Stratton Street UCITS – Next Generation Global Bond Fund UI

Factsheet - October 2021

Fund Commentary

Summary

- **The Fund's QAUSD class fell 0.06%**
- **Supply side bottlenecks persist; inflation readings remain elevated**
- **FOMC minutes point to Fed tapering before year end**
- **BoC ends asset purchases prematurely, BoE commentary increasingly hawkish**
- **UST yield curve flattens**
- **DXY Index (DXY) fell 0.11%**

Market Review

October was a mixed month across asset markets: equity markets in general fared well with the S&P and Nasdaq both making new highs, gaining 6.91% and 7.27% respectively. In contrast, fixed income markets grappled with elevated inflation readings and more central banks moving to end/taper asset purchases or raise rates. The US debt ceiling limit was raised, providing a temporary reprieve. The UST yield curve flattened over the month as shorter dated USTs yields backed up while the UST 30-year yield compressed 12bps to 1.93%: the UST 2s30s spread tightened by 33bps to 143bps. However, there were some significant swings in USTs: the UST 10-year yield backed up 7bps to 1.56% at month end but it had reached a closing high of 1.70% during the month. The US dollar index (DXY) fell 0.11%.

China's Q3 GDP slowed to 4.9% yoy from 7.9% yoy in Q2: this came amid headwinds such as energy shortages, supply chain disruptions, Covid-19 outbreaks/restrictions, and the fallout of the Evergrande debt crisis on a highly leveraged property sector. In the US, the advance reading for 3Q GDP came in below expectations at an annualised rate of 2% but inflation readings remained elevated and the FOMC minutes pointed to the Fed starting to taper asset purchases before the year end. Other central banks also took a more hawkish tilt: the Bank of Canada moved more aggressively than expected by prematurely ending its asset purchase programme and commentary from the BoE remained hawkish. ECB President Christine Lagarde pushed back against the idea that the ECB needs to raise rates in 2022, saying that the ECB still views inflationary pressures as largely transitory, but investors viewed this with some scepticism.

Portfolio Review

The Fund's QAUSD class fell 0.06%. The Fund's longer dated credit positions were among the top contributors supported by the rally in the long end of the UST curve. MDGH GMTN BV 6.875% 2041, Sinopec 4.25% 2043 and Abu Dhabi Government 4.125% 2047 were among the top contributors to performance. The backdrop of stronger oil prices (Brent Crude gained 7.46% mom) remains supportive of a number of the GCC sovereign and quasi-sovereign positions along with Pemex. The holdings in Pemex 7.69% 2050 and Pemex 6.625% 2035 were also top contributors helped by signs of government support and attractive valuations. For example, Pemex 7.79% 2050, (which is split rated Ba3/BBB/BB-), trades on a yield of 8.08% and ~6.3 credit notches cheap (best rating basis). The Fund's renminbi position (10.33%) was a positive contributor: the renminbi (CNH total return) gained 0.96% against the US dollar. The Chinese currency CNH remains strong, bolstered by the large trade surplus while the carry or interest rate differential is still up at 2.42% p.a. We expect this move higher in the Chinese currency to continue as most investors remain positioned neutral at best, with a lot of short positions reflected by real money investors and hedge funds.

In terms of portfolio activity, we used the UST positions as a funding source. We continue to target higher quality credits with a portfolio weighted average rating of A2.

Outlook

Whilst energy prices eased a little from the peaks reached in late October, they remain at elevated levels. Europe has seen the most extreme price rises, with natural gas prices having risen fivefold. Whilst the Nord-Stream 2 pipeline between Russia and Germany was completed earlier this year, it will require agreement between the leaders of Russia, Ukraine, Germany, and the United States and, as such, resolution remains some way away and European energy prices are likely to remain at elevated levels for some time. Higher energy prices act as a tax on growth with energy importers likely to see widening current account deficits. Conversely, major energy exporters will see big improvements in their current account positions.

Global economic growth peaked in March of this year, and we have now entered a new phase of lower growth. Consumer confidence has been hit by a combination of higher energy prices, higher food prices and the prospect of higher taxes. Declining consumer confidence is usually associated with weaker growth prospects and with US Q3 GDP coming in at only 2%, growth is already weaker than many had anticipated even just a few months ago. Having peaked at 2.45% in mid-March, US 30-year bonds have fallen by 52 basis points as yield curves flattened in anticipation of further declines in economic prospects.

High quality bonds tend to perform well under conditions where growth is slowing, and this looks set to continue in the months ahead. Although the Fund currently only holds investment grade bonds (best rating basis), credit spreads are determined by relative pricing. With US BB High Yield trading around 3.4%, close to a record low, investment grade bonds, particularly the undervalued ones held within the portfolio, have plenty of scope to rally further. Investors still need income, increasingly so in a world of ageing populations, and that backdrop should be supportive for fixed income assets in general.

