

## EVLI EUROPEAN INVESTMENT GRADE B

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## EVLI IN BRIEF

"We see wealth as an engine to drive sustainable progress."

## Evli Plc

Evli Plc is a Finnish independent investment service company with a nearly 40-year operating history.

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We are currently Finland's leading institutional asset manager with approximately 270 employees.

Our service range covers asset management services and funds, share plan design and administration and incentive programs, Corporate Finance services (mergers and acquisitions), as well as equity research.



FUND AUM (EUR BILLION) JUNE 30, 2024 NUMBER OF FUNDS

13.3

170

72

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EMPLOYEES IN ASSET MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS IN TOTAL

FUNDS CLASSIFIED AS ARTICLE 8 OR 9 ACCORDING TO EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATION (SFDR)

93%

Funds are managed by Evli Fund Management Company Ltd, which is a Finnish fund management company. Evli Fund Management Company is part of Evli Group whose parent company is Evli Plc.

Morningstar, an independent fund research firm, awarded Evli Fund Management Company **"The Best Fund House Overall in Finland 2023 and 2024" and "The Best Fund House Overall in Sweden 2024"**.<sup>1</sup>



Lipper, an independent fund research firm, awarded Evli Fund Management Company as **"Nordic Best Fund House 2023 and 2024"**<sup>2</sup> in category "small fund companies".

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#### EVLI

## Award-winning asset management from Evli

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Among the best asset managers in Finland in the Kantar Prospera customer survey for over 11 consecutive years and in the SFR customer survey for 6 consecutive years<sup>1</sup>.



### SUCCESSFUL FIXED INCOME MANAGEMENT FROM EVLI

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The results of Evli's corporate bonds family of funds

# Evli's excellent corporate bond track record

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Historical returns are no guarantee of future returns.

- The first credit fund, Evli Corporate Bond Fund was launched in September 1999
- All Evli crossover credit funds have performed excellently against their peers, both in bull and bear markets
- Evli manages about €6 bn in corporate bond securities, of which some €3 bn in Nordic credit



## Evli's corporate bond funds in a nutshell

FUND	Evli Euro Liquidity	Evli Short Corporate Bond	Evli Nordic Corporate Bond	Evli Corporate Bond	Evli Green Corporate Bond	Evli European Investment Grade	Evli European High Yield	Evli Emerging Markets Credit
Invests into	Nordic ultra—short term corp bonds and commercial papers	Short dated European corporate bonds	Nordic crossover corporate bonds	European investment grade and high yield crossover bonds	European green corporate bonds	EUR IG bonds with at least one IG rating or similar credit profile	European high yield bonds	Emerging markets, higher and lower credit–rated corporate bonds
Key differentiators	Access to Nordic CP market with 15+ years of stable outperformance	Successful bottom—up credit selection in crossover space, with a Nordic bias and strict maturity rules	Access to Nordic bonds by quality issuers with 50–150 bps excess yield vs & credit and lower volatility	Active bottom—up selection in European crossover segment, outperforming EUR IG with beta <1	Sustainable corporate bond fund, no sovereign or agency exposure	Active share vs EUR IG >80%, overweight BBB's and underweight A's	Long—term outperformance vs available passives	Access to a rapidly growing asset class with a focus on higher credit–rated corporate bonds
Avg quality	BBB-/BB+	BBB-	BBB-	BBB-	BBB	BBB+	BB-	BBB-
Main restrictions	<ul> <li>ModDur 0–1</li> <li>Bank risk max 25%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Max 25 % / sector</li> <li>Max 90% with 5y final legal maturity date, 10% max 8y</li> <li>ModDur max 2.5</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unrated 40%–50%</li> <li>IG/HY over time 50/50, now 60/40</li> <li>No deep HY</li> <li>ModDur max 2–4</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Average rating of fund at least BBB–</li> <li>Non-rated max 20%, now ~10%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Average rating of fund at least BBB–</li> <li>Non-rated max 20%, now &lt;10%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All bonds IG quality</li> <li>Non-rated max 15 %, now &lt;5%</li> <li>Fallen angels sold in 12m</li> </ul>	• Non-rated max 20%	<ul> <li>Average rating of fund at least B</li> <li>Non-rated max 20%</li> </ul>
Morningstar Ratings <sup>1</sup>	Cold	★★★★ © Gold	Silver	★★★★ Silver	★★★ Sold	★★★★ ™ Silver	★★★ Silver	★★★★ \$7 Gold
Morningstar Peer Group	EUR Ultra Short–Term Bond	EUR Corporate Bond – Short Term	EUR Flexible Bond	EUR Corporate Bond	EUR Corporate Bond	EUR Corporate Bond	EUR High Yield Bond	Global Emerging Markets Corporate Bond – EUR Biased
Benchmark	3—month Euribor Return Index	ICE BofA 1–3 Year Euro Corporate Index	ICE BofA 1–5 Year Euro Corporate Index	ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index	Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate Green Bond 5% Capped Index	ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index	ICE BofA European Currency Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index	J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified EUR hedged
Fund size (07/2024)	2.2bn EUR	1.5bn EUR	1.1bn EUR	230 MEUR	140 MEUR	430 MEUR	740 MEUR	140 MEUR
Launch date	01/1996	6/2012 new strategy	03/2016	09/1999	08/2020	05/2001	03/2001	10/2013
Current PM	05/2006	06/2012, since strategy launch	03/2016, since strategy launch	09/1999, since strategy launch	08/2020, since strategy launch	05/2013	03/2001, since strategy launch	07/2018

All funds always currency hedged for non € investments

<sup>1</sup> Morningstar Stars helps to assess a fund's track record relative to its peers, Morningstar Medalist Rating is a five-tier system to assess a strategy's ability to outperform its Morningstar Category index after fees.

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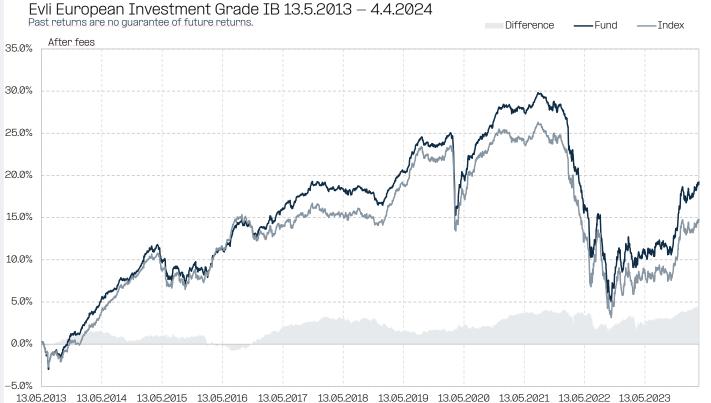
## WHY INVEST IN EUROPEAN CORPORATE BONDS?

