Fund Fact Sheet | December 2024

Rubrics Enhanced Yield UCITS Fund (Class Z ZAR)

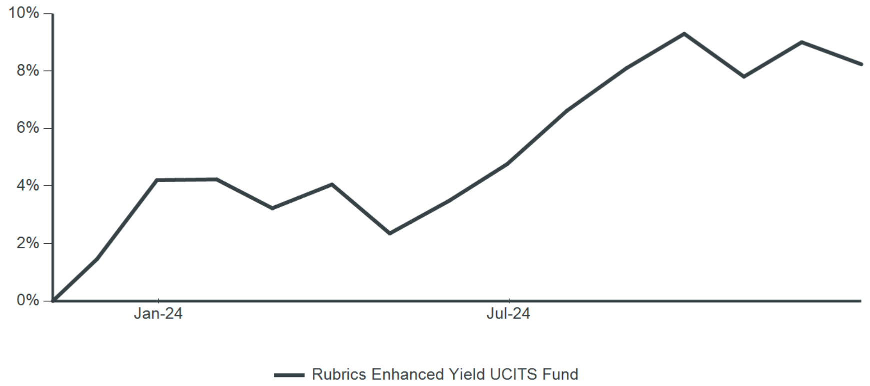
Objective

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to invest in a diversified, global portfolio of fixed income securities with attractive income generating characteristics over the long-term.

Performance

Past performance is no guarantee of future returns. Source: Rubrics Asset Management and Bloomberg. All performance is calculated on a NAV-to-NAV basis and is as at the last business day of the month.

Cumulative performance since (07 November 2023)



Monthly performance since 2023

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Year
2023											1.46	2.70	**4.20**
2024	0.03	-0.97	0.80	-1.64	1.12	1.23	1.77	1.39	1.11	-1.37	1.11	-0.71	**3.87**

Net performance

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years*	5 years*	10 years*	Since launch*
Fund	-0.71%	-0.97%	3.32%	3.87%	n/a	n/a	n/a	7.14%

* Annualised returns are period returns re-scaled to a period of 1 year

Rolling 12-month performance to most recent quarter end (31 December 2024)

	Q4 2023 - Q4 2024	Q4 2022 - Q4 2023	Q4 2021 - Q4 2022	Q4 2020 - Q4 2021	Q4 2019 - Q4 2020
Fund	3.87%	0.00%	n/a	n/a	n/a

Risk factors you should consider before investing

The value of investments and any income derived are subject to market and exchange rate movements and may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the full amount invested. Investing in investment funds is subject to market risks. Past performance results are no indication of future results. Past performance results over periods of less than twelve months are an especially unreliable indicator for future returns due to the short comparison period. Any subscription fees charged by intermediaries are not included in the performance figures. All figures and information are given without any warranty and errors are reserved. Details of the fees and expenses payable to the Fund's services providers and advisors are set out in the relevant supplements to the Fund prospectus.

** Minimum investments and fees may vary according to currency and share class

Fund facts

Entity name	Rubrics Global UCITS Funds PLC
Inception date	07 November 2023
Minimum investment (ZAR)	10,000
Subscription	Daily
Redemption	Daily
Other available currencies	CHF, EUR, GBP, USD

Key data †

Fund assets (USD)	$70 million
NAV (ZAR)	216.4765
Total return since inception	8.24%
Annualised return since inception	7.14%
Annualised standard deviation	3.58%
Number of securities	51
Average coupon	3.06%
Average duration (years)	4.28
Average yield to maturity	4.45%
Average portfolio credit rating	AA
Portfolio ESG rating (MSCI)	A

Fees**

Management fee	1.25%
Performance fee	None

Fund codes

ISIN	IE0005C87MW1
SEDOL	
Bloomberg	RUBEYFZ

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† The values stated are calculated based on the fund inception date as of 07/11/2023

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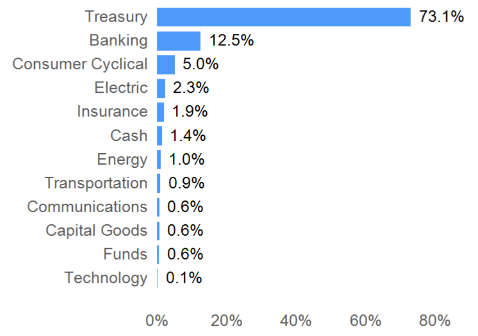
Fund commentary

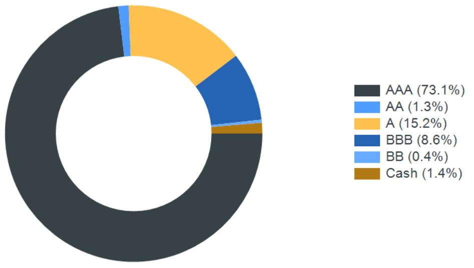
After an ebullient November, December was decidedly subdued. The month was shaped by the Federal Reserve's hawkish cut, coupled with heightened political instability in Europe and South Korea. Consequently, bond yields rose, major DM equity indices weakened, and credit spreads were mixed. The Fund delivered a negative return in December as markets retreated, reversing November's Trump-driven rally. This performance was primarily impacted by a hawkish FOMC meeting, which drove yields higher, particularly in the intermediate and long segments of the curve. Government bond exposure was the main detractor to performance, while credit exposure was also a minor detractor. The aggregate level of duration in the fund was maintained at 4.3 yrs while credit exposure was also unchanged.

