Pareto Nordic Cross Credit H-I EUR

Pareto Asset Management

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Fund: Pareto Nordic Cross Credit
Umbrella fund: Pareto SICAV
Inception date: 26 November 2019
AUM: NOK 5 497 million
Benchmark: n.a.
PRIIPs KID risk score from 1 (low) to 7 (high): 2

Category: fixed income fund
Legal structure: UCITS
Dealing days: all coinciding banking days in Norway and Luxembourg

Domicile: Luxembourg
Management company: FundRock Management Comp. S.A.
Investment manager: Pareto Asset Management AS
Custodian:
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) Luxembourg Branch

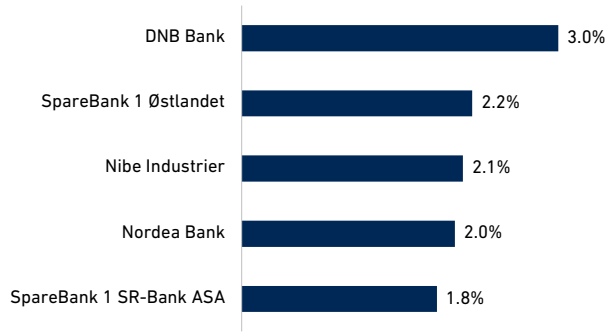
Share class H-I

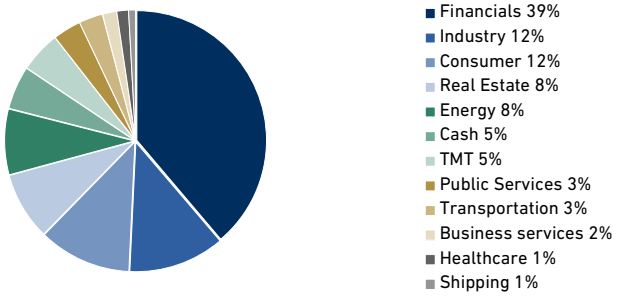
Launch date: 10 January 2020
NAV as at 27 March 2024: 111.98
NAV currency: EUR
Minimum investment: 5 000 000
ISIN: LU2023201044
Bloomberg ticker: PANCHIE LX

Nordic fixed income fund investing in corporate bonds in a wide range of sectors. Low geopolitical risk and an ESG profile.

- The fund invests in fixed income and fixed income related securities issued by financial institutions, corporations, agencies, governments and municipalities while incorporating ESG criteria into the Fund's analysis and selection criteria
- The debt securities may be rated or unrated and have credit risk corresponding to Investment Grade or High Yield
- The average interest rate duration of the portfolio shall be between 0 and 4 years

Top five issuers and sector allocation





Key figures since launch

	Fund
Accumulated returns	12.0 %
Annualised returns	2.7 %

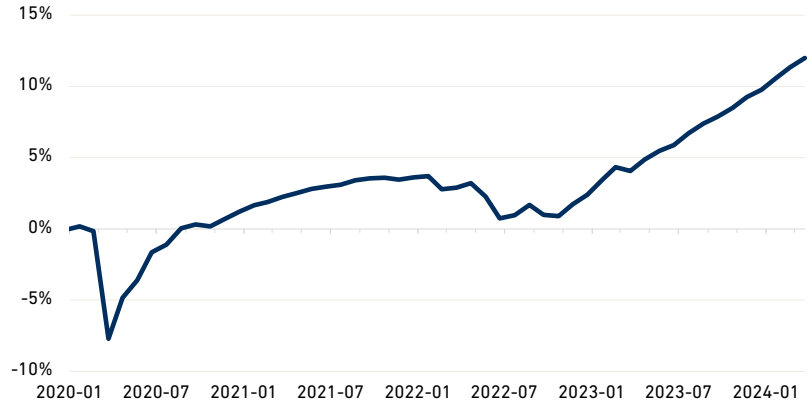
Risk figures

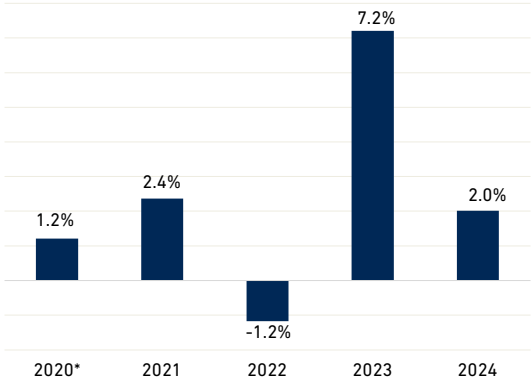
	Fund
Standard deviation (ann.)	4.5 %
Average time to maturity	2.6
Interest rate duration	0.3
Credit spread duration	2.3