Evli European Investment Grade

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#### Evli IG – Active Selection Adds Value

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-Active company selection with 80% active share

- -Higher returns with lower volatility
- -All investments in Investment Grade credit quality -0% HY rated
- Selection focus:
  - 1) BBB rated companies 2) Northern European names 3) Strong ESG profile

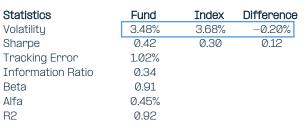
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Performance	Fund	Index	Difference
13.5.2013 - 4.4.2024	19.24%	14.82%	4.41%
1 year	7.59%	6.18%	1.41%
3 years (annualised)	-2.33%	-2.65%	0.32%
5 years (annualised)	-0.09%	-0.58%	0.49%
Performance (annualised)	1.63%	1.28%	0.35%



#### Evli Investment Grade Fund

- Invests in Euro-denominated European investment grade bonds
- Bonds with official credit ratings have to be minimum BBB- rated
- 15% of the investments can be non-rated but must have IG level credit profile
  - $-\;$  Using both Evli own analysis and market shadow ratings
- Benchmark index:

80% BoA EMU corporates, Non–Financial 20% BoA EMU Financial Corporates

- Launch date 05/2001
- More information about the fund, the key information document (KID) and other statutory information about the fund is available at www.evli.com

FUND	Evli Investment Grade Fund
Invests into	EUR IG bonds with at least one IG rating or similar credit profile
Key differentiators	Active share vs EUR IG >80%, overweight BBB's and underweight A's
Excess return vs market <sup>1</sup>	+0,24% pa vs EUR IG (ER00) last 3y
Main restrictions	– All bonds IG quality – Non–rated max 15 %, now <5% – Fallen angels sold in 12m
Benchmark	<ul> <li>80% ICE BofAML EMU Non–</li> <li>Financial corporates</li> <li>20% ICE BofAML EMU Financial Corporates</li> </ul>
Fund size (7/2024)	430 MEUR
Strategy launch date	05/2001
<sup>1</sup> Fund performance is for institutiona the indicated time period	I series after fees, excess return is engage sess return over ONFIDE

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

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Evli European Investment Grade

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## Investment Philosophy and Strategy

DISCIPLINED	<ul> <li>- Creditworthiness is the most important factor in selecting investment targets</li> <li>- We assess the TRUE credit quality, NOT relying on official rating</li> <li>- The coupon is a central part of the return</li> </ul>
ACTIVE	<ul> <li>We only invest in issuers that we like, regardless of their weight in the index</li> <li>Active changes to portfolio allocations according to market views</li> <li>Active doesn't mean trading, turnover usually below 1</li> </ul>
DYNAMIC	<ul> <li>Strong and experienced team enables fast decision making</li> <li>No credit committees, PM makes the decisions regarding his fund</li> <li>We venture to analyse and invest also in companies whose bonds have dropped significantly</li> </ul>
RISK AWARE	<ul> <li>Good diversification, 60–100 companies</li> <li>The weight of single issuers in the portfolio usually max 5%, generally only the top 1–5 holdings would be at or above 3%</li> <li>Fund's average credit rating min BBB–</li> </ul>

## **Investment Process**

#### Idea Generation

#### Screening

**Investment Universe:** 

 Euro-denominated IG bonds, the size of which is mainly at least EUR 500 million

Bond screen:

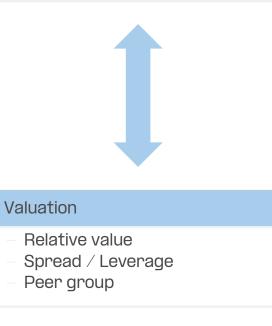
- Positive free cash flow
- Decreasing net leverage
- Increasing net interest coverage

#### New Issues

#### **Attractive Pricing**

- Cheap to sector or market
- High absolute yield
- Low cash price

#### Credit Analysis Company Analysis – Financial Statement Analysis – Industrial & Economic Outlook – Interest Groups – Bond Terms – ESG



#### Execution

#### Portfolio

- Overview and diversity:
- Diverse portfolio with 60–100 companies
  - Across many sectors
  - ... and many credit ratings

#### **Risk Control:**

- Largest holdings are max 5% of fund
- Typical single name weights 1–3%
- Cash levels normally 2–4% of fund
- The minimum credit rating of each individual bond is BBB— from at least one agency or similar credit fundamentals
- ESG

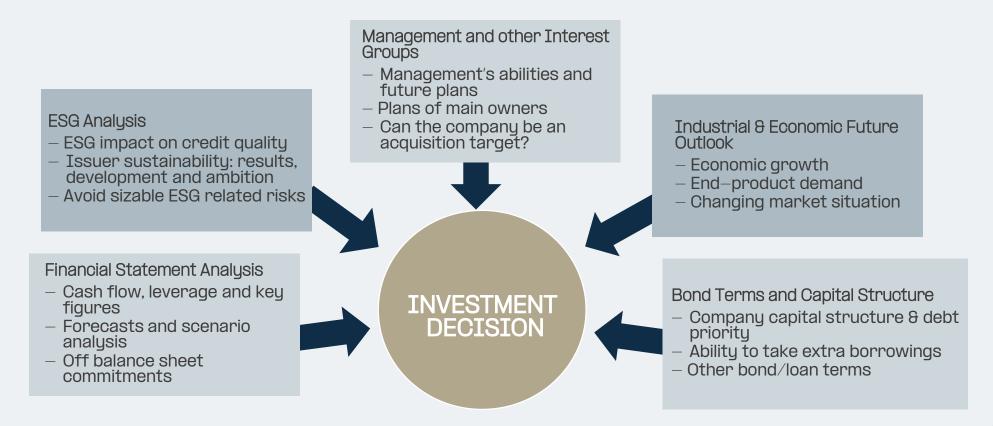
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## Company analysis

- Main focus on companies that over the cycle:

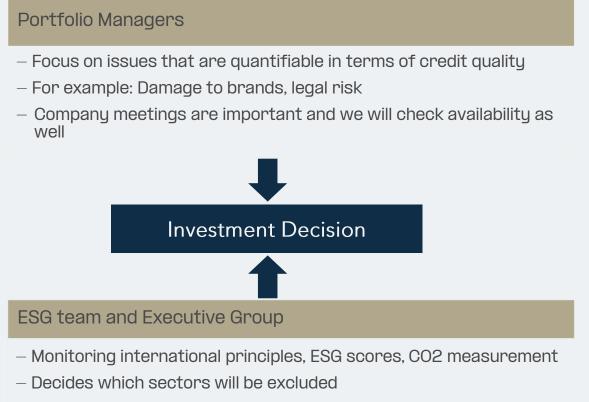
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- generate consistent positive free cash flow
- debt leverage decreasing & debt coverage increasing
- Are priced at an attractive spread compared to their risk



# How ESG is taken into account in investment decisions

ESG factors will influence our analysis of the company, industry as well as our thoughts on the management and owners.



