

Report date: 30 September 2024

Fund: Pareto Nordic Cross Credit
Umbrella fund: Pareto SICAV
Inception date: 26 November 2019
AUM: NOK 7 515 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

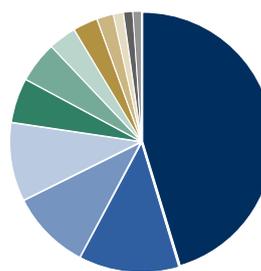
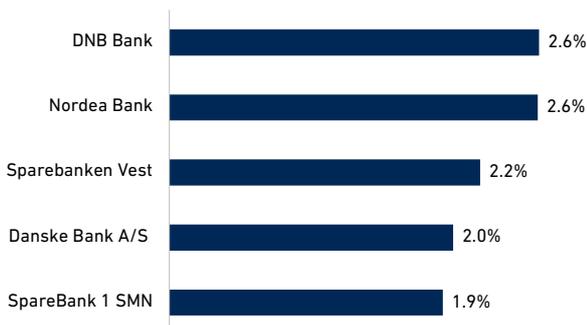
Share class H-I

Launch date: 10 January 2020
NAV as at 30 September 2024: 115.59
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	15.6 %
Annualised returns	3.1 %

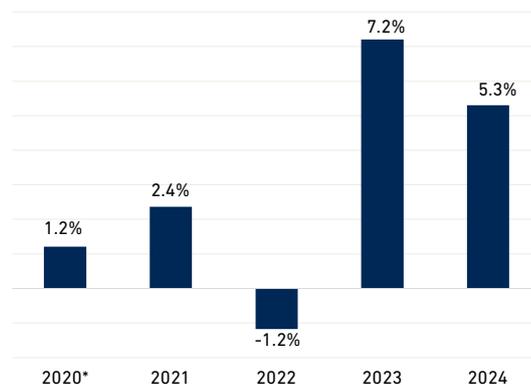
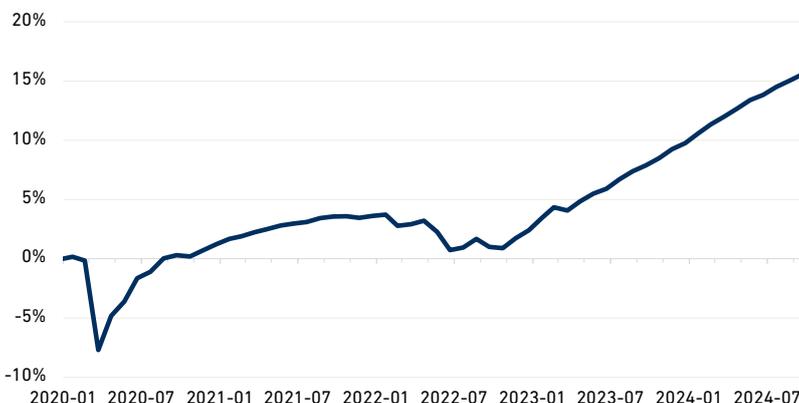
Risk figures

	Fund
Standard deviation (ann.)	4.3 %
Average time to maturity	2.5
Interest rate duration	0.3
Credit spread duration	2.2

Performance by periods

	Fund
Last month	0.5 %
Year to date	5.3 %
Three months	1.5 %
Six months	3.2 %
Last 12 months	7.2 %
Since launch (annualised)	3.1 %

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	0.61	0.65	0.39	0.58	0.49	0.47				5.30
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.



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September was largely coloured by interest rate decisions. Norges Bank kept its key interest rate unchanged, while several other central banks made cuts. The credit market, for its part, is liquid with large supply and demand, and borrowers obtain financing with fairly low risk premiums. The return for the fund in September ended on a par with the underlying coupon return.

While several central banks are well underway with interest rate cuts, Norges Bank is holding off due to a slightly too high inflation, a tight labour market and fears of further krone depreciation. In the US, the Federal Reserve lowered its key interest rate by 50 basis points to maintain the temperature in the labour market, which after all is quite high, but slightly lower than at its peak. It seems that the housing market is the reason for the concern, as increased unemployment may force many people to sell their homes (which are now valued lower than in many years).

Primary activity in the Nordic market was high throughout September. We traded bonds for approximately NOK 468 million this month, for the most part purchases. The purchases were mainly in issuances, eleven in number, and in existing names in the portfolio. The most significant purchases were Nordea and Sparebanken Sør (both banks) and Telenor (telecommunication). In the real estate sector, we accepted a buyback offer from Corem Property Group, while we increased our exposure somewhat in Heimstaden Bostad, Diös Fastigheter and Nyfosa through short-maturity issuances.

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