## **CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPEAN BOND - AY**

31 August 2021

Marketing communication



#### **KEY DATA**

MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Generali Investments Luxembourg S.A.
INVESTMENT MANAGER	Generali Investments Partners S.p.A Società di gestione del risparmio
FUND MANAGER	Mauro VALLE
RENCHMARK	

#### BENCHMARK

33.95% BOFA ML POLAND GVT 1-4 Y (RI) + 24.25% BOFA ML HUNGARY GVT 1-4 Y (RI) + 24.25% BOFA ML CZECH REPUBLIC GVT 1-4 Y (RI) + 14.55% BOFA ML ROMANIA GVT (RI) + 3% BOFA ML EURO GVT 0-1 Y (RI)

FUND TYPE	Sicav
DOMICILE	Luxembourg
SUB-FUND LAUNCH DATE	02/04/2002
SHARE CLASS LAUNCH DATE	02/04/2002
FIRST NAV DATE AFTER DORMANT PERIOD	No dormant period
CURRENCY	Euro
CUSTODIAN BANK	BNP Paribas Securities Services Luxembourg
ISIN	LU0145480330
BLOOMBERG CODE	GENBOAY LX
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### **VALUATION**

AUM	736.34 M EUR
NAV PER SHARE	95.94 EUR
HIGHEST NAV OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS	96.88 EUR
LOWEST NAV OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS	93.03 EUR

FEES	
SUBSCRIPTION FEE	max. 5%
MANAGEMENT FEE	0.4000%
CONVERSION FEE	max. 5%
REDEMPTION FEE	max. 1%
PERFORMANCE FEE	n.a.
ONGOING CHARGES	0.5600%

## **CATEGORY AND RISK PROFILE**

CATEG	ORY	Fixed Income				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lower ri Potentia	i <mark>sk</mark> ally lower	rewards		Potentia		<mark>igher risk</mark> r rewards

The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and the categorisation of the sub fund may shift over time. For more information about risk, please see the KIID and Prospectus

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The objective of the Fund is to outperform its Benchmark investing in quality debt securities. The Fund shall essentially invest in debt securities of issuers incorporated or having their registered office in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). The Fund shall mainly invest in securities with Investment Grade Credit Rating. Investment Grade Credit Rating is credit rating from AAA to BBB for Standard & Poors or from Aaa to Baa3 for Moody's or from AAA to BBB- for Fitch or an equivalent credit rating by a recognised credit rating agency or an equivalent credit rating as deemed by the Investment Manager. The Fund may be invested on an ancillary basis in money market instruments, bank deposits and bonds of European issuer. The Fund may use financial instruments and derivatives for hedging purposes, for efficient portfolio management purposes and for investment purposes.

#### PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS AT 31 AUGUST 2021



	1M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	3YR P.A.	5YR P.A.
Portfolio	0.62	0.71	-0.23	1.73	1.57	0.57	0.31
Benchmark	0.66	1.00	0.07	7.46	8.97	2.43	1.73
Excess return	-0.04	-0.29	-0.30	-5.73	-7.40	-1.85	-1.42

	SI	SI P.A.	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Portfolio	83.85	3.18	-2.94	2.43	-0.60	4.63	-0.47
Benchmark	144.05	4.70	-0.50	5.25	0.35	4.96	1.00
Excess return	-60.20	-1.52	-2.45	-2.82	-0.95	-0.33	-1.47

	08/21-08/20	08/20-08/19	08/19-08/18	08/18-08/17	08/17-08/16
Portfolio	-0.23	-0.80	2.80	-1.37	1.23
Benchmark	0.07	-0.01	7.40	-0.44	1.85
Excess return	-0.30	-0.79	-4.61	-0.93	-0.62

## **KEY FEATURES**

- Actively managed by a specialized Fund Management team, supported by dedicated analysis from in-house research
- Invests in quality bonds with mainly investment grade rating, focusing on the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia
- Profits from the convergence trends of CEE countries, such as the economic convergence (strong growth, catch-up effect to original EU countries) and the financial convergence to EMU (the appreciation of the currency and spread tightening)

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## **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

#### Market review

August proved to be a steady month for financial markets. Equities and high yield were supported by dovish Jackson Hole speech, receding delta-variant threat, pullback in commodity prices and signs of progress on the Biden administration's economic agenda. Otherwise, we saw little movement in either direction in major government bonds, credit, and FX.

In the CEE region, we had substantial data surprises as CPI exceeded expectations by half percentage point in CZ (3,4%) and RO (4,9%) and also in Poland (5,4%) the CPI reading was 0,3 p.p. higher than market anticipated. Reaction of bonds were muted in CZ as Czech monetary policy has already delivered tightening of financial conditions. Romanian yield went up significantly by 30bp and we saw further uptick also in the first days of September due to political turmoil in Bucharest. Polish central bankers are waiting with the first hike for a new inflation projection in November even though they evidently fall behind the curve. We will see peaking of inflation dynamics in Q4/2021. The inflation deceleration towards inflation targets might be slower in 2022 than currently anticipated especially in Poland where the exchange rate is meaningfully weaker than in pre-Covid period. The correlation with yields of U.S. Treasuries remains high and influence of core markets significant.

### Portfolio activity

Total return of the fund in August was +0,61% and +0,72% YTD. The performance was driven by FX. Strengthening of HUF (2,5%) and PLN (1 %) were major drives of NAV change. Increase of RO/HU yields in response to higher inflation had merely small immediate negative impact. We remain underweight PLN duration due to the ongoing non-fundamentally driven dovishness of the Polish central bank.