- Decides which companies will be excluded from all funds

## ESG examples from Evli's corporate bond funds



#### ENVIRONMENTAL

Will affect certain sectors more (oil, mining). Examples:

- Invested in the Volvo Car new green bond as the company committed to a new industry leading electric strategy
- Did not participate in Volkswagen Green bond issue due to UN Global Compact fail after the diesel scandal



#### SOCIAL

Applicable to all sectors. Examples:

- Sold Danske Bank when the first news of the money laundering scandal broke
- Sold Bayer when first verdict in Round-Up case



#### GOVERNANCE

Applicable to all sectors. Examples:

- Did not participate in Wirecard issue in Sept 2019 due to media reports on irregularities, despite an IG rating
- Did not buy Rallye (Groupe Casino) due to issues with up-streaming dividends to parent company

## Portfolio Manager: Evli Investment Grade



Jani Kurppa SENIOR PORTFOLIO MANAGER

M.Sc. (Econ.) Over 20 years of experience in the fixed income markets, specialising in corporate bond portfolio management. Prior to joining Evli's fixed income team, Jani worked e.g. as Portfolio Manager at eQ Asset Management, Fides Asset Management and State Treasury.

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## Evli's fixed income team

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Mikael Lundström

CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

AT EVLI SINCE 1996 AND IN THE INDUSTRY **SINCE 1996** 



Juhamatti Pukka

HEAD OF FIXED INCOME

AT EVLI SINCE 2008 AND IN THE INDUSTRY SINCE 2007



Jussi Hyyppä

HEAD OF LOAN STRATEGIES

AT EVLI SINCE 2020 AND IN THE INDUSTRY SINCE



Juhana Heikkilä

SENIOR PORTFOLIO MANAGER

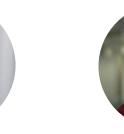
AT EVLI SINCE 2008 AND IN THE INDUSTRY SINCE 1994



Jani Kurppa

SENIOR PORTFOLIO MANAGER

AT EVLI SINCE 2013 AND IN THE INDUSTRY SINCE 2000



Einari Jalonen

PORTFOLIO MANAGER

AT EVLI SINCE 2014 AND IN THE INDUSTRY SINCE 2008



Noora Lakkonen

CREDIT ANALYST

AT EVLI SINCE 2019 AND IN THE INDUSTRY **SINCE 2019** 



CREDIT ANALYST

AT EVLI SINCE 2022 AND IN THE INDUSTRY SINCE 2022



Alina Seppä



Juha Mäntykorpi

PORTFOLIO MANAGER

AT EVLI SINCE 2018 AND IN THE INDUSTRY SINCE 2010



Jesper Kasanen

PORTFOLIO MANAGER

AT EVLI SINCE 2018 AND IN THE INDUSTRY SINCE 2018

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## Evli European Investment Grade Fund in a Nutshell

Type of Fund	European Corporate Bond fund (UCITS)						
Benchmark	ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index	ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index					
Fund Units	Retail distribution (A-series), retail g	rowth (B-series) and instit	tutional share class (IB–series)				
Bloomberg/Reuters/ISIN	B units EUR: EVLEIGB FH / FI000880	A units EUR: EVLEIGA FH / FI0008803937 (min. 3% annual dividend) B units EUR: EVLEIGB FH / FI0008803945 (no dividend) IB units EUR: EVLEIIB FH / FI4000243209 (no dividend), min. EUR 10 m					
Management fee	Retail A/B units: 0.75% (annually)   Ins	stitutional I units (min. EUR	10m): 0.40% (annually)				
Trading Days, NAV	Every Finnish banking day (subject to	Every Finnish banking day (subject to trading calendar)					
NAV Calculation	Evli Fund Management Company Ltd	Evli Fund Management Company Ltd					
NAV Audits	Annual (statutory)	Annual (statutory)					
Fund Registry Keeper	Evli Fund Management Company Ltd						
Supervision	The Finnish FSA (www.finanssivalvon	ta.fi/en/)					
Launch Date	8 May 2001	Performance Fee	None				
Fund Manager	Jani Kurppa	Custodian	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) Helsinki Branch (SEB)				
Fund Currency	EUR						
Domicile	Finland						
Sales Registration	FI, SE, ES, IT(QI), AT	CNMV number	1731				

More information and the fund's statutory documents (e.g. key investor information document, fund prospectus) are available at <a href="https://www.evli.com/en/products-and-services/mutual-funds">https://www.evli.com/en/products-and-services/mutual-funds</a>

#### Considerations and Risk Factors

The fund's investment activities aim to achieve a higher long-term return on assets than the benchmark. The fund's return expectation and risk are higher than for funds that invest solely in government bonds.

The fund may make use of the general outlook on the fixed income market by adjusting the effective duration of fixed income investments within the range of  $\pm$  3 years relative to the benchmark duration.

The fund's overall risk is also affected by the following risk factors, which may not be fully addressed by the fund's risk profile:

- Liquidity risk: The risk that a financial instrument cannot be bought or sold within the planned time or at the desired price.
- Credit risk: The uncertainty regarding the bond issuer's ability to repay.
- Derivatives risk: The use of derivatives to obtain additional returns may increase the fund's risk and return expectation. The use of derivatives for hedging purposes or for risk management may reduce risk and return expectation. The use of derivatives may increase counterparty risk and operational risk.

Further information on the risks associated with the fund is available in the Key Information Document (KID) and the Fund Prospectus.

If an investor wishes to give feedback about the fund or receive more information, the investor may contact Evli at: Evli Plc, Investor Service, PO Box 1081, FI–00101 or fundinfo@evli.com, or may contact the local distributor of the fund which has sold the fund to the investor. Investors may also send a message via our website: <a href="http://www.evli.com/en/contact-us">www.evli.com/en/contact-us</a>. Information on how Evli handles client feedback is available at: <a href="http://www.evli.com/en/client-information">www.evli.com/en/contact-us</a>.

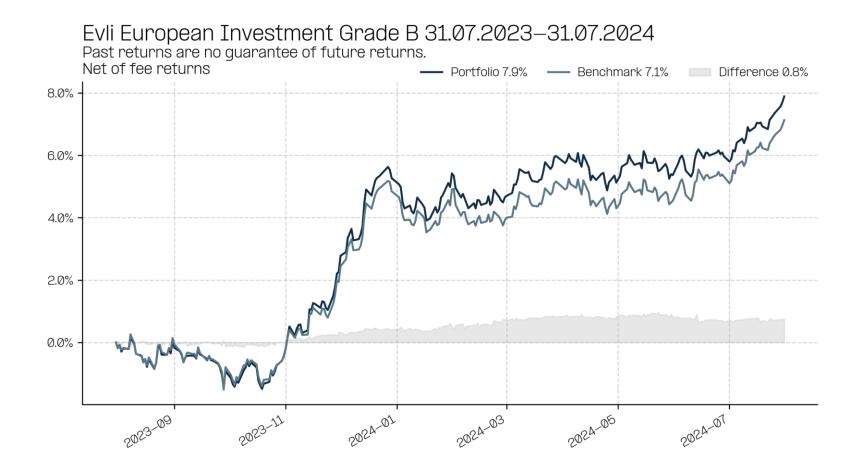
## TRACK RECORD AND PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