Performance by periods

	Fund
Last month	0.6 %
Year to date	2.0 %
Three months	2.0 %
Six months	3.8 %
Last 12 months	7.6 %
Since launch (annualised)	2.7 %

Performance history





Monthly net returns in per cent

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	YTD
2024	0.74	0.69	0.57										2.02
2023	1.03	0.86	-0.26	0.76	0.60	0.38	0.78	0.63	0.45	0.57	0.71	0.47	7.21
2022	0.10	-0.90	0.12	0.30	-0.92	-1.50	0.22	0.72	-0.68	-0.09	0.81	0.67	-1.17
2021	0.45	0.21	0.35	0.27	0.29	0.15	0.13	0.31	0.13	0.03	-0.12	0.14	2.36
2020	0.17	-0.32	-7.55	3.11	1.29	2.03	0.55	1.14	0.28	-0.12	0.52	0.50	1.21

The Fund is exposed to the following materially relevant risks: liquidity risk, currency risk, derivatives risk, counterparty risk, operational risk and sustainability risk. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for further information about the fund's risk exposure. The Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of SFDR. The decision to invest in the Fund should take into account all the characteristics or objectives of the Fund as described in its prospectus. Further information about the sustainability-related aspects of the Fund is available in the SFDR pre-contractual disclosures in the Fund's prospectus and the SFDR website disclosure available on https://paretoam.com/en/our-funds/.

*From launch of the share class. All figures are based on internationally recognised standards for publishing performance data. Historical returns are no guarantee for future returns. Future returns will depend, inter alia, on, market developments, the portfolio manager's skill, the fund's risk profile, as well as fees for subscription, management and redemption. Returns may become negative as a result of negative price developments. The performance data do not take account of the fees incurred on subscription and redemption of units/shares.

Monthly commentary March 2024

Pareto Asset Management

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March was a strong month for the Nordic credit markets, marking the end of a solid first quarter for Pareto Nordic Cross Credit. The fund's return for the month and the first quarter ended above the fund's coupon income, as credit spreads continued to tighten in the Nordic as well as the European and US markets. Market interest rates were relatively stable throughout the month and had little impact on the fund's performance.

Issuance activity continued at a good pace and March was an active month for PNCC. Bonds totalling approximately NOK 730 million were traded, evenly divided between purchases and sales. We participated in nine issuances in well-known Nordic companies. The most important portfolio adjustments in February were the additions of Pelagia (seafood), Jotun (paint and coating) and NIBE industrier (indoor climate solutions). Three new issuers for the fund were also added: Electrolux Professional, Husqvarna and Lantmannen.

Electrolux Professional was spun-off from the Electrolux group and listed as an independent company in 2020. The company is one of the leading global providers of food service, beverage, and laundry solutions. It serves a wide range of customers globally, from restaurants and hotels to healthcare, educational and other service facilities.
Husqvarna AB manufactures outdoor maintenance and recreational products. The company produces chain saws, trimmers, blowers, lawn mowers, tillers, generators, snow blowers, stump grinders, and utility vehicles. The products are sold worldwide, with a focus on Europe, North America, and Asia.

Lantmannen operates as an agricultural cooperative. The company produces and supplies seeds, fertilisers, and plant protection pesticides, specialising in agriculture, machinery, bioenergy, and food products. Lantmannen serves clients in Europe.

On the sell side our holding of AAA-rated covered bonds was reduced somewhat during the month. We also exited Telenor (telecommunications) and Cibus Nordic Real Estate.

Portfolio management team: Christian Weldingh and Gustaf Tegell

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