# JPM EUR Ultra-Short Income UCITS ETF\*

Tickers: JEST, JSET

# **Topline**

| Monthly returns |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Fund            | Benchmark      |
| ▲ 0.30%         | <b>▲</b> 0.32% |
|                 |                |

Benchmark: ICE BofA 3-Month German Treasury Bill Index

Markets There was no European Central Bank (ECB) meeting in May. The deposit rate remained at 4%. Preliminary eurozone core inflation in May came in slightly hotter than expected at 2.9% year on year. Two-year German government bond yields rose slightly over the month. Credit spreads tightened.

Helped Our credit exposure helped, with spreads tightening.

**Hurt** The mild increase in government bond yields detracted slightly from relative performance.

**Outlook** Preliminary eurozone purchasing managers' index (PMI) business surveys for May continued to improve. The services PMI remained at a healthy level of 53.3. The composite survey rose to a 12-month high of 52.3, helped by an improvement in the manufacturing survey to 47.4, a 15-month high. Unemployment also declined to a new low of 6.4%. However, we still think that the progress on inflation will allow the ECB to cut rates in June.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results.

# **Fund Overview**

#### Investment objective

The Sub-Fund aims to provide current income while seeking to maintain a low volatility of principal.

#### Trading information

| Stock exchange        | Exchange<br>ticker | Trading currency | Bloomberg<br>ticker | Reuters<br>RIC | Sedol   |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|
| Deutsche Borse        | JEST               | EUR              | JEST GY             | JEST.DE        | BFX1Y13 |
| London Stock Exchange | JSET               | GBP              | JSET LN             | JSET.L         | BFX1XX8 |
| Borsa Italiana        | JEST               | EUR              | JEST IM             | JEST.MI        | BFZPFB0 |
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## Month in Review

- German sovereign short-term yields decreased in May; the one-month yield decreased by -17.9bps to 3.61, the three-month yield decreased by -7.4bps to 3.55% and the six-month yield decreased by -3.7bps to 3.53%. Further out the curve, yields rose, with two-year yields increasing by 6.3bps to 3.09%, three-year yields increasing by 7.4bps to 2.86% and five-year yields increasing by 9.1bps to 2.71%. Credit spreads tightened in Europe, with the Barclays 1-5Y EUR Corporate Index option-adjusted spread falling 5bps, closing at 96bps.
- •The strategy's duration ended May at 0.6 years compared with 0.55 years at the end of April, and spread duration increased to 0.83 compared with 0.77 at the end of April.

# Looking Ahead

- Following the move higher in government bond yields this year, we believe that the ECB will probably cut rates more than is priced in 2024 and that the market could move to price in more cuts for this year over the coming months. We have therefore looked to extend duration further. However, we have some reservations over whether as many rate cuts will be delivered in 2025 as the market expects and so view our increase in duration as tactical
- While spreads have tightened further, we believe corporate fundamentals remain well supported, particularly given signs that growth is improving and with rate cuts likely on the horizon. With that in mind, we are positive on the outlook for credit but will retain a bias towards higher-quality names given tight spreads between BBBs and single-A credits. We also continue to have a positive view on the outlook for bank credit.

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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                      | 0.30  | 0.89  | 1.47  | 3.92  | 1.32 | 0.74  | 0.59            |
| Benchmark                 | 0.32  | 0.92  | 1.52  | 3.55  | 1.21 | 0.48  | 0.29            |
| Excess return (geometric) | -0.02 | -0.03 | -0.05 | 0.36  | 0.11 | 0.27  | 0.29            |
| %                         | 2023  | 2     | 022   | 2021  | 2    | 2020  | 2019            |
| Fund                      | 3.35  | -(    | ).48  | -0.38 |      | -0.19 | 0.23            |
| Benchmark                 | 2.88  | -(    | 0.31  | -0.71 |      | -0.61 | -0.56           |
| Excess return (geometric) | 0.45  | -(    | 0.17  | 0.33  |      | 0.42  | 0.80            |

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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 06.06.2018.

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| TOP 10   | Sector                    | Maturity date | % of assets |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| European Union (International)                         | Government                | 6/7/26        | 2.2         |
| Wells Fargo (Ireland)                                  | Certificate of<br>Deposit | 30/8/24       | 1.8         |
| Nova Scotia Bank (Canada)                              | Corporate                 | 12/12/25      | 1.7         |
| LOReal (France)  | Corporate                 | 23/1/27       | 1.5         |
| Industrial Bank Of Korea (United Kingdom)              | Certificate of<br>Deposit | 18/11/24      | 1.4         |
| Toronto - Dominion Bank (Canada)                       | Corporate                 | 16/2/27       | 1.2         |
| La Poste (France)                                      | Commercial<br>Paper       | 23/7/24       | 1.2         |
| Exxon Mobil (United States)                            | Corporate                 | 26/6/24       | 1.2         |
| Industrial & Commercial Bank Of China (United Kingdom) | Certificate of<br>Deposit | 17/6/24       | 1.2         |
| Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (Sweden)                 | Commercial<br>Paper       | 4/7/24        | 1.2         |

## Number of holdings



#### Sector breakdown (%)



#### Country breakdown (%)



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