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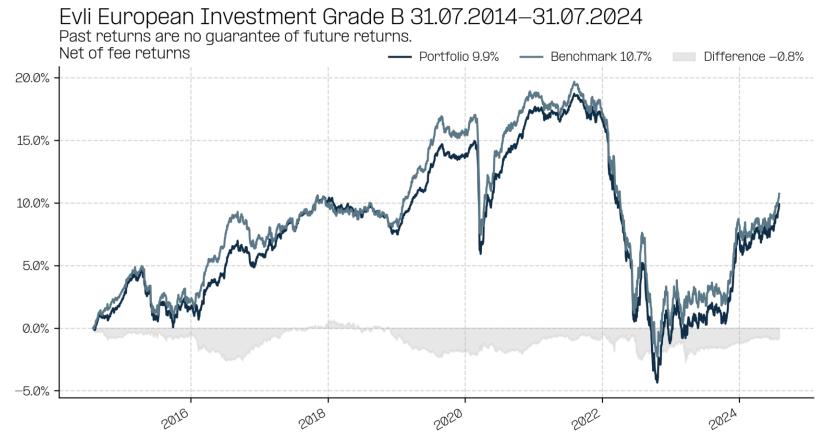
#### Net of fee returns - 1 Year



	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference
1 Month	1.81%	1.72%	0.09%
3 Months	2.63%	2.71%	-0.08%
6 Months	2.34%	2.11%	0.23%
1 Year	7.89%	7.13%	0.76%

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference
Volatility	3.85%	3.64%	0.21%
Sharpe	1.01	0.86	0.15
Tracking Error	0.44%	_	_
Information Ratio	1.74	_	_
Beta	1.05	_	_

#### Net of fee returns - 10 Years

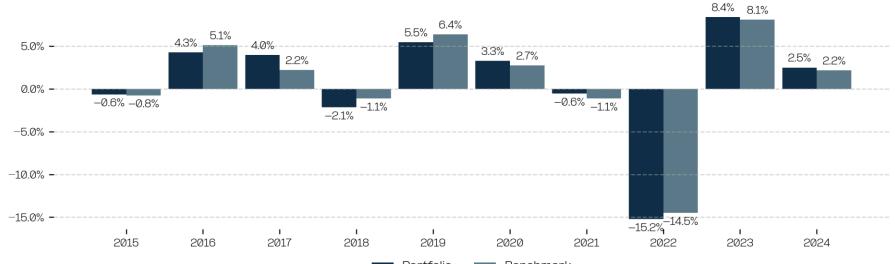


	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference
1 Year	7.89%	7.13%	0.76%
3 Years	-7.24%	-7.28%	0.03%
5 Years	-3.56%	-4.63%	1.08%
10 Years	9.90%	10.74%	-0.83%
10 Years, annualized return	0.95%	1.02%	-0.07%

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference
Volatility	3.59%	3.79%	-0.21%
Sharpe	0.18	0.19	-0.01
Tracking Error	1.04%	_	_
Information Ratio	-0.07	_	_
Beta	0.91	_	_

## Annual returns, after fees, 31.07.2024

Past returns are no guarantee of future returns.



Portfolio Benchmark

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Portfolio	-0.64%	4.26%	3.97%	-2.15%	5.46%	3.28%	-0.56%	-15.21%	8.39%	2.49%
Benchmark	-0.76%	5.09%	2.21%	-1.11%	6.38%	2.73%	-1.11%	-14.47%	8.08%	2.18%
Difference	0.11%	-0.83%	1.76%	-1.04%	-0.92%	0.55%	0.55%	-0.73%	0.31%	0.31%
Volatility	2.79%	2.31%	1.66%	1.29%	1.56%	5.75%	1.84%	6.41%	4.29%	3.12%
Tracking Error	0.88%	1.16%	0.70%	0.82%	0.72%	0.93%	0.55%	1.88%	1.44%	0.42%

## Evli European Investment Grade Allocation 6/2024

- **Overweight** Subordinated debt in very good quality companies

- Corporate hybrids (the best quality credits: Merck, Vattenfall, Telia)

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- Market repriced a lot wider during 2022

#### - Overweight Core Banks

- Offers higher spreads to corporates
- Profitability improving with higher rates & interest margin
- Well-regulated capital & liquidity ratios

#### - Overweight 3–7yr Nordic BBB–rated corporates

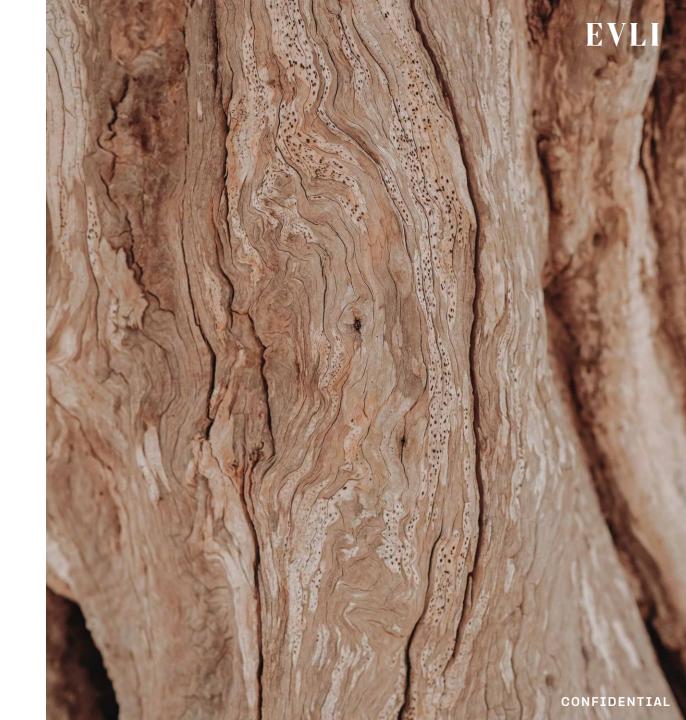
- Offers good carry return with reasonably low interest rate and credit risk

#### - Underweight Long duration bonds

- A-AA rated 10-30yr bonds offer very little yield with high level of interest rate risk
- Underweight Italian names
  - Current credit spreads do not compensate for political risks
  - ECB buying program made credit trade too tight

# Evli Investment Grade statistics

Fund statistics	31.7.2024
Yield (YTM)	3.77%
Mod. duration	4.42
Spread duration	4.50
Average rating	BBB+
OAS	140bps
HY exposure	0.0%
Green Bonds	25.1%
Average ESG (MSCI)	АА
Size of the fund	EUR ~430mln



