

# Fullerton Lux Funds - Flexible Credit Income - Class A (USD) Dist

March 2025

## **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate long term capital appreciation for investors.

## **Investment Focus and Approach**

The Investment Manager seeks to achieve the objective of the Fund by investing primarily in investment grade, unrated or rated non-investment grade fixed income or debt securities, including convertibles, denominated primarily in USD and Asian currencies and primarily issued by companies, governments, quasi-governments, government agencies or supranationals in the Asian region. The Asian countries may include but are not limited to China (including Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan), South Korea, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam.

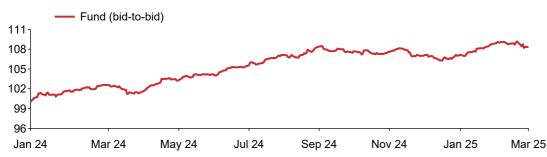
The Investment Manager seeks to achieve the investment objective of the Fund by a combination of top down macro-economic research for effective duration or interest rate management, country and sector allocation, alongside bottom-up analysis for credit selection and yield curve positioning. Additionally, the Investment Manager's approach incorporates currency flexibility to enhance the overall strategy, complementing both duration and credit management efforts. The Investment Manager believes that this combined top down and bottom-up investment approach provides the best opportunities for achieving superior risk-adjusted returns over the long term.

#### SFDR Classification:

Article 6 fund.

Note: The Fund uses alternative investment strategies and the risks inherent in the Fund are not typically encountered in traditional Funds. Please refer to the Fund's Prospectus for more information.

# Performance (%)



	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	SI. Ann. Ret.	SI. Ann. Vol.
Fund (bid-to-bid)	-0.43	1.13	-0.04	5.63	6.99	3.11
Fund (offer-to-bid)	-5.17	-3.68	-4.80	0.60	2.68	NA

Returns of more than 1 year are annualised. Returns are calculated on a single pricing basis in USD with net dividends and distributions (if any)reinvested. Offer-to-bid returns include an assumed preliminary charge of 5% which may or may not be charged to investors. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

Source: Fullerton Fund Management Company Ltd.

## **Market Review**

Asian credit markets delivered modestly positive returns in March, as measured by the J.P. Morgan Asia Credit Index (USD). Gains were primarily supported by U.S. Treasury duration performance, which helped offset the impact of wider credit spreads.

U.S. Treasury yields were volatile over the month, driven by shifting Fed rate expectations, tariff-related concerns, and broader global bond market dynamics. The yield curve steepened, with front-end yields rallying more significantly as markets priced in a higher likelihood of Fed rate cuts in 2025. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield was essentially unchanged, slipping just 0.3 basis points (bps)—reflecting the ongoing tug-of-war between recession fears and lingering inflation uncertainty.

Across credit segments, returns on Asian investment Grade credits were flat over the month, as the uplift from Treasury-related duration returns were largely eroded by spread widening. In contrast, Non-Investment Grade credits fared better, as their more resilient spread performance helped them outperform their investment grade counterparts. From a country perspective, South Korea, Hong Kong, and China were the top performers. On the weaker end, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Indonesia lagged. Indonesia, which is heavily represented by sovereign and quasi-sovereign issuers, was a notable underperformer. This reflected growing concerns over the country's fiscal trajectory following a series of policy announcements under the Prabowo administration. These include budget reallocations, plans for a sovereign wealth fund, expanded low-income housing initiatives, and revisions to export repatriation rules—all of which contributed to rising fiscal risk perceptions and expectations of increased bond supply.

Inception date 23 Jan 2024

**Fund size** 

USD 53.94 million

**Base Currency** 

USD

Pricing Date

31 Mar 2025

NAV\*

USD 10.19

Management fee\*\*

Up to 1.0% p.a.

Management company<sup>^</sup> fee\*\*
Up to 0.04% p.a. subject to a
minimum monthly fee of EUR
750.00 per Fund per month

applied at the Company level

Distributions paid per unit #

Mar 2024: USD 0.125

Jun 2024: USD 0.167

Sep 2024: USD 0.168

Dec 2024: USD 0.168 Mar 2025: USD 0.166

**Preliminary Charge\*\*** 

Up to 5% subscription amount (equivalent to a max of 5.26315% of the Net Asset Value per share)

**Dealing day** 

Daily

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# Market Review (Cont'd)

At the sector level, real estate—particularly Chinese and Hong Kong names—led performance, benefiting from meaningful spread tightening. Financials and transport sectors also performed well. In contrast, oil & gas, commodities, and diversified sectors underperformed, with wider spreads outweighing any duration-related gains from Treasury movements.

## **Investment Strategy**

The announcement of tariffs on Liberation Day marked a significant trade shock, reshaping the global economic backdrop. In this environment, where uncertainty around global trade flows and policy responses persists, we remain focused on delivering consistent income while maintaining a disciplined approach to risk. Central banks, particularly the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed), remain data-dependent but firmly restrictive, with markets increasingly pricing in a recession as the base case. At the same time, inflation expectations are constraining monetary policy flexibility. While U.S. Treasuries have seen support amid risk-off sentiment, persistent inflation concerns are limiting upside potential.