Fixed Income Team

Cumulative Performance	1m	YTD	1Yr	3Yr	5Yr	Since Inception (Ann.)
Class QAUSD	-0.06%	-2.02%	1.84%	29.19%	N/A	5.36%
Class QDUSD	-0.12%	-2.04%	1.83%	N/A	N/A	2.17%
Class QAEUR Hedged	-0.10%	-2.37%	1.36%	22.53%	N/A	3.99%
Class QDEUR Hedged	-0.10%	-2.64%	1.09%	22.18%	N/A	3.91%
Class QDGBP Hedged	-0.06%	-2.10%	1.59%	24.61%	N/A	4.67%

12 month Performance	30/09/2016 - 30/09/2017	30/09/2017 - 30/09/2018	30/09/2018 - 30/09/2019	30/09/2019 - 30/09/2020	30/09/2020 - 30/09/2021
Class QAUSD	N/A	-1.90%	16.48%	7.56%	1.37%
Class QDUSD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.43%
Class QAEUR Hedged	N/A	-4.51%	13.18%	5.30%	0.84%
Class QDEUR Hedged	N/A	-4.43%	12.98%	5.46%	0.59%
Class QDGBP Hedged	N/A	-3.50%	14.42%	5.72%	1.11%

Source: Stratton Street Capital LLP, Bloomberg.

Fund Objectives

The Fund is designed to provide investors with a relatively high yield whilst achieving a superior risk/reward profile.

In seeking to achieve its objective, the Fund will comprise of the most attractively undervalued global bonds, as identified by the Portfolio Manager through its proprietary investment process.

Further Information

Before making an investment and investor should ensure that they have read and understood the Key Investor Information Document and Prospectus, which can be found at https://www.strattonstreet.com and https://fondsfinder.universal-investment.com/en, where the risks associated with an investment in the Fund are set out in full.

Information in this fact sheet is at the last valuation point of the month of issue (except where indicated).

Performance Summary

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Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Total Return Index Value Hedged USD	-0.26%

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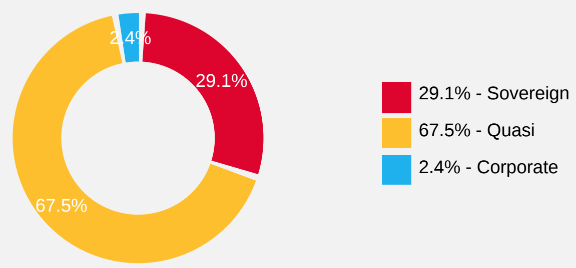
Portfolio Statistics

Gross Redemption Yield	2.98%
Gross Running Yield	2.70%
12 Month Historic Yield (Class QD GBP)	3.73%
Number of Holdings	33
Number of Countries	8
Modified Duration	8.24
Average Credit Rating of Portfolio	A2

Entity Breakdown (% NAV)



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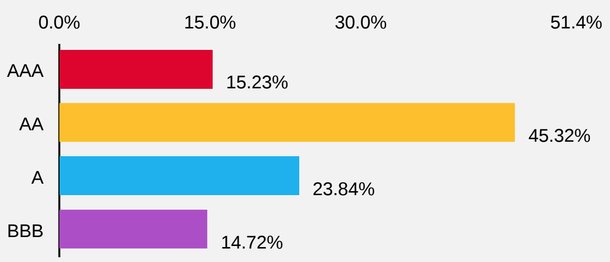

Regional Breakdown (% NAV)

Abu Dhabi	27.16%
Qatar	24.13%
United States	15.23%
Mexico	10.00%
China	9.20%
Chile	6.25%
Russia	4.72%
Singapore	2.43%

Net Foreign Assets Breakdown (% NAV)

7 Star	53.71%
6 Star	0.00%
5 Star	4.72%
4 Star	15.45%
3 Star	25.24%

Fund Information

Fund Launch Date	19 December 2016
Fund Size	US$71.85m
Gross Exposure	99.12%
Pricing Frequency	Daily
Domicile	Luxembourg
Exit Charge	None

Share Class	QA USD	QD USD	QA EUR Hedged	QD EUR Hedged	QA GBP Hedged	QD GBP Hedged	RD EUR Hedged
NAV per Share	125.91	98.96	120.99	99.37	N/A	103.32	N/A
Minimum Initial Investment	€100,000	$100,000	£100,000	€100,000	$100,000	£100,000	No minimum
Minimum Additional Investment	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Entry Charge	Up to 3%	Up to 3%	Up to 3%	Up to 3%	Up to 3%	Up to 3%	Up to 3%
Ongoing Charge (as at 31/12/2020)	1.02%	1.04%	0.97%	0.94%	N/A	0.97%	N/A
Launch Date	02/06/2017	24/02/2020	19/12/2016	23/12/2016	Inactive available on demand	19/12/2016	Inactive available on demand
ISIN	LU1483929433	LU1483929193	LU1483929516	LU1483929276	tbc	LU1483929359	LU1483929789
Bloomberg Ticker	SNGGQAU LX	SNGGQDU LX	SNGGQAE LX	SSNGQDE LX	tbc	SSNGQDG LX	tbc

Source: Stratton Street Capital LLP, Bloomberg.

[1] *12M Historic Yield is calculated as the sum of the last two declared dividends per share as a percentage of the current NAV per share.*

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