#### Attribution last 12 Months (30.6.2023-30.6.2024) Historical returns are no guarantee of future returns.

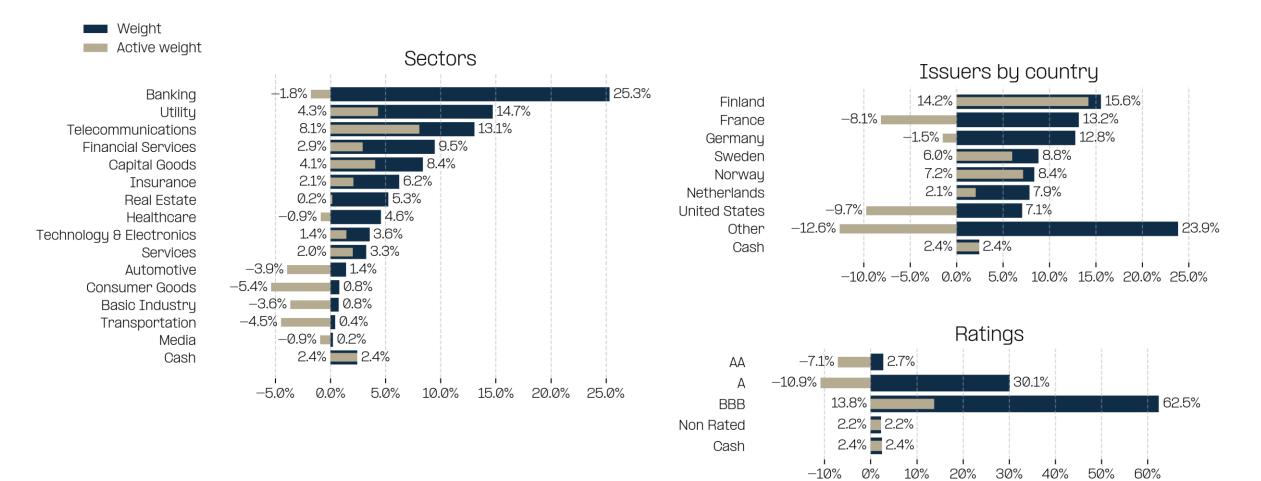
- Fund return +7.77% vs. benchmark return +6.15% (gross of fees), difference +1.62 %

- Positive attribution from company/bond selection: +1.46 %

– Small positive attribution from duration/curve: +0.14 %

- Other +0.02%

## Portfolio structure 31.07.2024



## Top holdings 31.07.2024

#### **10 LARGEST INVESTMENTS**

	%
Elisa Oyj 27.1.2029 4% Callable Fixed	2.42%
Euroclear Invsts 11.4.2048 2.625% Callable Fixed	2.31%
Dnb Bank Asa 28.2.2033 4.625% Callable Variable	2.24%
Deutsche Boerse 28.9.2033 3.875% Callable Fixed	2.00%
Storebrand Livsf 30.9.2051 1.875% Callable Variable	1.79%
Transmssn Financ 18.6.2028 0.375% Callable Fixed	1.72%
Kbc Group Nv 23.11.2027 4.375% Callable Variable	1.70%
Ing Groep Nv 13.11.2030 1% Callable Variable	1.65%
Vattenfall Ab 19.3.2077 3% Callable VAR	1.57%
Societe Generale 30.6.2031 1.125% Callable Variable	1.57%

#### **10 LARGEST ISSUERS**

	%
DNB Bank ASA	2.83%
BNP Paribas SA	2.66%
ING Groep NV	2.55%
UBS Group AG	2.50%
Deutsche Boerse AG	2.43%
ELISA OYJ	2.42%
Credit Agricole SA	2.32%
Euroclear Investments SA	2.31%
Orange SA	2.03%
Societe Generale SA	2.02%

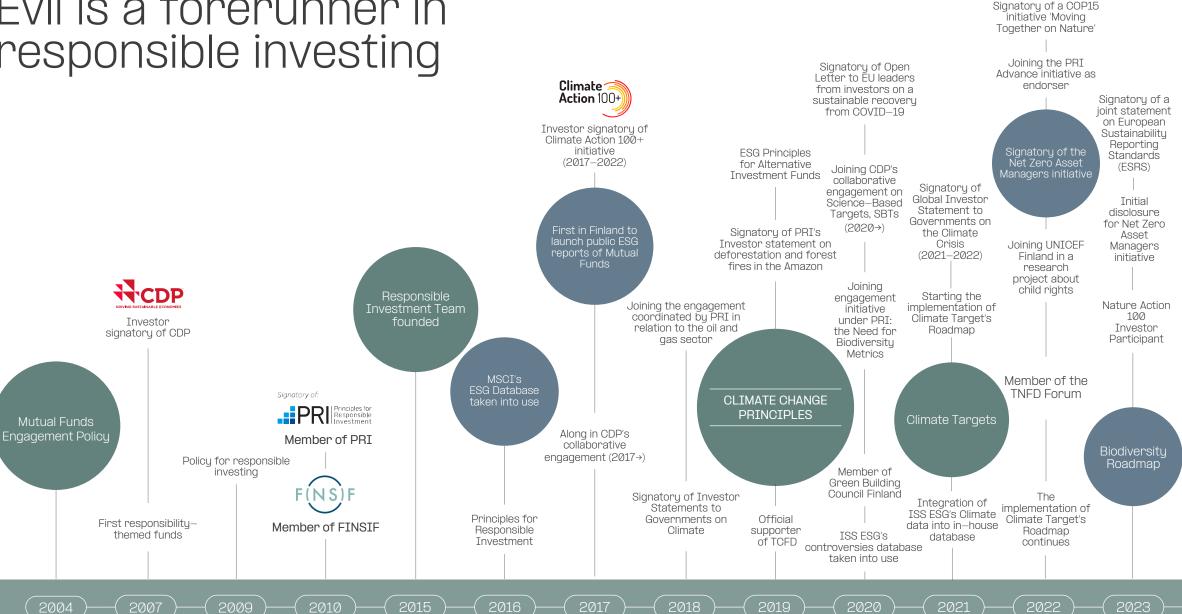
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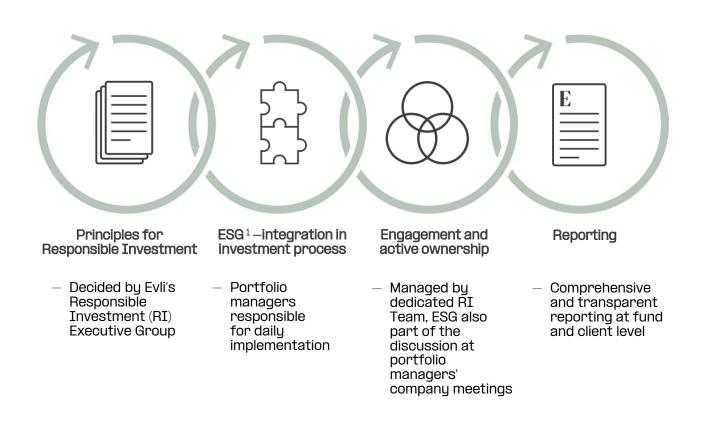
"We want to be the forerunner in responsible wealth management in the Nordics, and in this way help our clients in managing their wealth to support a sustainable future."

#### EVLI

## Evli is a forerunner in responsible investing



# Four pillars of responsible investing at Evli





in Sustainable investing according to Finnish institutions 2017–2023<sup>2</sup>

## Monitoring, engagement and active ownership

UN Global Compact, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Evli's climate principles compliance are screened quarterly.

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All norm violation cases assessed by Responsible Investment team, which decides to start the engagement or to exclude the company.

