

FWD BOND FUND

May 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

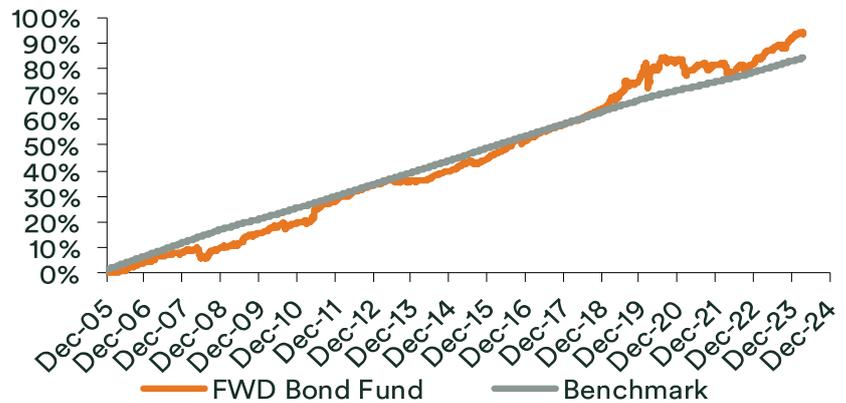
Unit NAV RM0.9206
Fund Size RM33.5 million
Inception Date 29 September 2005
Management Fee 1.00% per annum

Top 5 Holdings

LPPSA 5.1% 6.6%
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 30 April 2024

Cumulative Performance Since Inception as at 30 April 2024



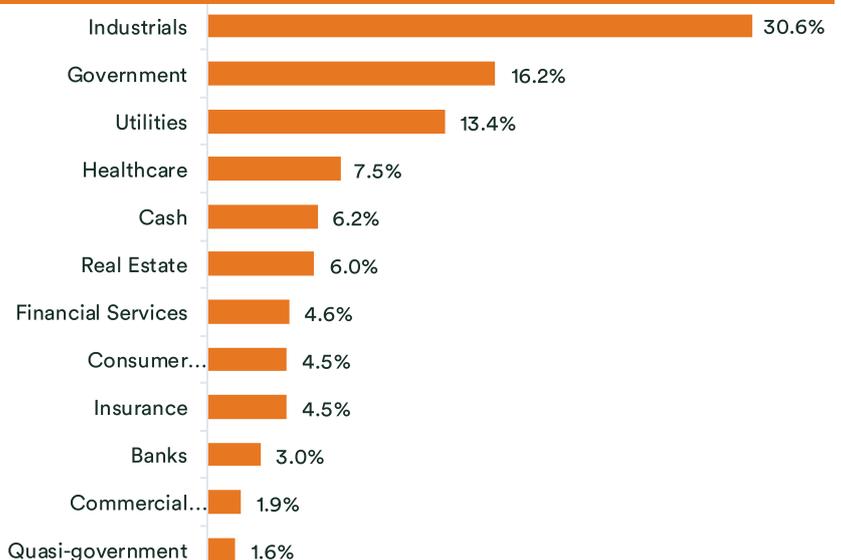
Performance Table as at 30 April 2024

	1 month	3 months	6 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Fund	-0.2%	0.6%	3.1%	1.1%	4.1%	8.1%	14.9%	93.8%
Benchmark	0.3%	1.0%	2.1%	1.4%	4.4%	11.8%	19.7%	84.2%

- 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 30 April 2024



Source: AHAM Asset Management Berhad

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Manager's Comment

On a month to date basis, the Fund recorded a return of -0.2%, underperforming the benchmark's return of +0.3%.

Market Review

US Treasuries (UST) yields surged 40-50bps across tenors, on the back of better-than-expected economic data and higher inflation. The 2-year and 10-year UST yields ended the month at 5.04% (+42bps MTD) and 4.68% (+48bps MTD) respectively. In March 2024, inflation rose by 3.5% on a YoY basis. During the 30 April/1 May Federal Open Market Committee meeting, the Federal Reserve (Fed) kept the Federal Funds Rate unchanged at 5.25% to 5.50%. Fed chair noted the recent lack of progress towards the inflation target of 2% but added that the Fed sees current rates as sufficiently restrictive.

In April 2024, Malaysia's domestic bond market remain resilient despite higher US Treasuries. The 3-year and 10-year Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) yields ended the month at 3.61% (+12bps MTD) and 3.98% (+13bps MTD) respectively. The Employees Provident Fund's announcement of Account 3 also resulted in a more cautious sentiment domestically. Headline consumer price index (CPI) remained steady at 1.8% in March, compared to the official forecast of 2.0 to 3.5%.

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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