# **Diversified Income Fund**

- The Fund may invest primarily in fixed income instruments, including high yield securities and emerging market securities.
- Investments in fixed income securities are subject to interest rate, credit and downgrade risks. The Fund is also subject to risks of investing in high yield, below investment grade and unrated securities.
- It is subject to the risks associated with emerging markets, sovereign debt, currency, liquidity, and repurchase / reverse repurchase transactions.
- It may invest extensively in financial derivative instruments which may involve additional risks (e.g. market, counterparty, liquidity, volatility, and leverage risks).
- It may at its discretion pay dividends out of capital directly or effectively, which amounts to a return or withdrawal of
  part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to the original investment. Any
  distributions involving the payment of dividends out of the Fund's capital may result in an immediate reduction of the
  Fund's net asset value per share.
- Investments involve risks and your investment may suffer significant losses.
- Investors should not rely solely on this material and should read the offering document of the Fund for further details including the risk factors.

# **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

The Diversified Income Fund returned 1.28% (E, Income shares net of fees) and 1.28% (E, Accumulation shares net of fees) in March. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 1.19% (E, Income shares net of fees) and 1.18% (E, Accumulation shares net of fees). Risk assets broadly rallied to close the quarter, fueled by resilient corporate earnings and a boom in artificial intelligence, as U.S. equities saw their best start to the year since 2019. Total returns were broadly positive across fixed income markets, with most spread sectors outperforming Treasuries over the month. U.S. Treasury yields modestly declined as the U.S. Federal Reserve leaned dovish at the March meeting, signaling the U.S. central bank is on track for rate cuts later this year. The U.S. 10y yield fell by 5bps to 4.20%. Over the month, emerging markets, high yield, and investment grade spreads tightened by respectively 21bps, 7bps, and 4bps.

#### Contributors

- Security selection with emerging markets
- Tactical exposure to securitized assets

#### Detractors

- Security selection with high yield credit
- U.S. interest rate positioning

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#### **Fund Information**

Total Net Assets	7.6 (USD in Billions)				
Fund Type	UCITS				
Portfolio Manager	Sonali Pier, Alfred Murata, Charles Watford, Regina Borromeo, Dan Ivascyn				
Fund Base Currency	USD				
Share Class Currency	USD				
Inception Date					
E Class, Accumulation	2006/09/11				
E Class, Income*	2006/07/31				
*This share class aims to pay dividend on a Quarterly					

basis. Dividend payout is not guaranteed.

Class	ISIN						
E .	Accumulation	Income					
CHF(H)	IE00BKTN2037	_					
EUR(H)	IE00B1Z6D669	IE00B4TG9K96					
SGD(H)	_	IE00B95F0K20					
USD	IE00B1D7YK27	IE00B193MK07					
ADMIN							
EUR(H)	IE00B1XK9L79	_					
GBP(H)	_	IE00B4PJC039					
SGD(H)	_	IE00BJLMMQ78					
USD	—	IE00B4KNT432					
HINST							
USD	IE00B4QX9925	_					
INST							
CAD(H)	IE00B4QL5Y33	_					
CHF(H)	IE00B3ZYSN64	IE00B7VCGY95					
EUR(H)	IE00B1JC0H05	IE00B28D5Z40					
GBP(H)	IE00B13H3C75	IE00B0Y8YW95					
SEK(H)	IE00B11XYT14	_					
SGD(H)	_	IE00BK5WW150					
USD	IE00B0C18065	IE00B138GV00					
INVST							
EUR(H)	IE00B120J296	IE00B97J1N24					
USD	IE00B962TR28	IE00B8WS6X29					
MRETL							
AUD(H)	_	IE00B95MX153					
USD	—	IE00B3Y5VT74					
(U) = Unhedged, (H) = Hedged							

Performance (Net of Fees)	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	SI
E, Acc (%)	1.28	1.18	8.38	7.08	-2.52	0.67	2.35	4.26
E, Inc (%)	1.28	1.19	8.39	7.15	-2.52	0.68	2.35	4.34
Benchmark (%)	1.39	0.98	8.88	8.73	-0.03	2.20	3.40	_

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Calendar Year (Net of Fees)	2014	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	2017	<b>2018</b>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
E, Acc (%)	3.08	-1.52	10.94	7.43	-2.11	13.30	6.89	-1.01	-17.04	8.49	1.18
E, Inc (%)	3.10	-1.53	11.00	7.38	-2.10	13.30	6.87	-0.95	-17.04	8.49	1.19
Benchmark (%)	5.48	0.16	9.81	7.29	-2.23	13.68	6.60	0.62	-13.42	10.84	0.98