Main engagement themes are:

- International norm violation
- Mitigating climate change
- Transparent ESG reporting
- Corporate Governance

Active ownership:

- ESG issues are regularly discussed in all meetings with company management
- Evli attends general meetings in Finland, but does not do proxy voting abroad

Collaborative engagement initiatives such as Climate Action 100+, CDP Investor Letters, Nature Action 100 and PRI<sup>1</sup> led collaborative engagements.

#### ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES 2023

COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

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companies

PARTICIPATING IN GENERAL MEETINGS

20 general meetings

INDEPENDENT ENGAGEMENT



<sup>1</sup>Principles for Responsible Investment is an umbrella organization for responsible investment supported by the UN.

# Exclusions in practice in all Evli funds

- With 0% revenue threshold:
  - Controversial weapon manufacturers
  - Companies manufacturing peat for energy production
- With 5% revenue threshold:
  - Tobacco producers, adult entertainment producers and companies practicing controversial lending
- With 10% revenue threshold:
  - Thermal coal and oil sands companies
- In addition, some funds exclude:
  - Companies with more than 5% of their revenues coming from gambling, alcohol or weapons manufacturing
  - Companies in extraction and mining of fossil fuels or thermal coal
- International norm violations can also lead to an exclusion; however, this is only a last resort.
- In addition, since March 2022 Russia is excluded as a region where investments can be made. The exclusion covers both Russian companies and the Russian state.



# Evli's climate change principles

#### 1. Analysis

- Monitoring the emissions of companies in Evli's funds through fundspecific carbon footprints.
- Funds' carbon footprints are also assessed by Evli's Responsible Investment team.

#### 2. Exclusion

- Avoiding investments in companies that gain a significant part of their revenue (at least 10%) from thermal coal (mining and energy production) and oil sands extraction.
- Also, companies manufacturing peat for energy production are excluded (0%).

#### 3. Engagement

- Encouraging companies to report the climate impacts of their operations, and possible risks vs. benefits.
- Participating in several investor joint engagements and letters, such as Climate Action 100+, CDP Investors Letters, and Global Investor Statement to Governments on the Climate Crisis.
- 4. Reporting
  - Funds' carbon footprints are reported publicly.
  - Evli has published in 2020 first TCFD<sup>1</sup> report of its climate risks.



# Evli's climate targets

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Evli aims for carbon neutrality of its own operations by 2025, and carbon neutrality of investments by 2050 at the latest.



The interim target for the investments -50% reduction in indirect emissions from investments by 2030 (compared to 2019).

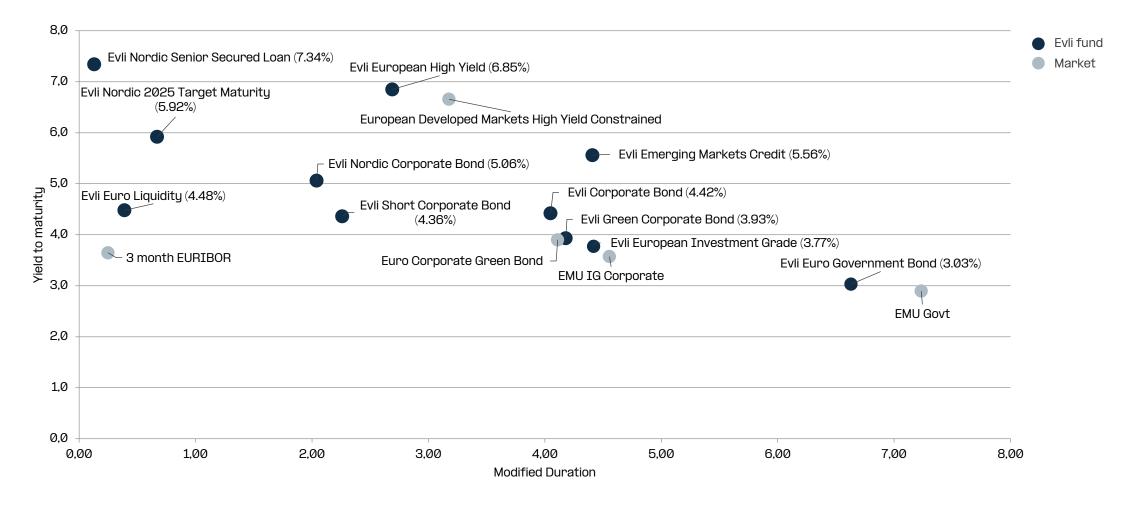


We are aware that a credible long-term carbonneutral goal requires systematic work and sufficiently ambitious interim targets to support it.

# WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DOES THE MARKET CURRENTLY OFFER?

Evli European Investment Grade – Overview of the market EVL

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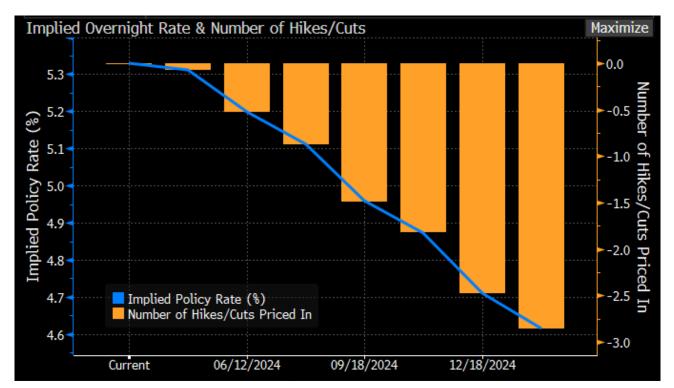


# ECB and German 10yr rate

#### GER 10yr

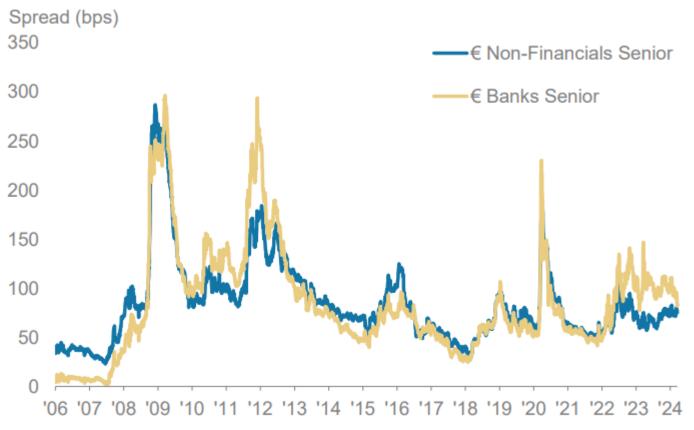


#### ECB



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# Banks tightening vs. Corporates— Spreads (EUR IG)



