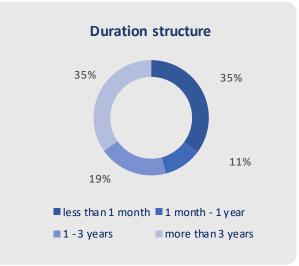


Fund performance

Time period	1M	3M	6M	12M	Since inception
Performance	0,47%	1,45%	2,89%	2,26%	6,40%







Market update



Conditions in global credit markets deteriorated somewhat in September and into October, as the resurgence of COVID-19 in Europe and its continued spread in key Emerging Market countries caps economic activity, curtails social activity and damages investor sentiment.

Ample Central Bank liquidity back-stops, fresh government support and spending and the low penetration of COVID-19 in East Asian economies (aiding the global economic cycle) are, though, acting to stabilize credit sentiment for now. Risks such as the US election outcome, affordability of government fiscal programmes, social instability and international geopolitics may well increase in amplitude in coming weeks

The very high incidence of COVID-19 cases in the Czech Republic and required tighter restrictions on social and discretionary economic activity threatens the outlook for domestic consumption of services and related employment. There remains no evidence yet of a deterioration in the Czech export picture, though the increasing restrictions on social and discretionary economic activity in Europe will hit consumption there.

Czech CPI at 3.2% year on year in September remains substantially above the local sovereign bond yields or interest rates on offer. Concentrated spending on non-discretionary goods (food etc), Czech money supply growth and imported price hikes, via fresh weakness in the Koruna will keep inflation elevated for now.

Mark Robinson, Member of the Investment Committee

Portfolio update



The continuation of relatively stable conditions in the Czech credit market enabled us to continue to rotate the portfolio towards new, high-quality exposures in the face of the extant COVID-19 situation. We took a significant position in the new issue of Investment Grade Euro-denominated 7-year bonds of Czech-Slovak telecom operator PPF Telecom. The source of funds for this purchase included inflows into the Fund and the maturing of a short-term bridge loan to real estate player Satpo Group and the repayment of one-year promissory notes of Czech-Slovak conglomerate Penta.

We maintained short-term liquidity well above our present 15% limit via a larger position in 2-week reverse repos backed by the Wood Retail Real Estate Fund. We removed similar reverse repos backed by the Wood Office Real Estate Fund from the portfolio.

As a balance to the PPF Telecom long-term bond purchase, further shorter-term investments are planned. The aim is to keep the Fund's liquidity cushion relatively high and to capture enhanced return where it is assessed prudent to do so.

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