

# FWD BOND FUND

April 2024

## Investment Objective

To achieve capital preservation over the medium term while providing a stable long term and secured income return by investing primarily in a portfolio of investment grade fixed income securities.

## Investor Profile

The Fund is suitable for investors who seek as stable income stream and have a medium to long term investment horizon.

## Investment Strategy & Approach

The Manager employ a rigorous and structured investment approach in evaluating the various bond investment and their credit risks. The fund will be invested in the Malaysian government securities, money market instruments and private debt securities with a minimum rating of A3 by RAM or its equivalent.

## Fund Manager

AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)

## Fund Details

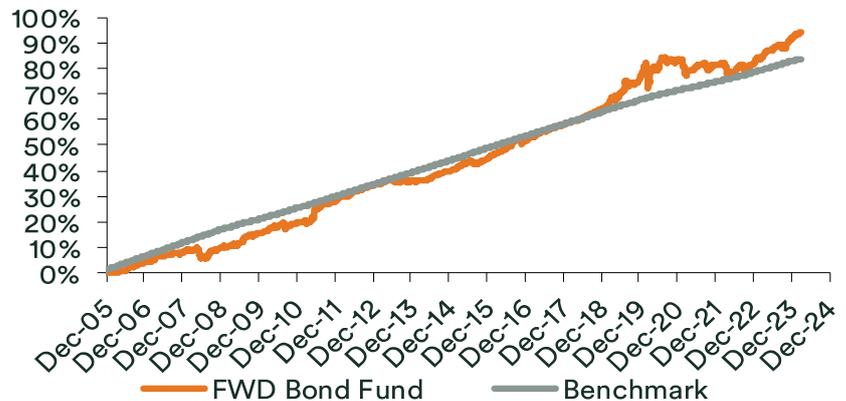
Unit NAV RM0.9222  
Fund Size RM33.6 million  
Inception Date 29 September 2005  
Management Fee 1.00% per annum

## Top 5 Holdings

LPPSA 5.1% 6.7%  
IJM Land 5.65% 6.0%  
Pengurusan Air 4.51% 4.6%  
SMJ 4.43% 4.6%  
Point Zone 4.29% 4.5%

Data as at 31 March 2024

## Cumulative Performance Since Inception as at 31 March 2024



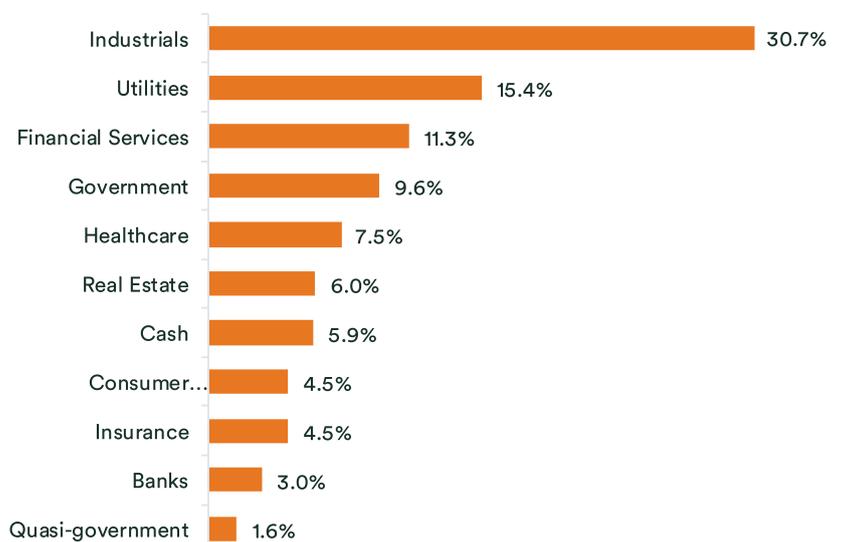
## Performance Table as at 31 March 2024

	1 month	3 months	6 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Fund	0.3%	1.3%	2.8%	1.3%	5.1%	9.3%	15.8%	94.1%
Benchmark	0.4%	1.1%	2.1%	1.1%	4.3%	11.7%	19.7%	83.8%

- Benchmark: 1-year Maybank FD rates + 150 bps
- Source: Bloomberg & FWD Insurance Berhad
- Past performance is not indicative of future performance and the performance of the fund is not guaranteed.
- This is strictly the performance of the investment fund, and not the returns earned on the actual premiums/contributions paid of the investment-linked product.
- The above returns are calculated using NAV to NAV prices, with any income or dividends reinvested, according to this formula:

$$\frac{\text{Net Asset Value Per Unit At Current Period}}{\text{Net Asset Value Per Unit At Previous Period}} - 1$$

## Portfolio Composition as at 31 March 2024



Source: AHAM Asset Management Berhad

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## Manager's Comment

On a month to date basis, the Fund recorded a gain of 0.34%, underperforming the benchmark's return of +0.35%. Since inception, the Fund recorded a return of 94.15% with an annualized return of 3.65%.

### Market Review

US Treasuries consolidated in March with the 2-year and 10-year yields ended the month at 4.62% (flat MTD) and 4.20% (-5bps MTD) respectively. During the March Federal Open Market Committee meeting, the committee voted unanimously to maintain the US Federal Funds Rate (FFR) at 5.25-5.50%, with the post-meeting minutes towards a dovish stance. The market pricing for total FFR cut in 2024 has been reduced to 3 cuts/75bps from 6 cuts/150 bps previously.

In March 2024, Malaysia's domestic bond market remain resilient despite higher net supply, weaker MYR and US Treasuries selloff. The Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) yield curve tightened marginally by 1bps on a MoM basis. The 3-year and 10-year ended the month at 3.49% (flat MTD) and 3.86% (-1bps MTD) respectively. In the March Monetary Policy Committee meeting, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) kept the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) unchanged at 3.00%. In its statement, BNM sounded more optimistic on growth, to be driven by technology upcycle, global trade and strong labour market. Official growth forecast was maintained at 4-5%. BNM highlighted monetary policy will focus on sustaining growth and ensuring price stability which the market perceived as a no change in OPR at 3.00%.

### Market Outlook

Looking forward, we are looking to tactically add duration for range-bound trading. We will continue to selectively participate in primary corporate bond/sukuk issuances for yield pick up, subject to levels.

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