potential to remain at those levels for elongated periods of time, based on historical data.

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All data is sourced by J.P. Morgan Asset Management and is correct as at the date of this commentary.

Performance and positioning

%	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since inception
Fund	-0.54	1.47	-0.35	5.45	-0.87	-0.12	0.08
Benchmark	-0.57	1.47	-0.33	5.49	-0.80	0.09	0.27
Excess return (geometric)	0.03	0.00	-0.02	-0.04	-0.08	-0.21	-0.19

%	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund	6.36	-8.04	-0.33	0.79	2.41
Benchmark	6.39	-8.00	-0.08	1.11	2.77
Excess return (geometric)	-0.02	-0.04	-0.26	-0.32	-0.35

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Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Share class performance is shown based on the NAV (net asset value) of the share class with income (gross of shareholder tax) reinvested including actual ongoing charges excluding any entry and exit fees. Performance over one year is annualised. Performance is shown based on the NAV which may not be the same as the market price of the ETF. Individual shareholders may realize returns that are different to the NAV based returns. Share class inception date is 06.12.2018.

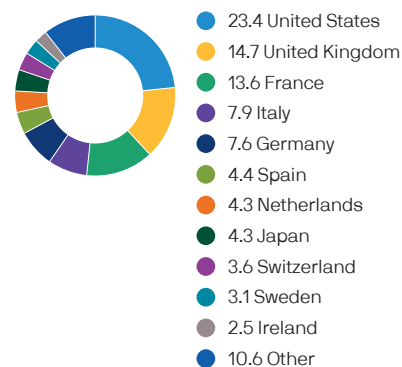
Holdings

TOP 10	Coupon rate	Maturity date	% of assets
Motability Operations (United Kingdom)	0.38	3/1/26	1.5
Thermo Fisher Scientific (United States)	0.00	18/11/25	1.3
Abbvie (United States)	0.75	18/11/27	1.3
CRH (United States)	4.00	11/7/27	1.3
Baxter International (United States)	1.30	30/5/25	1.1
Bank of America (United States)	1.95	27/10/26	1.1
FGP TopCo (United Kingdom)	1.50	12/10/25	1.0
ABB (Switzerland)	3.25	16/1/27	1.0
Saint Gobain (France)	1.63	10/8/25	1.0
BNP Paribas (France)	0.50	19/2/28	1.0

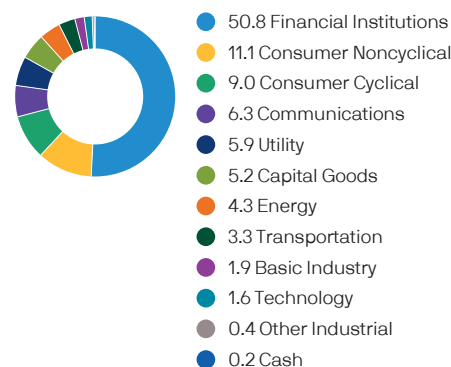
Number of holdings

283

Country breakdown (%)



Sector breakdown (%)



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Summary Risk Indicator



Lower risk Higher risk

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