



# **Nuveen Global Core Impact Bond Fund**

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- In February, the Fund outperformed the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index Hedged USD.
- Global economic growth fell to a 14-month low in February yet remained in expansion territory. China saw service sector and manufacturing activity increase, albeit modestly, but deflation fears resurfaced. In Europe, the eurozone experienced marginal growth, with political uncertainty weighing on France and Germany, the currency bloc's two-largest economies. Across the Atlantic, the U.S. economy showed signs of slowing following a strong January. Employers added a below-forecast 151,000 jobs, and concerns over U.S. trade policy hindered the manufacturing sector. In a quiet month for central banks, the Bank of England and Reserve Bank of Australia cut interest rates by 25 basis points.
- Global fixed income returns were positive in February. U.S. mortgage-backed securities (+2.55%) and Treasuries (+2.16%) performed well. U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds (+1.99%) bested their euro-denominated counterparts (+0.64%) due to their longer duration (~6.5 years vs. ~4.4 years, respectively) and a more pronounced rally in local rates. U.S. investment grade corporates topped high yield corporate bonds as spreads widened for both sectors later in the month.

#### **Contributors**

Duration and yield curve positioning contributed the most to the Fund's outperformance in February. In particular, a duration underweight in Japan added value as local rates rose, reflecting the likelihood of further policy tightening by the Bank of Japan. A slight duration overweight in the U.S. also aided results, with Treasury yields falling amid concerns over U.S. economic growth.

#### **Detractors**

Sector allocation detracted modestly. With credit spreads widening, the Fund's overweight in spread sectors such as corporates and taxable municipals lagged.

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### **Portfolio positioning**

The Fund remained broadly diversified, with overweights in spread sectors tempered by an up-in-quality credit bias. Overall, our portfolio duration was somewhat shorter than the benchmark's. We moved to a small overweight duration in U.S. and U.K. rates markets. Given current market pricing, we favored U.S. and U.K. duration and have a more neutral stance on euro rates. We remain cautious on duration in core markets due to the high level of uncertainty related to U.S. trade policy and the trajectory of global economic growth.

In this challenging environment, the Fund remained focused on quality and liquidity, especially given current valuations in risk assets, with a nod toward idiosyncratic security selection. We still see attractive opportunities for all-in-yield from issuers with strong fundamentals. Lastly, assets were allocated towards the lower end of the portfolio's typical active currency exposure. With this in mind, we continued to favor a moderately diversified basket of currencies tilted slightly to emerging markets.

#### **Outlook**

Uncertainties remain high. Politics will stay at the forefront as the new U.S. administration's policy details continue to unfold, particularly on tariffs and international engagement. European Union (EU) leadership is quickly being put to the test as the Trump administration is redefining its role in Ukraine and in Europe more broadly. Demands for more spending on EU defense will only complicate many difficult fiscal decisions. U.S./China tension may aggravate uncertainty and spur volatility.

The path of U.S. monetary policy remains important, but the bar for the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates is high. In contrast, if the U.S. economy struggles, we'd expect multiple rate cuts in 2025. In China, fiscal policy support should continue, although substantial monetary easing is unlikely.

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#### Calendar year returns (%)

	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Class I \$ distributing	-17.07	5.59	-0.09	1.73
Global Core Impact Bond Blended Benchmark	-16.25	5.72	0.34	1.60

#### Average annualized total returns (%)

	inception date	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	inception
Class I \$ distributing	17 May 2021	1.28	0.66	4.42	-2.59	-3.62
Global Core Impact Bond Blended Benchmark		1.20	0.82	4.69	-2.30	-3.11

Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate so that shares redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Total returns for a period of less than one year are cumulative. Returns without sales charges would be lower if the sales charges were included. Returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. For performance current to the most recent month-end visit nuveen.com/global. Performance shown for benchmark since inception is as of the Fund's oldest share class. The base currency of the Fund is USD. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations between the base currency of the Fund and the currency in which an investor subscribes.

Effective 18 Apr, 2024, the Global Core Impact Bond Blended Benchmark is comprised of 100% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index Hedged USD. Performance prior to 18 Apr, 2024 reflects 100% weighting in Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index.

#### Top 5 sectors (%)

	Fund market value	Benchmark
Non-US Govt/Agency	39.59	33.27
Investment Grade Corporates	22.03	17.60
Agency MBS	9.97	10.57
Emerging Market Debt	9.87	16.26
U.S. Treasury	6.52	18.79

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, AA, 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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#### **Fund description**

An actively managed, multi-currency bond strategy that invests across global fixed income markets, directing capital to securities that offer measurable impact or to issuers that demonstrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) leadership and securities that finance beneficial environmental and social outcomes. The Fund is reporting as an Article 9 fund under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR).

The Fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark. Investors invest in shares of the Fund. The Fund is suitable for long-term investors that are prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility. Please see the Key Investor Information Document(s) for more information. For more information on sustainability-related aspects please refer to nuveen.com/global.

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