Pareto Asset Management

Report date: 30 April 2025

Fund: Pareto ESG Global Corporate Bond Umbrella fund: Pareto SICAV Inception date: 23 March 2015 AUM: SEK 2 058 million Benchmark: n.a

PRIIPs KID risk score from 1 (low) to 7 (high): 2

Category: fixed income fund Legal structure: UCITS Dealing days: all coinciding banking days in Norway, Sweden and Luxembourg

Management company: FundRock Management Comp. S.A. Investment manager: Pareto Asset Management AS Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) Luxembourg Branch

Minimum investment: n.a.

Share class A Launch date: 24 March 2015

NAV currency: SEK

ISIN: LU1199945780 Bloomberg ticker: PARGCBA LX

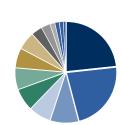
NAV as at 30 April 2025: 116.22

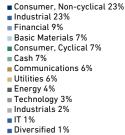
Actively managed ESG corporate bond fund with a Nordic base and a global exposure

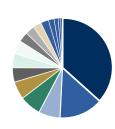
- The sub-fund will invest in fixed income and fixed income related securities issued by corporations, agencies, governments and municipalities
- The debt securities may include subordinated and convertible bonds
- Investments are expected to give the sub-fund a higher risk and return than traditonal interest-bearing securites
- The average duration shall be between 0 and 7 years

### Top ten issuers, sector allocation and geographical distribution











Sweden 3% Spain 3% Norway 3% South Africa 1% Belaium 1%

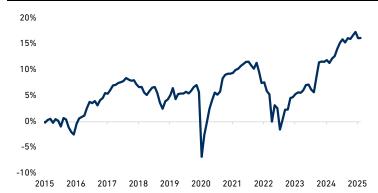
■ Ireland 1%

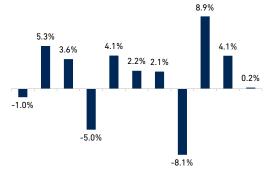
#### Key figures from start Other key figures Performance by periods Fund Fund Fund 16.2% 1.5% 5.5 3.9 Accumulated returns Weighted coupon Last month 0.0% 0.2% Annualised returns Average time to maturity Year to date Best month 4.5% Interest rate duration 2.8 Three months -0.5% -11.8% 0.7% Weakest month Credit spread duration 4.3% 1.5% Last 12 months Risk figures from start From start (annualised) Standard deviation (ann.)

Sharpe ratio

Consumer 1%

#### Performance history





2015\* 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

## Monthly net returns in per cent

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	YTD
2025	0.63	0.53	-1.01	0.02									0.16
2024	0.16	-0.08	0.33	-0.50	0.77	0.42	1.23	1.03	0.58	-0.52	0.74	-0.15	4.06
2023	2.18	0.16	0.59	0.27	-0.04	0.45	0.94	0.07	-0.88	-0.51	2.83	2.56	8.91
2022	-1.61	-1.90	0.12	-1.59	-0.58	-5.01	3.18	-0.59	-3.99	1.87	1.99	0.01	-8.11
2021	0.19	-0.01	0.15	0.51	0.22	0.46	0.37	0.37	0.02	-0.66	-0.55	1.02	2.11
2020	0.36	-1.27	-11.82	4.45	2.65	2.57	1.57	1.41	-0.36	0.56	2.43	0.62	2.22
2019	1.42	0.34	0.75	1.34	-2.02	0.96	0.07	0.01	0.31	-0.28	0.49	0.66	4.09
2018	0.07	-0.71	-0.51	0.02	-1.01	-0.44	0.74	0.61	0.13	-1.12	-1.77	-1.12	-5.02
2017	0.42	0.91	-0.10	0.67	0.83	0.10	0.36	0.13	0.21	0.54	-0.30	-0.18	3.65
2016	-0.95	-0.46	2.06	1.09	0.28	0.25	1.43	1.20	-0.25	0.39	-0.82	0.96	5.26
2015			-0.11	0.50	0.24	-0.77	0.71	-0.32	-1.10	1.64	-0.27	-1.51	-1.02

The Fund is exposed to the following materially risks: credit risk, liquidity risk, currency risk, derivative risk, counterparty risk, operational risk and sustainability risk. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for further information about the fund's risk exposure. The Fund has sustainable investments as its objective within the meaning of Article 9 of SFDR. The decision to invest in the Fund should take into account all the characteristics or objectives of the Fund as described in its prospectus. Further information about the sustainability-related aspects of the Fund is available in the SFDR pre-contractual disclosures in the Fund's prospectus and the SFDR website disclosure available on https://paretoam.com/en/our-funds/.

\*From launch of the share class. All figures are based on internationally recognised standards for publishing performance data. Historical returns are no guarantee for future returns. Future returns will depend, inter alia, on, market developments, the portfolio manager's skill, the fund's risk profile, as well as fees for subscription, management and redemption. Returns may become negative as a result of negative price developments. The performance data do not take account of the fees incurred on subscription and redemption of units/shares.

# **Pareto ESG Global Corporate Bond**

# Portofolio management team







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Portfolio Manager

April was marked by heightened volatility and uncertainty following the tariff announcement by the US administration on April 2. The announcement was more severe than markets had anticipated, triggering a broad risk-off sentiment across asset classes.

In credit markets, spreads widened notably in both US and Europe as markets repriced the risk of the direct impact of higher tariffs, potential disruptions to global trade, and the indirect effects of rising inflation and growing recession risks.

However, markets rebounded strongly after the US administration on April 9 announced a 90-day pause on tariffs and signalled a willingness to engage in negotiations with other countries. There remains significant uncertainty regarding the administration's ultimate objectives and how the situation will evolve, but negotiations are at least a step in the right direction.

Throughout the month, we observed continued weakness in the US dollar, while US Treasury yields rose steadily. This divergence from the typical "flight to quality" behaviour, where rising uncertainty and volatility usually strengthen the dollar and lower Treasury yields, is uncommon and warrants attention. The explanation is likely multifaceted, but the high level of US indebtedness and the unpredictability of the US administration certainly contributed to these developments.

As anticipated, the fund experienced weaker performance early in the month, reflecting the overall market and driven mainly by spread widening. However, following the tariff pause announcement, there was a strong recovery. Despite the volatility and uncertainty, the fund's performance for the month ended in positive territory.

The reporting season for Q1 2025 has kicked off. During the month, we also received our last Q4 2024 reports. The Q4 2024 reporting period has overall been satisfactory, with a vast majority of our issuers meeting or exceeding our expectations. Most of the companies in the fund have limited direct exposure to tariffs. However, we are observing increasingly uncertain outlooks, as a result of the tariffs, particularly related to inflationary pressures and demand uncertainty. These factors will remain a key focus as we review the Q1 2025 reports.

Primary market activity was muted overall in April, reflecting elevated uncertainty and volatility. At the end of the month, a few issuers came back to the primary market, supported by the strong rebound. We participated in one new deal by TDC, a Danish telecom company and a well familiar name in the fund. We expect the primary market to be better in May, provided that no new developments emerge that could impact the sentiment negatively.

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