

# Rubrics Global Credit UCITS Fund (Class D USD)

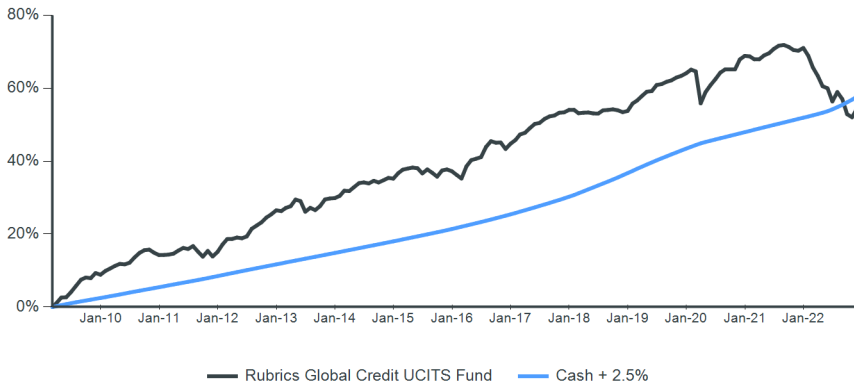
## Objective

The Rubrics Global Credit UCITS Fund (the "Fund") invests in a diversified, global portfolio of high-quality credits. The Fund pursues a total return, non-benchmarked strategy with a strong capital preservation emphasis. We maintain a low-duration portfolio bias, usually around three years. Our target return is equal to cash plus 2.5% over the medium 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 (06 March 2009)



### Monthly performance since 2019

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Year	Primary Index
2019	1.33	0.53	0.81	0.73	0.10	1.05	0.16	0.39	0.24	0.48	0.28	0.44	6.73	4.90
2020	0.61	-0.29	-5.33	1.98	1.20	1.00	1.13	0.55	0.01	-0.01	1.65	0.58	2.91	3.15
2021	-0.09	-0.47	0.00	0.63	0.36	0.70	0.52	0.11	-0.30	-0.51	-0.11	0.44	1.28	2.68
2022	-1.26	-1.87	-1.42	-1.73	-0.36	-2.26	1.65	-1.21	-2.64	-0.55	1.53	0.11	-9.64	4.39

### Net performance

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years*	5 years*	10 years*	Since launch*
Fund	0.11%	1.09%	-1.17%	-9.64%	-1.98%	0.06%	2.02%	3.20%
Primary Index	0.57%	1.56%	2.84%	4.39%	3.40%	4.01%	3.56%	3.39%

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

### Rolling 12-month performance to most recent quarter end (31 December 2022)

	Q4 2021 - Q4 2022	Q4 2020 - Q4 2021	Q4 2019 - Q4 2020	Q4 2018 - Q4 2019	Q4 2017 - Q4 2018
Fund	-9.64%	1.28%	2.91%	6.73%	-0.20%
Primary Index	4.39%	2.68%	3.15%	4.90%	4.97%

### Risk factors you should consider before investing

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

## Fund facts

Entity name	Rubrics Global UCITS Funds PLC
Inception date	06 March 2009
Index	Cash + 2.5%
Minimum investment (USD)	500
Subscription	Daily
Redemption	Daily
Other available currencies	CHF, EUR, GBP

### Key data †

Fund assets (USD)	\$367 million
NAV (USD)	15.4521
Total return since inception	54.52%
Annualised return since inception	3.20%
Annualised standard deviation	1.96%
Number of securities	279
Average coupon	3.63%
Average duration (years)	2.59
Average yield to maturity	6.61%
Average portfolio credit rating	A
Portfolio ESG rating (MSCI)	AA

### Fees\*\*

Management fee	1.25%
Performance fee	None

### Fund codes

ISIN	IE00BCRY5T25
SEDOL	BCRY5T2
Bloomberg	RUBRGCD

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† The values stated are calculated based on the fund inception date as of 06/03/2009

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## Fund commentary

Global bond markets sold off in December 2022, driven mainly by hawkish comments from the Bank of Japan and ECB. Bond volatility was broad based with 5y yields in the US Treasury market for example hitting 4.0% and the 30-year nearing 4.0% after the latter had traded as low as 3.4% at the beginning of the month.

Credit markets were quiet as traders and DCM teams were winding down for the holiday season resulting in low volumes and negligible primary issuance. Financials, a core sector holding of the Fund saw some interesting developments in the period. UBS called its UBS 5% callable January 2023 AT1. This bond only had a reset of +243bps and if the bond had not been called the coupon would have reset to -6.4%, a lower coupon than where UBS could price an AT1 currently. The call notice lifted the whole subordinated bond sector including holdings in the Fund. Besides this, Banks' net interest margins continue to benefit from rising rates in UK/Europe and the US which could help to insulate the impact of expected loan losses from a higher unemployment/recessionary scenario. Secondly, Insurance sector bonds were strong performers in December with issuers such as Lancashire, Beazley and QBE posting the largest gains. A hardening rate environment for Reinsurance ahead of the 2023 renewal season, and improved capital discipline are just two of the reasons boosting both bond and equity prices with a number of stocks in the sector hitting new 52-week highs. In terms of corporate actions, Golar LNG, a key beneficiary of the dislocated energy markets launched a Dutch Auction whereby \$140m of its \$300m 2025 bonds were bought back which helped move its market price up nearly 5pts in the month. Separately, EDF issued a call notice for its EDF 5.25% Corporate Hybrids following a successful issuance of a new Hybrid in November. Fund positioning consisted of a weighted average duration of 2.6, portfolio yield of 6.6%, cash and government bonds of over 30% and ample room in the HY bucket. The team believes the fund is set up to take advantage of any meaningful credit spread volatility to invest in good quality credits that can generate attractive multiyear returns.

