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## A Sub-Fund of Morgan Stanley Investment Funds

# Euro Bond Fund

#### **BROAD MARKETS FIXED INCOME TEAM**

#### **Performance Review**

In the one month period ending 30 November 2025, the Fund's I shares returned -0.06% (net of fees)<sup>1</sup>, while the benchmark returned -0.08%.

The Fund's positive performance reflected contributions from both macro positioning and spread sectors. Rates and curve strategies were supportive, with the euro curve steepening modestly and our steepener positioning adding value. Exposure to euro area sovereign spreads also contributed positively, driven by peripheral and other European markets, notably Spain, Portugal and Slovenia. In contrast, quasi-sovereign debt detracted from returns.

Within credit, the allocation to investment grade corporates added modestly to performance while the overweight to covered bonds provided an additional boost. Securitised assets were another source of strength, led by long exposure to non-agency commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS). Performance in this segment was underpinned by resilient collateral fundamentals and strong consumer credit profiles that supported spread stability. Limited new issuance and steady demand reinforced technical strength, and security selection within non-agency segments remained a key driver of returns.

#### **Market Review**

November appeared uneventful on the surface, but beneath the calm, global government bond markets were quietly recalibrating. Across the G7, yields moved sideways as investors absorbed familiar late-cycle signals, incremental data and routine political noise. Yet one market consistently set itself apart: U.S. Treasurys, which managed to finish the month modestly lower in yield even as bunds, gilts and Japanese government bonds (JGBs) drifted slightly higher. The true narrative, however, centred on the evolution of expectations around the Federal Reserve (Fed)—where conviction, hesitation and ultimately clarity unfolded in rapid succession.

Outside the U.S., markets behaved like they were catching their breath. Most developed market curves nudged higher in yield, reflecting localised supply dynamics and steady central bank communication rather than any major macro shock. In contrast, Treasurys quietly reclaimed the leadership position within G7 rates, supported by a month that began with confidence in a December Fed cut, detoured into doubt as data went dark, and ended with a decisive turn once the backlog of indicators finally arrived.

The path of Fed expectations shaped the entire month. Early November opened with a mildly dovish tone, and markets priced a December cut with confidence as softer labour trends and steady disinflation kept the late-cycle narrative intact. But the U.S. government shutdown abruptly halted the release of more than a dozen key indicators—from consumer price index and payrolls to retail sales and personal consumption expenditures—creating a rare data vacuum. In the absence of hard evidence confirming further cooling, investors grew increasingly cautious; rate cut probabilities dropped below 30%, and Treasury yields hovered near local highs.<sup>2</sup>

Everything shifted once the shutdown ended. As agencies released clusters of delayed data, the macro picture snapped back into focus. Across labour, consumption, activity, housing and prices, the message was consistent: the economy was cooling in an orderly manner and inflation continued to soften. No single release turned the tide, but the cumulative weight of the information restored conviction. Within days, December rate cut odds surged back into the 80s, forward rate expectations eased, and the 10-year Treasury rallied toward 4.00%.<sup>2</sup>

In retrospect, November was defined less by large market moves than by the transition it marked. After weeks of trading on partial information, investors finally received the confirmation needed to lean into a more accommodative policy path. By month-end, the market was prepared not just for a December rate cut, but for the broader easing cycle expected to carry into 2026.

**Corporate Credit:** Corporate credit delivered a varied month—investment grade spreads widened on elevated supply and softer sentiment, high yield retraced early volatility supported by net negative supply, and convertible securities underperformed as thematic risk-off tone weighed on equity-linked structures even as issuance remained strong.

**Securitised Products:** Agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) spreads held steady at historically wide levels, while securitised credit modestly outperformed on stronger carry and steady fundamentals across residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS), asset-backed securities (ABS) and higher-quality CMBS.

## **Portfolio Activity**

The Fund maintained a broadly neutral duration stance.