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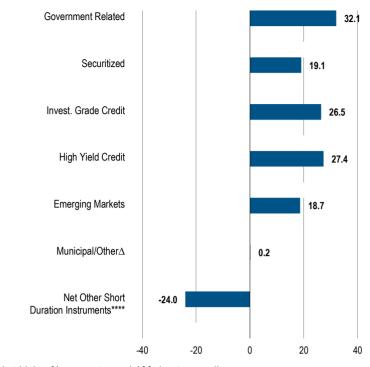
All periods longer than one year are annualised. SI is the performance since inception. Performance shown is on a NAV-to-NAV basis in the denominated currency and are net of fees and other expenses and include reinvestment of dividends, as applicable.

## **MONTH IN REVIEW**

In March, global investment grade credit<sup>1</sup> spreads tightened by 4bps, global high yield bond<sup>2</sup> spreads tightened by 7bps, and EM external<sup>3</sup> spreads tightened by 21bps. The portfolio returned 1.36% (institutional accumulation share class) after fees in March, underperforming its benchmark by 3bps. The Fund's underperformance was driven by security selection within high yield credit, including overweight exposure to select issuers in the financial services and telecommunications sectors, which underperformed; and macro strategies, in particular U.S. interest rate positioning.

The underperformance was partially offset by security selection with emerging markets, including overweight exposure to select Central Easter European and Latin American sovereign issuers, which outperformed; and tactical exposure to securitized assets, in particular exposure to agency MBS.

# Sector Allocation (% Market Value)

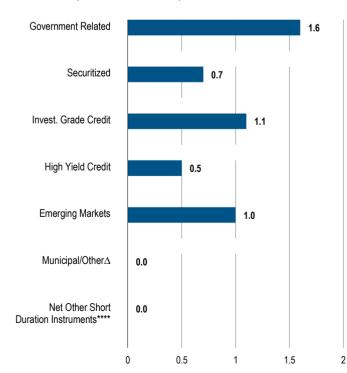


Market Value % may not equal 100 due to rounding.

# **PORTFOLIO POSITIONING**

Within investment grade corporates, we continue to favor sectors with good earnings visibility, such as media cable and pipelines. Conversely, we are underweight sectors vulnerable to potential margin pressures, such as retail, as well as sectors with asset light business models such as technology. Within high yield credit, we have an up-in quality bias, and remain focused on future rising star opportunities and secured bonds within highly cash-generative industries, such as transportation. Additionally, we maintain our cautious approach to emerging markets exposure, emphasizing countries with credible reform stories, select Eastern European corporate issuers and, more broadly, corporate issuers with hard assets. Within securitized credit, we remain constructive on agency and non-agency mortgages, which benefit from attractive valuations and resilient characteristics given high levels of equity and seasoning as well as resilience across various market environments. We also hold AAA-rated EUR CLO tranches as an attractive substitute to tighter trading generic corporate credit. The Fund is modestly underweight duration, holding a modest short exposure to Japanese duration and underweight exposures to U.S. and European duration in particular. Finally, from a currency standpoint, the Fund continues to hold a modest tactical long exposure to select Latin American and Asian EM currencies.

#### Sector Allocation (Duration in Years)



#### **OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY**

We believe credit has rarely appeared more compelling relative to equities, as starting yield levels are historically attractive. Given the ongoing macro-economic uncertainty, the portfolio continues to emphasize resilience, namely through an allocation to Agency and Non-Agency Mortgage Backed Securities. We favor developed markets, in light of the higher quality relative to emerging markets risk, alongside better fundamentals and a more attractive riskreward profile. We continue to see opportunities in select companies with good earnings visibility and that we believe are more resilient to margin pressures, the crossover segment given positive ratings momentum, as well as relative value opportunities in credit derivatives versus cash bonds.

#### **Fund Statistics**

Effective Duration (yrs)"	4.91
Benchmark Duration (yrs)	5.30
Current Yield (%)⊕	5.51
Estimated Yield to Maturity (%) $\oplus$	7.05
Annualised Distribution Yield (%) <sup>†</sup>	4.07
Average Coupon (%)	4.91
Effective Maturity (yrs)	8.93
Average Credit Quality	А
Unified Management Fee	
Administrative	1.19% p.a.
E	1.59% p.a.
H Institutional	0.86% p.a.
Institutional	0.69% p.a.
Investor	1.04% p.a.
M Retail	1.59% p.a.

Source: PIMCO, index provider for benchmark data.

