

# encor Encor Funda Clarity Sub-fund of Encor Eurole Clarity

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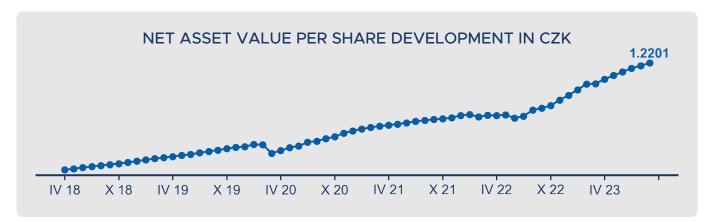
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# **FUND PERFORMANCE**



Investment share value:
1.2201 Kč

Time period	1M	12M	3Y	5Y	Since inc.
Performance	0.51 %	8.26 %	14.67 %	20.69 %	22.01 %







You may find the fund annual report for year 2022 here.



## MARKET UPDATE



Global credit markets sold off in September and into October, as investors priced in upward pressure on government bond yields. Perceptions that fiscal spending and inflation rates in major economies are not yet under control caused the increase in sovereign yields: credit market yields tend to rise in tandem because a rising cost of borrowing for governments generally implies higher bond coupon rates for corporates and banks. This applies particularly for debtors looking to borrow for the medium to long term. Major market Central Banks appear to have paused their sequence of policy interest rate rises for now, which should steady the level of shorter term yields in Euro and US dollars. This backdrop provides a base for high potential returns in the Czech credit universe.

The CNB held interest rates at 7% in its meeting at the very beginning of October. More benign inflation readings, with Czech consumer price inflation falling to a 6.9% year-on-year rate in September, open the door for the CNB's Monetary Policy Committee to perhaps trim policy rates later this quarter. The Committee will be wary, though, of renewed inflation pressures arising from a higher oil price, geopolitical events such as the Israel-Hamas conflict, Czech wage growth and a weakening koruna.

Mark Robinson, Member of the Investment Committee

## PORTFOLIO UPDATE



The NAV of the Fund rose +0.51% in September, taking the historical 12-month return net-of-fees to 8.26%. The forward-looking gross running yield of the portfolio's components remains at a high 8.64%. These returns remain significantly above than prevailing CZK cash interest and annual inflation rates. The portfolio's interest coupon income drove September's performance. We have removed the majority of our interest rate swap positions protecting the portfolio against further market interest rate rises, retaining some hedging against increases in longer term yields. We bought during the month a new issue of Euro-denominated bonds of Ceska Sporitelna due in 2028 and a position in the senior bonds of German bank Oldenburgische Landesbank due in 2026. With these actions we continue to thus gradually increase the portfolio's exposure to the higher yields now on offer and to the potential of rallying bond markets in the short to medium term.

Lubor Žalman, Founder of the fund

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