The risk/reward of holding an underweight in Belgian spreads diminished, prompting a tactical shift to neutral, while the overweight to Spanish spreads was increased given their relative attractiveness versus core markets, offering better carry and potential for

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Data as of 30 November 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Bloomberg L.P. Data as of 30 November 2025.

spread compression. This adjustment formed part of a broader strategy to enhance yield without materially increasing credit risk. The Fund also reversed its overweight to Austrian spreads following a reassessment of relative value and macro fundamentals. In addition, the overweight to developed market government-related debt was marginally increased.

## **Strategy and Outlook**

With global central banks progressing further into the easing cycle, fixed income markets are entering a more nuanced phase. Policy signals have become less uniform, and while inflation continues to trend lower, growth momentum is moderating unevenly across regions. This backdrop reinforces the importance of maintaining flexibility and emphasising high quality income as markets adjust to shifting supply-demand dynamics and recalibrating term premia.

Across developed markets, we hold a neutral duration stance while expressing selective yield curve and cross-market views. In the U.S., we continue to favour steepening structures as long-end valuations remain sensitive to evolving fiscal and supply factors. Regional divergences present opportunity: we remain underweight Canada relative to the U.S. as its easing cycle matures, we're constructive on gilts following improved fiscal signals, and we see relative value in Australia versus New Zealand. Japan remains the key outlier, where rising term premia and evolving policy expectations support short duration positions and constructive breakeven positioning.

Credit markets enter year-end with solid fundamental footing but limited valuation cushion. In investment grade, we believe carry remains compelling, supported by conservative balance sheets and muted downgrade risk, though heavy issuance and heightened merger and acquisition activity argue for selectivity. High yield spreads remain near post-crisis lows, and while earnings resilience provides support, softer labour trends and pressure on lower-income consumers call for disciplined issuer selection. Convertible bonds continue to offer attractive convexity, though elevated deltas underscore the need to emphasise balanced structures with firm bond floors.

Securitised products remain well positioned, particularly agency MBS and residential mortgage credit securities, where we believe valuations and fundamentals are constructive and technicals continue to improve. We expect agency spreads to tighten gradually as demand from banks and relative-value buyers strengthens, though full normalisation may await the later stages of the Fed's easing cycle. By contrast, we remain cautious in areas tied to consumer stress and in CMBS subsectors facing structural challenges, even as operating performance in higher quality segments remains resilient.

Overall, we expect carry and income to remain the dominant contributors to returns as markets navigate the transition into 2026. With valuations tight in many spread sectors and policy visibility limited, disciplined security selection, diversification and a renewed focus on quality remain essential.<sup>3</sup>

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## **Fund Facts**

Launch date	01 December 1998					
Base currency	Euro					
Benchmark	Custom- Blended Benchmark					

## Calendar Year Returns (%)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Class I Shares	1.97	2.50	6.73	-16.79	-3.27	4.04	6.27	-0.45	0.96	4.01	0.12
Blended Benchmark	1.14	1.81	6.53	-17.50	-3.21	3.57	4.88	0.64	0.18	3.50	0.31

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Diversification neither assures a profit nor guarantees against loss in a declining market.

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- The fund may be impacted by movements in the exchange rates between the fund's currency and the currencies of the fund's investments.
- The value of bonds are likely to decrease if interest rates rise and vice versa.
- The value of financial derivative instruments are highly sensitive and may result in losses in excess of the amount invested by the Sub-Fund.
- Issuers may not be able to repay their debts, if this happens
  the value of your investment will decrease. This risk is higher
  where the fund invests in a bond with a lower credit rating.
- The fund relies on other parties to fulfill certain services, investments or transactions. If these parties become insolvent, it may expose the fund to financial loss.
- Sustainability factors can pose risks to investments, for example: impact asset values, increased operational costs.
- There may be an insufficient number of buyers or sellers which may affect the funds ability to buy or sell securities.

- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may lose all or a substantial portion of his or her investment.
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   Furthermore, the value of investments may be adversely affected by fluctuations in exchange rates between the investor's reference currency and the base currency of the investments.

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