#### Outlook

The Czech national bank will deliver another hike at the end of September, which is fully price in. Asset swap spreads should not tighten further despite improving outlook of government finance deficit. We do not expect an approaching October general election to have a material impact on financial markets. A lot is priced in HU/CZ curve and we do not expect increase of short yields significantly above forwards. Polish real rates remain ridiculously low and we keep intend to keep duration underweight position. We expect both global and CEE FX to remain supported by decent valuation, risk-on environment, hawkish local monetary policies, and high dynamics of growth.

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## **HOLDINGS & TRANSACTIONS**

### **TOP 10 FIXED INCOME**

HOLDING	SECTOR	RATING	GROSS %
CZECH REPUBLIC 0.45 10/25/23	Sovereigns	AA-	8.46%
HUNGARY GOVT 2.5 10/24/24	Sovereigns	BBB	8.08%
POLAND GOVT BOND 2.5 04/25/24	Sovereigns	А	7.10%
POLAND GOVT BOND 5.75 09/23/22	Sovereigns	А	6.57%
POLAND GOVT BOND 2.25 04/25/22	Sovereigns	А	6.17%
HUNGARY GOVT 1.5 08/23/23	Sovereigns	BBB	6.15%
HUNGARY GOVT 1.75 10/26/22	Sovereigns	BBB	5.73%
CZECH REPUBLIC 1.25 02/14/25	Sovereigns	AA-	5.13%
POLAND GOVT BOND 2.5 01/25/23	Sovereigns	А	4.50%
CZECH REPUBLIC 11/19/27	Sovereigns	AA-	3.41%
Total Top 10 (%)			61.30%
Total Top 20 (%)			81.90%

### **TOP 3 SALES OVER THE LAST MONTH**

HUNGARY GOVT 1.5 08/24/22	
HUNGARY GOVT 7 06/24/22	

## TOP 3 PURCHASES OVER THE LAST MONTH

HUNGARY GOVT 2.5 10/24/24
HUNGARY GOVT 1 11/26/25

## **RATIOS**

## PERFORMANCE AND RISK ANALYSIS - SYNTHESIS

	1YR	3YR	5YR	SI
Standard Deviation Ptf	4.79	4.71	4.27	7.59
Standard Deviation Bmk	4.73	4.87	4.35	8.08
Tracking Error	0.29	1.36	1.15	2.86
Alpha	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.00
Beta	1.01	0.93	0.95	0.74
R-squared	1.00	0.92	0.93	0.77
Information Ratio	-1.05	-1.37	-1.21	-0.53
Sharpe Ratio	-0.07	0.18	0.12	0.25
Treynor Ratio	-0.46	0.26	-1.15	-1.92
Sortino Ratio	-0.11	0.25	0.18	0.38

### **DRAWDOWN**

	SINCE INCEPTION
Maximum drawdown (%)	-26.8
Peak to trough drawdown (dates)	Aug 08 - Mar 09
Length (in days)	217
Recovery Period (in days)	588
Worst Month	October 2008
Lowest Return	-9.2
Best Month	April 2009
Highest Return	9.2

## **MODIFIED DURATION EVOLUTION**



## FINANCIAL RATIO - FIXED INCOME

	FUND	BENCHMARK
Z-Spread	41.40	49.93
DTS (Duration Times Spread)	-	-
Average Rating (2nd best)	A-	A-
Modified Duration	2.36	2.51
Effective Duration	2.36	2.51
Average Time to Maturity	2.74	-
Yield to Maturity	1.80	1.65
Current Yield	2.47	2.57
Average Coupon	2.57	-

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## **BREAKDOWNS**

■ Fund ■ Benchmark ■ Relative

COUNTRY	NET	RELATIVE
	31.7%	-2.3%
Poland	34.0%	
	26.0%	1.6%
Hungary	24.4%	
	25.3%	0.9%
Czech Republic	24.3%	
	15.6%	1.3%
Romania	14.4%	
		-0.8%
Italy	0.8%	
		-0.8%
Germany	0.8%	
		-0.6%
France	0.6%	
		-0.8%
Others	0.8%	
	1.4%	
Cash		

Sovereigns	NET	RELATIVE	
	95.1% 94.7%	0.3%	
Sovereigns (Frgn Curr)	2.7% 5.3%	-2.6%	
overed Bonds	0.8%	0.8%	
ash	1.4%		

RATINGS (2ND BEST)	NE	T RELATIVE
AAA	0.9%	-0.9%
AA	25.3% 25.2%	0.0%
A	31.7% 34.3%	-2.6%
BBB	41.6% 39.5%	2.1%
Cash	1.4%	

MATURITY	N	ET RELATIVE
0-1Y	10.2% 6.5%	3.7%
1-3Y	49.8% 53.8%	-4.0%
3-5Y	28.9% 35.8%	-6.8%
5-10Y	9.1% 3.1%	6.0%
10-20Y	0.6% 0.8%	-0.3%
Cash	1.4%	

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#### **DEALING DETAILS**

CUT OFF TIME	T at 1 pm (T being the dealing day)
SETTLEMENT	T+3
VALUATION	Daily
NAV CALCULATION	Day +1
NAV PUBLICATION	Day +1

### **Important Information**

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