Interest rate duration was the predominant driver of negative IG returns on the month, though carry offered a modest positive offset. Owing to mixed moves in Europe and the US, spread impact on performance was minimal. Bonds with greater interest rate sensitivity underperformed, while European credit outpaced US credit, both in low beta and high beta segments. Although credit headlines were somewhat muted and primary issuance tapered off early in the month, attention shifted to the outlook for 2025 and the sustainability of favourable conditions in credit markets. Notably, 2024 marked the third-tightest range of credit spreads since the GFC. Major concerns, however, still remain over the commercial real estate sector, with office delinquencies continuing to rise unabated. Aggregate European supply, which had already reached record year-to-date (YTD) volumes by November, was dominated by sovereigns, supranationals, and agencies (SSAs) in December, amounting to approximately €6.5 billion. This brought the YTD total to €1.71 trillion, surpassing 2023's €1.47 trillion. In the US, IG issuance totalled $40 billion in December, pushing 2024 volumes to $1.5 trillion—a record amount excluding 2020. However, with elevated maturities throughout the year, net supply fell short of this peak. Among corporate developments, the most significant news in December came from the advertising sector. Omnicom announced its acquisition of Interpublic, a deal that will create the world's largest advertising conglomerate. In high-yield (HY) markets, US HY spreads underperformed relative to most credit markets. Only $12 billion of HY bonds were issued in December, bringing the 2024 total to $278 billion. Spreads widened by more than 20 basis points, with all ratings except CCCs posting negative returns.

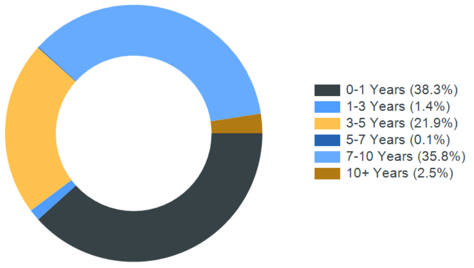
Sector allocation*



Ratings allocation*



Duration allocation*



**Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding*

Market commentary

2024 ended on a subdued note as the initial optimism following Donald Trump's election victory, which had propelled financial markets to positive returns in November, dissipated. The US Federal Reserve delivered a hawkish rate cut, and political volatility surged globally. Government bond yields rose significantly, major equity indices declined, and US credit spreads widened. With the resolution of US political uncertainty after November's election, market attention shifted to the December FOMC meeting. The Federal Reserve implemented an anticipated 25bp rate cut, marking a cumulative 100bp reduction in the Fed Funds Rate for 2024. However, Chair Powell tempered market expectations for a continuation of this trend in 2025, citing renewed inflation concerns. He remarked that the bank's year-end inflation outlook had "kind of fallen apart." The updated dot plot revealed that the median policymaker anticipated only two rate cuts in 2025, a marked reduction from the four projected in September. December's economic data reinforced market concerns about the limited scope for future rate cuts. The third GDP estimate was revised upwards from 2.8% to 3.1%, driven by robust consumer spending and strong export performance, underscoring the economy's resilience. The ISM manufacturing index exceeded expectations, rising nearly two points, though the services PMI slowed to 52.1, its weakest expansion in three months, down from 56 in the prior month. Labour market data showed nonfarm payrolls increased by 227,000 in November, rebounding from storm- and strike-related disruptions in October. The unemployment rate edged up to 4.2%. Inflation data revealed modest month-over-month increases, with CPI rising from 2.6% to 2.7%, while core CPI remained stable at 3.3%. Similarly, the Fed's preferred inflation measure, PCE, climbed to 2.4%, with Core PCE unchanged at 2.8%. Europe's political landscape was dominated by developments in France, where Prime Minister Michel Barnier forced through a budget without a parliamentary vote, only to lose a subsequent no-confidence vote. Moody's downgraded France's sovereign rating in an unscheduled but anticipated move, and the yield on 10-year French government bonds rose to match that of Greece. In Germany, as expected, the government collapsed following a no-confidence vote, with elections scheduled for February. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank cut interest rates for the third consecutive meeting, mirroring the US with a total of 100bps in reductions for 2024. However, unlike the Fed, traders in Europe expect rate cuts to continue into 2025. As markets transition into 2025, attention will remain focused on the economic and political implications of Trump's presidency, the Federal Reserve's ability to balance inflation management with labour market support, and whether global political volatility will escalate further from the turbulence of 2024.

Top five securities

Issue	ISIN	Weight	Next Call Date
DBR 2.2 02/15/34	DE000BU2Z023	12.5%	
T 3 5/8 08/31/29	US91282CLK52	9.9%	
T 3 5/8 05/31/28	US91282CHE49	9.1%	
T 4 1/2 11/15/33	US91282CJJ18	5.5%	
B 06/12/25	US912797LN52	4.6%	

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