EUR Senior Banks vs. Senior Non-Fins

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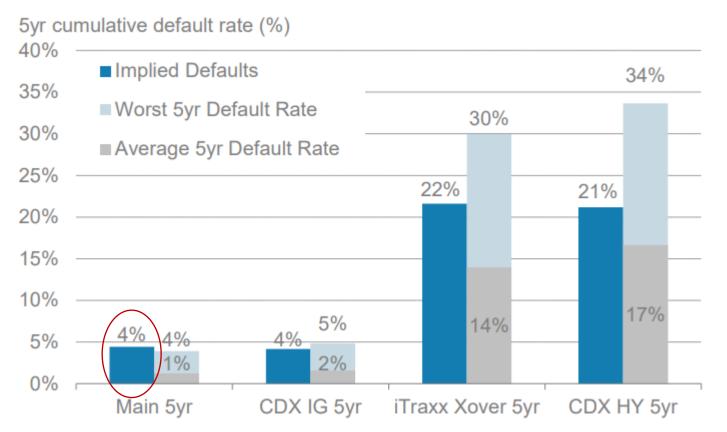
Source: IHS Markit, Morgan Stanley Research

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# Defaults — Market discounting more than peak historic defaults in IG

### **Credit vs. Historical Default Rates**

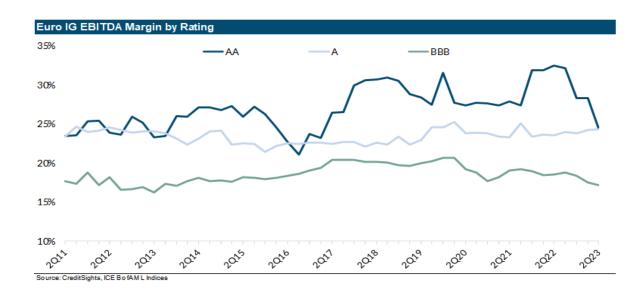
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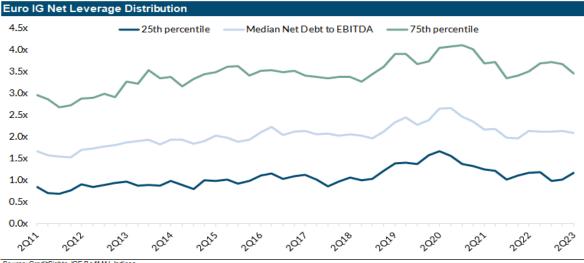


Note: Implied defaults calculated using 35% recovery rate. Historic defaults calculated using Moody's default data since 1970 and current index ratings composition. Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg, Moody's

# Euro Investment Grade market

- Average leverage and margins are stable





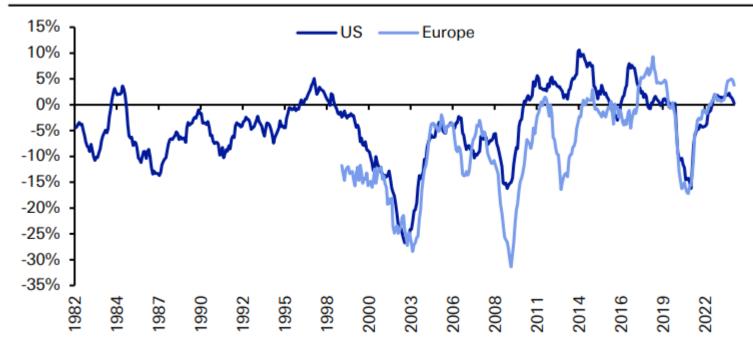
Euro IG Net Leverage by Sector													
Sector	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	30,22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23
Automotive	0.8x	0.0x	0.3x	0.2x	-0.1x	0.0x	-0.4x	0.1x	0.4x	0.2x	0.0x	0.2x	1.2x
Basic Industry	2.0x	2.0x	1.9x	1.9x	1.7x	1.6x	1,2x	1,3x	1,4x	1,4x	1.3x	1.6x	1.8x
Capital Goods	2.2x	1.9x	1.6x	1.5x	1.5x	1.5x	1.4x	1.6x	1.7x	1.7x	1.7x	1.7x	1.7x
Consumer Goods	2.9x	2.7x	2.6x	2.4x	2.4x	2.3x	2.3x	2.3x	2.5x	2.3x	2.4x	2.4x	2.3x
Energy	2.7x	3.1x	4.2x	2.6x	1.9x	1.5x	1.2x	0.8x	0.7x	0.6x	0.6x	0.7x	0.7x
Healthcare	2.4x	2.3x	2.1x	1.9x	1.9x	2.2x	2.1x	2.3x	2.1x	2.0x	2.1x	1.9x	2.0x
Leisure	5.3x	4.3x	9.0x	9.0x	3.3x	2.8x	1.5x	1.4x	0.9x	1.1x	1.3x	1.2x	1.0x
Media	2.4x	2.4x	2.3x	2.3x	2.1x	1.8x	0.9x	1.5x	1.5x	1.5x	1.3x	1.3x	1.8x
Retail	1.8x	1.9x	1.8x	2.3x	2.0x	2.0x	2.1x	2.2x	2.4x	2.5x	2.1x	2.4x	2.3x
Services	2.2x	2.3x	2.3x	2.6x	2.4x	2.1x	2.2x	2.4x	2.3x	2.4x	2.2x	2.3x	2.2x
Technology	1.7x	1.5x	1.5x	1.1x	1.7x	1.6x	1.5x	1.4x	1.3x	1.3x	1.0x	0.9x	0.9x
Telecom	2.9x	2.8x	2.6x	2.7x	2.6x	2.5x	2.3x	2.1x	2.5x	2.4x	2.5x	2.4x	2.6x
Transportation	4.4x	4.5x	5.6x	5.3x	5.3x	5.5x	5.5x	6.9x	5.2x	4.4x	4.5x	4.1x	3.9x
Utility	4.9x	4.8x	4.2x	4.2x	4.3x	4.3x	3.9x	4.4x	4.6x	4.6x	4.2x	4.3x	4.1x

Source: CreditSights, ICE Bo fAM L Indices

# Ratings still clearly positive in Europe

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## US vs. Europe IG Rating Drift



# Market outlook

- Global rate hike cycle is over,
   Swedish Riksbank and the ECB already delivered first cuts
- Weakening macroeconomic data in the US boosted expectations for Fed rate cuts
- Market pricing for rate cut path continues to be a source of volatility during H2

- The Q2 reporting season was in general on the weaker side compared to market estimates, but broadly neutral from credit investor's perspective
- Credit fundamentals are healthy and refinancing risk is relatively low
- Company outlooks for the H2 turned more cautious, reflecting the expectations of softer economic development

- The corporate bond market offers attractive spreads and yield level
- Rate cuts offer a strong support for total returns as yield curve is expected to move lower
- Currently inverted yield curve is set to normalize when short end of the yield curve shifts down with rate cuts