U.S. interest rate strategies encompass the Fund's duration, yield curve, convexity strategies and instrument selection.

Carry is the rate of interest earned by holding the respective securities.

Credit spreads are the difference in yield between any type of bond, and a U.S. treasury of the same maturity.

The credit quality of a particular security or group of securities does not ensure the stability or safety of an overall portfolio. The quality ratings of individual issues/issuers are provided to indicate the credit-worthiness of such issues/issuer and generally range from AAA, Aaa, or AAA (highest) to D, C, or D (lowest) for S&P, Moody's, and Fitch respectively.

References to Agency and non-agency mortgage-backed securities refer to mortgages issued in the United States.

Rising star: a bond whose credit rating was upgraded from high yield to investment grade status.

<sup>1</sup>Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index, <sup>2</sup>ICE BofAML Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index, <sup>3</sup>JPMorgan EMBI Global Index

""Net Other Short Duration Instruments includes securities and other instruments (except instruments tied to emerging markets by country of risk) with an effective duration less than one year and rated investment grade or higher or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality, commingled liquidity funds, uninvested cash, interest receivables, net unsettled trades, broker money, short duration derivatives and derivatives offsets. With respect to certain categories of short duration securities, the Adviser reserves the discretion to require a minimum credit rating higher than investment grade for inclusion in this category. Derivatives Offsets includes offsets associated with investments in futures, swaps and other derivatives. Such offsets may be taken at the notional value of the derivative position.

"Duration is a measure of a portfolio's price sensitivity expressed in years. PIMCO duration calculation that adjusts the durations of credit securities to account for the potential that in the event of default investors will receive the recovery amount prior to the maturity of the security.

<sup>†</sup>Annualised distribution yield= (Dividend Rate \* 4) / NAV on ex-dividend day. Annualised Distribution Yield is as of 31/03/2024. Dividend is not guaranteed. Dividend may pay out of capital. A positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return.

Duration is a measure of a portfolio's price sensitivity expressed in years. Effective duration is the duration for a bond with an embedded option when the value is calculated to include the expected change in cash flow caused by the option as interest rates change.

<sup>®</sup>PIMCO calculates a Fund's Estimated Yield to Maturity by averaging the yield to maturity of each security held in the Fund on a market weighted basis. PIMCO sources each security's yield to maturity from PIMCO's Portfolio Analytics database. When not available in PIMCO's Portfolio Analytics database, PIMCO sources the security's yield to maturity from Bloomberg. When not available in either database, PIMCO will assign a yield to maturity for that security from a PIMCO matrix based on prior data. The source data used in such circumstances is a static metric and PIMCO makes no representation as to the accuracy of the data for the purposes of calculating the Estimated Yield to Maturity. The Estimated Yield to Maturity is provided for illustrative purposes only and should not be relied upon as a primary basis for an investment decision and should not be interpreted as a guarantee or prediction of future performance of the Fund or the likely returns of any investment.

<sup>A</sup>Where permitted by the investment guidelines stated in the portfolios offering documents, "other" may include exposure to, convertibles, preferred, common stock, equity-related securities, and Yankee bonds.

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comparatively large portion of its portfolio to meet significant shareholder redemptions for cash, or hold a comparatively large portion of its portfolio in cash due to significant share purchases for cash, in each case when the Fund otherwise would not seek to do so, which may adversely affect performance. A word about risk: Investing in foreign denominated and/or domiciled securities may involve heightened risk due to currency fluctuations, and economic and political risks, which may be enhanced in emerging markets. Mortgage and asset-backed securities may be sensitive to changes in interest rates, subject to early repayment risk, and their value may fluctuate in response to the market's perception of issuer creditworthiness; while generally supported by some form of government or private guarantee there is no assurance that private guarantors will meet their obligations. High-yield, lower-rated, securities involve greater risk than higher-rated securities; portfolios that invest in them may be subject to greater levels of credit and liquidity risk than portfolios that do not. Derivatives may involve certain costs and risks such as liquidity, interest rate, market, credit, management and the risk that a position could not be closed when most advantageous. Investing in derivatives could lose more than the amount invested. The Fund is non-diversified, which means that it may concentrate its assets in a smaller number of issuers than a diversified fund. Portfolio turnover may indicate higher transactions costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. taxable account.

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Correlation - As outlined under "Benchmark", where disclosed herein and referenced in the prospectus, a benchmark may be used as part of the active management of the Fund. In such instances, certain of the Funds securities may be components of and may have similar weightings to the benchmark and the Fund may from time to time show a high degree of

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