

# Nuveen Global Sustainable Bond Fund

**Marketing communication** | As of 30 Jun 2025

*Effective 15 May 2025, the Fund's name changed from Nuveen Global Core Impact Bond Fund to Nuveen Global Sustainable Bond Fund. This change did not impact the Fund's investment strategy or portfolio management.*

- The Fund outperformed its benchmark, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index -Hedged USD, in June.
- The global economy expanded modestly in June but showed signs of strain, while business and consumer surveys deteriorated. In China, manufacturing activity edged up (but remained in contraction territory), supported by a trade deal with the U.S. and Beijing's ongoing stimulus programs designed to boost domestic demand. The eurozone saw forecast-topping growth (strongest in three months) as its manufacturing and service sectors expanded. In the U.S., the labor market continued to soften, which fed through to weaker consumption - consumer spending declined for the first time since January.
- Despite the mixed economic backdrop, market participants generally embraced risk and pushed credit spreads tighter. While the Federal Reserve, Bank of Japan and Bank of England paused again in June, the European Central Bank lowered borrowing costs for the eighth time during this policy easing cycle. Rates in the U.S., U.K., Sweden, Norway, Australia and New Zealand fell notably, Japan's ticked down, and those in the eurozone, Switzerland, Korea and Canada rose. The combination of lower rates in many key markets and tighter credit spreads contributed to a strong June for global credit, with longer-duration corporates leading the way.

## Contributors

Sector allocation contributed the most to the Fund's performance in June, thanks largely to an underweight in U.S. Treasuries and overweight in corporates, as spreads narrowed by month-end to levels last touched in late February.

Security selection also bolstered results. Within corporates, select banking and electric utility issuers led the way. Among mortgage-backed securities (MBS), the portfolio's focus on mid-coupon pools aided performance, with that segment outperforming higher-coupon mortgage pools during the month.

Curve positioning contributed incrementally amid broadly declining yields. Rates rallied most within the 2-, 5- and 10-year key rate duration buckets and slightly less at the 20- and 30-year nodes, which worked in the portfolio's favor. (Key rate duration, or KRD, measures a bond or a bond portfolio's sensitivity to a 100-basis point change in yield at a specific maturity point.)

Overweighting high quality agency MBS and taxable municipal bonds also contributed on the margin, as spreads compressed.

## Detractors

The portfolio's slightly shorter-than-benchmark duration detracted slightly due to the rally in U.S. rates.

Within government related-credit, a modest underweight in emerging market debt, which performed well in June, hindered results.

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## Portfolio positioning

We continue to favor spread sectors and credit risk with an up-in-quality bias. That said, we believe credit spreads remain far too tight for today's uncertain macroeconomic backdrop, although fundamentals are still generally positive, in our view. Increasing exposure to U.S. Treasuries is also unattractive given the market's growing concern for high debt-to-GDP levels and forecasts for ballooning deficits.

Volatility in the coming months, whether catalyzed by political discord or geopolitical event risk, could present more attractive entry points for risk taking. We continue to lean toward more stable and predictable cash flows in the supranational, securitized and municipal bond sectors. We believe active duration positioning should be neutralized given the likelihood of U.S. rate volatility driven by market participants attempting to front run a data-dependent Federal Reserve.

## Outlook

Uncertainty remains high, although some of the most extreme tail risks have diminished, in our view, while growth expectations have repriced. Politics, particularly regarding trade policy and fiscal deficits, should weigh heavily on markets and sentiment. We believe the effects of trade policy upheaval will have profound implications for global growth, commodity prices and inflation. We are also closely monitoring the potential effects of capital flows, given the increase in U.S. asset exposure in recent years. At the same time, the Russia/Ukraine and Israel/Hamas conflicts continue to simmer, while U.S./China tensions remain.

Many core central banks have struck a patient tone, moving away from forward guidance and emphasizing waiting over action. Generally, less restrictive policy rates are affording central bankers more time to observe data and assess the impact of trade tensions on growth and inflation. We anticipate material variances across regions and countries, leading us to see potential for differing policy decisions. For example, the European Central Bank and Bank of China may have more latitude to loosen policy, while the Federal Reserve will likely face greater inflation headwinds.

Calendar year returns (%)

	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Class P \$ accumulating	-16.86	5.90	0.12	3.07
Global Core Impact Bond Blended Benchmark	-16.25	5.72	0.34	2.81

Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	Since inception
Class P \$ accumulating	17 May 2021	1.08	1.66	5.96	2.40	-2.82
Global Core Impact Bond Blended Benchmark		0.96	1.61	6.15	1.99	-2.58

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Credit quality (%)

	Fund market value
U.S. Treasury / U.S. Agency (Including Agency MBS)	16.52
AAA	24.61
AA	18.78
A	21.60
BBB	13.12
BB	4.66
B	0.44
Not Rated	1.62

Quality ratings are assigned in accordance with the methodology applied by the Fund's respective benchmark. Credit ratings are subject to change. If all three of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch provide a rating for a security, the middle rating (after dropping the highest and lowest ratings) is assigned; if two of the three agencies rate a security, the lower rating of the two is assigned and if only one rating agency rates a security, that rating is assigned. AAA, AA, A, and BBB are investment grade ratings; BB, B, CCC/CC/C and D are below-investment grade ratings. U.S. government securities, if owned by the Fund, are included in the U.S. Treasury/Agency category (included only if applicable).

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- **Foreign investments** involve additional risks, including currency fluctuation, political and economic instability, lack of liquidity and differing legal and accounting standards. These risks are magnified in emerging markets.
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- **Asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities** are subject to additional risks such as prepayment risk, liquidity risk and adverse economic developments.
- The use of **derivatives** involves substantial financial risks and transaction costs.

A complete description of the risks of investing in the Fund can be found in the Key Investment Information Document(s) (KIIDs) and the Prospectus.

Fund description

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Portfolio management



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18 years industry experience



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31 years industry experience

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