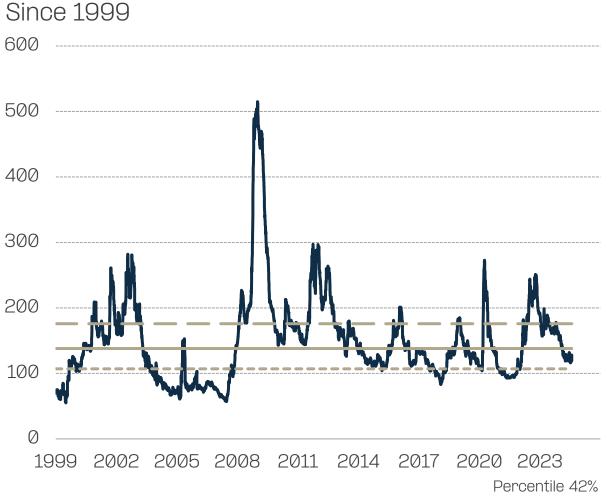
CENTRAL BANK POLICY IS STILL A SUPERIOR MARKET DRIVER, CLOSE FOCUS ON INCOMING MACROECONOMIC DATA FOR CREDIT INVESTOR, STRONG CREDIT FUNDAMENTALS AND RELATIVELY LOW REFINANCING RISK OUTWEIGHS ECONOMIC HEADWINDS

THE CORPORATE BOND MARKET OFFERS AN ATTRACTIVE YIELD AND IS SET TO BENEFIT FROM RATE CUTS

# Spreads: BBB-rated IG in Europe

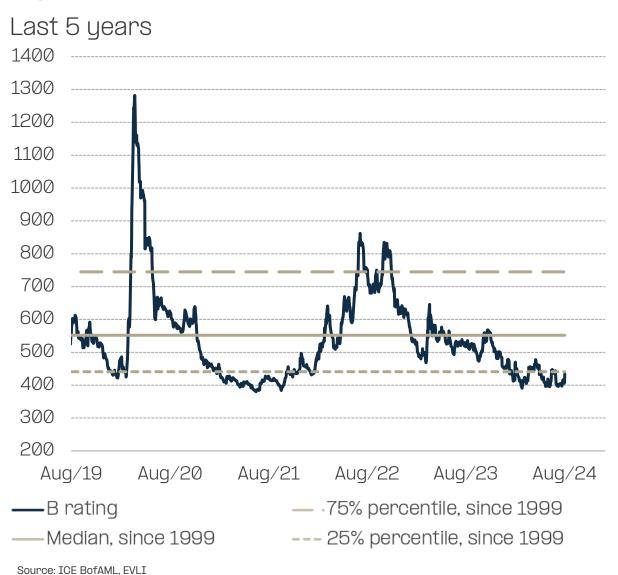
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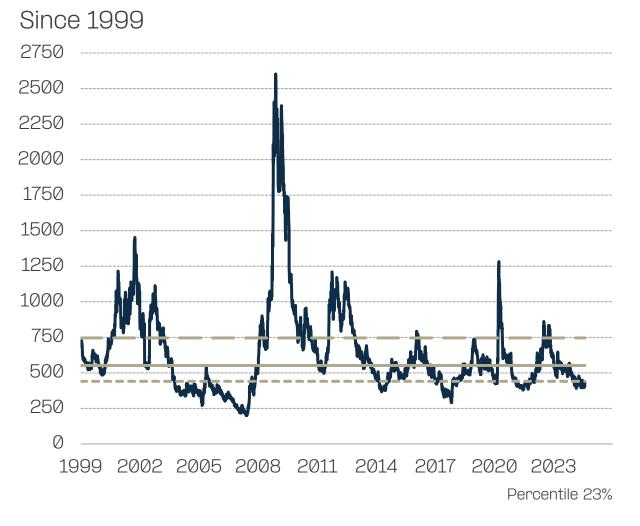




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# Spreads: B-rated HY in Europe

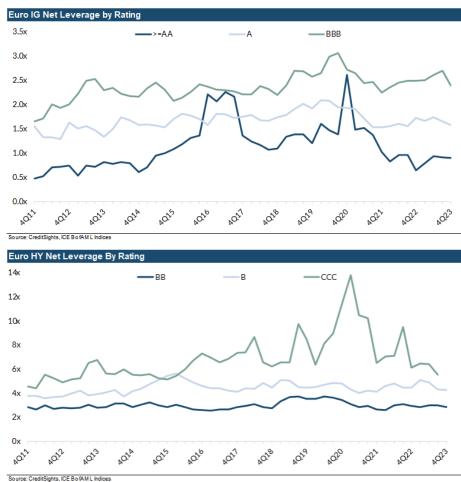


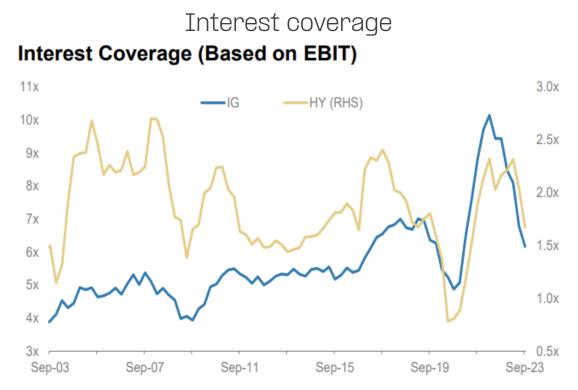


# Credit metrics (IG + HY)

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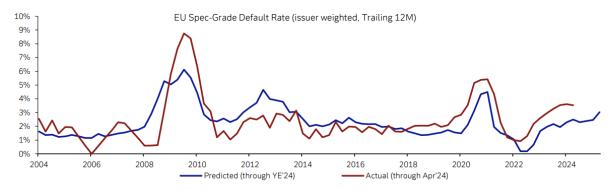
#### Net leverage (net debt to EBITDA)





Note: Data as of 3Q23. Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg, company data

# HY: Defaults on the rise, expected to plateu this year



Source : Deutsche Bank, Bloomberg Finance LP, S&P, \*includes distressed exchanges See the appendix for the model parameters

- Defaults are at moderate level but up from 2022 abnormally low level
- Due to the healthy credit fundamentals and high balance sheet liquidity, forecasts for Europe are moderate
- 2023 defaults 2.54%, 2024 forecast 3.7%
   (Deutsche Bank)

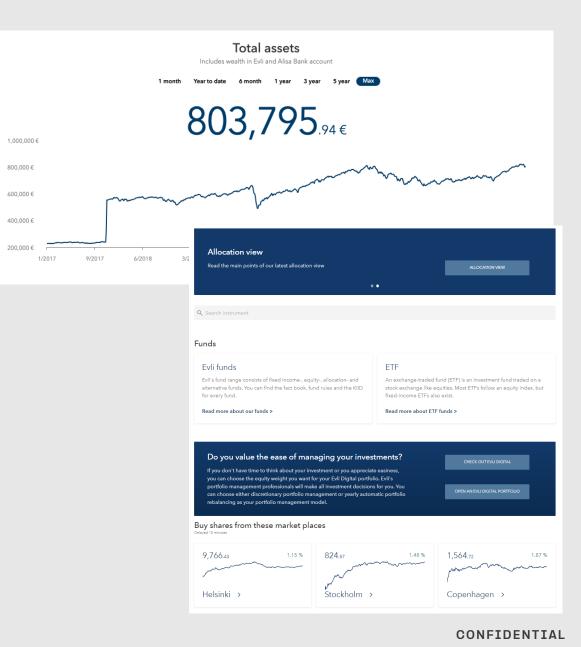
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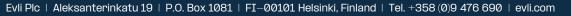
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