Currency markets have also responded to the shift in sentiment. The U.S. dollar has weakened against most G10 currencies, reflecting anticipated repatriation flows and changes in rate differentials. While we expect this trend to continue in the near term, we remain cautious on its sustainability given the evolving macro dynamics. Meanwhile, the unfolding trade conflict continues to be a key source of market volatility. Market participants are closely watching for potential retaliatory measures, particularly from Europe and China, and the risk of further escalation remains non-trivial.

Despite softer growth expectations, the Chinese credit market has remained relatively resilient, supported by a stable policy backdrop and ongoing measures aimed at economic stabilisation. The so-called "China policy put" remains in place, and while policy support is needed to sustain momentum, the fundamental credit outlook remains intact for many issuers. However, we remain selective, particularly avoiding credits with significant reliance on U.S. market exposure, given the geopolitical headwinds.

From a systemic risk perspective, the current environment differs meaningfully from past cycles. While equity markets have corrected, there is no clear evidence of contagion from the banking or property sectors. Credit fundamentals remain relatively healthy, and financial institutions are well-capitalised. That said, we expect continued pressure on lower-quality high yield segments, whereas higher-quality corporate credits appear oversold and offer compelling value. We are also closely monitoring alternative credit markets for signs of stress that could affect broader risk sentiment.

In light of these developments, we have adjusted our portfolio strategy to align with a more cautious base case scenario, shifting from a slower growth/higher inflation outlook toward one that incorporates the potential for global recession or stagflation. We are maintaining discipline in managing exposures while continuing to seek attractive income opportunities through active security selection and tactical positioning.

We have taken profits and begun reducing our high yield allocation. Nonetheless, we retain selective positions in issuers with domestically focused business models that are less exposed to global trade frictions and exhibit stable credit profiles. At the same time, we are enhancing carry through a diversified allocation across USD, EUR, and selective local currency credit markets. This geographic and currency diversification helps mitigate idiosyncratic risks while supporting income generation.

To help stabilise returns and manage volatility, we are gradually increasing duration exposure through sovereign bonds denominated in multiple currencies including EUR, USD, KRW, and AUD. These positions serve as portfolio hedges and provide potential upside in the event of a sustained risk-off environment. We are also rotating exposure towards Asian credits that may benefit from recovery dynamics in China, and we view the current market dislocation as an opportunity to add credits at attractive valuations.

Overall, we believe our current positioning strikes a balance between risk management and income generation. By focusing on credit quality, diversification, and tactical duration management, we aim to navigate the current environment with resilience while staying aligned with our long-term investment objectives.

- \* Figures have been truncated to 2 decimal places. The official price is published on Fullerton's website.
- <sup>#</sup> Please refer to our website for more details.
- \*\*The list of cost is not exhaustive and the fund may incurs other expenses. Please refer to the Prospectus/KIID for more information.
- ^Management Company of the Fund is Lemanik Asset Management S.A.



Australia	5.6%	AAA	1.1%
China	13.6%	AA	9.0%
France	1.2%	A	14.6%
Germany	2.3%	BBB	30.1%
Hong Kong		BB	26.0%
India	7.8%	В	12.0%
	13.3%	CCC	3.4%
Indonesia	7.4%		3.7%
Japan Kara	9.4%	Cash and cash equivalents	3.1 70
Korea	1.5%		
Macau	2.7%		
Mongolia	1.3%		
Pakistan	1.5%		
Philippines	1.2%		
Saudi Arabia	2.7%		
Spain	1.6%		
Supranational	1.1%		
Taiwan	1.4%		
Thailand	1.4%		
Turkey	1.1%		
UAE	3.2%		
UK	6.6%		
US	7.5%		
Others	0.6%		
Cash and cash equivalents	3.7%		
Sector Breakdown		Currency Breakdown	
Communication Services	3.4%	EUR	3.8%
Consumer Discretionary	14.5%	IDR	1.4%
Consumer Staples	1.7%	INR	1.2%
Energy	3.4%	KRW	0.9%
Industrials	1.3%	TRY	0.7%
Materials	6.3%	USD	92.1%
Real Estate	7.8%	002	02.170
Sovereigns & Supranational	15.1%		
Utilities	9.9%		
Banks	18.3%		
Financial Services	8.2%		
Insurance	5.9%		
Others			
Cash and cash equivalents	0.4% 3.7%		
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Top 5 Holdings		Fund Characteristics  Average duration (veers)	
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Treasury Bill 0% May 2025		Yield to Worst	6.2%
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Bank Of East Asia Ltd 5.825% PERP	1.9% 1.9%	Average credit rating	BBB
		Average credit rating Issuer / Issues IG / HY (%)	

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