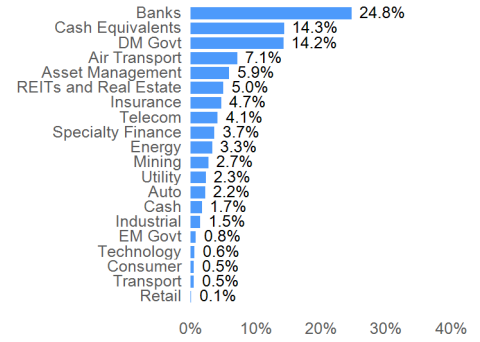
## Market commentary

Bond yields rose again in December, for the most part maintaining the upward trend which began in early 2022. The Federal Reserve slowed the pace of its rate hikes to 50bp as expected but once again emphasised that rates may rise to higher levels and remain there for a longer period than the market expects. Nevertheless the market continued to price rate cuts into the second half of 2023. The ECB also hiked by 50bp as was expected, but sounded more hawkish with respect to future rate hikes and also delivered more concrete and immediate plans for commencing QT than many had expected. Yields were broadly stable in the first half of the month but then started to move higher in the second half following the Fed and ECB meetings. The BOJ then surprised markets with a hawkish tilt to its policy and widened the 10y yield band to +/-50bp from +/-25bp. Japanese bonds immediately traded up from the old 25bp limit to close to the new 50bp limit, and global bond markets sold off as this move was viewed as a further step in the end of easy money policies. US CPI came in lower than expected, giving further credence to the view that inflation may have peaked. On the other hand, the Atlanta Fed's sticky CPI measure, which measures inflation components which are slow to change, set a new cycle high, lending weight to the Fed's warning that rates may have to remain elevated for an extended period to get inflation under control. The labour market in the US remained strong as Non-Farm Payrolls once again beat expectations, although there was an increasing level of discomfort with the difference between the employment growth shown by the establishment survey and the relatively static levels of employment shown by the household survey. In Europe while CPI remains elevated, efforts to reduce usage, increase stockpiles, secure alternative sources and relatively warm weather meant that natural gas prices declined to 10-month lows. Indeed December saw the largest monthly decline in European natural gas futures on record. China's COVID reopening gained steam as many restrictions were eased. Optimism over the impact of increased activity was tempered somewhat by a massive wave of COVID infections which itself limited activity. Over the course of the month US 10y yields were 27bp higher at 3.87% and German 10y bunds led the charge, with yields rising by 64bp to 2.57%, the highest since 2011. Equities declined in general on more hawkish central banks and mixed views over the impact of China's reopening. The S&P 500 declined by 5.9% while the German DAX was lower by 3.3%. In China the Shanghai Composite fell by 2.0% while the Hang Seng index rose by 6.4% on gains in the tech sector. Oil was little changed on the month, finishing 0.4% lower. The DXY continued recent weakness with the index falling 2.3% as the EUR gained 2.9% and the JPY gained 5.0% against the USD. Risk assets are still pricing the relatively benign scenario where inflation moderates without a severe economic downturn and central banks ease their tightening stance. Attention will be paid to incoming employment and inflation data to see if this outcome is supported by the data.

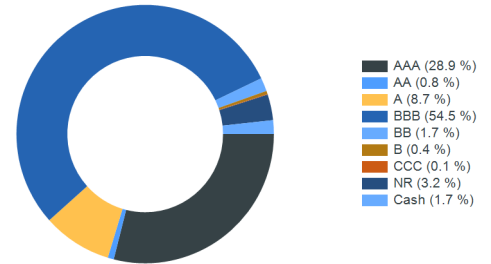
## Top five securities

Issue	ISIN	Weight	Next Call Date
B 0 23	US912796ZG72	4.0%	
B 0 23	US912796YJ21	3.8%	
T 0.25 25	US91282CAB72	3.6%	
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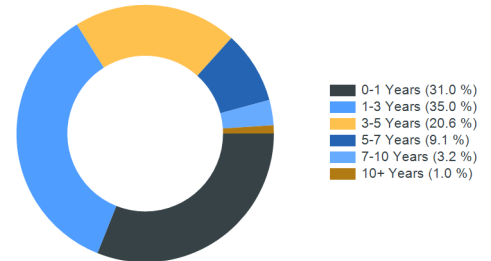
## Sector allocation\*



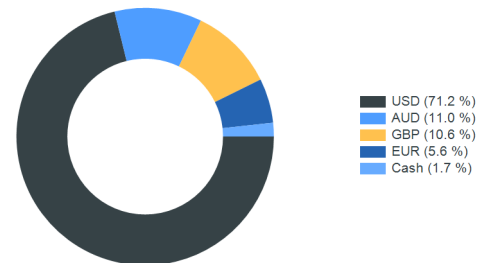
## Ratings allocation\*



## Duration allocation\*



## Currency allocation\*



\*Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding

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