

# — Mirova takes short-term view on maturities, not on impact

Mirova Euro Short Term Sustainable Bond Fund



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## Performance<sup>1</sup>

**4.33 %**

(vs 4.01% for the benchmark index)

net return year-on-year  
at 30/06/24

## ESG strategy<sup>2</sup>



**Article 9**



**<2°C**



**73 %<sup>3</sup>**

invested in  
green, social and  
sustainable bonds

## Labels<sup>4</sup>



**Towards  
Sustainability  
label**

## 2024 awards<sup>4</sup>



ESG Champion award



1. Return on the Mirova Euro Short Term Sustainable Bond Fund, EUR SI/A unit – ISIN code: LU2478818912. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The investment presents a risk of capital loss. Any investment is exposed to risks, including the risk of capital loss, sustainability risk and liquidity risk.

2. Article 9 and Climate Strategy < 2°C: please refer to the end of the presentation for more information about Article 9 and the 2-degree pathway.

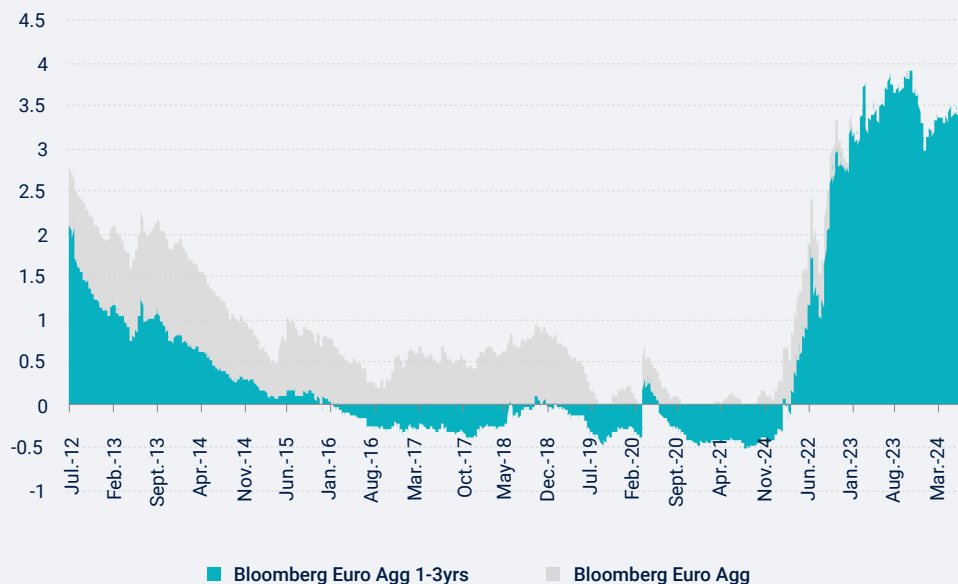
3. Percentage of green, social and sustainable bonds, Mirova data at 30/06/24.

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## A particularly relevant investment strategy

The first signs of a potentially stagflation-inducing configuration appeared in mid-2021, suggesting to Mirova that central banks would begin to increase their interest rates. And indeed they did, beginning with the BoE<sup>1</sup> which raised its key interest rates in late 2021 followed by the Fed<sup>2</sup> and then the ECB<sup>3</sup>. The momentum kept going throughout 2022 and also 2023; while inflation did end up being brought under control in Western economies, local economic growth proved far more resilient than expected against these interest rate hikes. The short end of the yield curve benefited two-fold: the yield curve inverted and has stayed that way, and interest rates remained relatively high and attractive compared with the levels that had prevailed in previous years.

### RETURNS ON A 1-3 YEAR INDEX AND AN ALL MATURITIES INDEX



Source: Bloomberg, July 2024.

1. BoE: Bank of England

2. Fed (Federal Reserve System): US central bank

3. ECB: European Central Bank



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Inflation has continued to ease since the start of the year but at a slower pace owing to economic strength in mainland Europe, the United Kingdom and the United States. All this has pushed back the prospect of monetary easing. Having not lowered its interest rates for five years, the ECB finally launched its monetary easing cycle in early June with a 0.25-percentage point cut<sup>4</sup>. Another downward revision is expected by year-end. This is therefore going to be a gradual and cautious easing process, one that supports Europe's soft economic rebound (especially in Germany and Italy) and that keeps the term premium<sup>5</sup> at a decent level in light of the heavy debt loads being carried by Western countries. Monetary support, having until now yielded returns in the region of 4%, is therefore likely to become less appealing<sup>6</sup>.

**The Mirova Euro Short Term Sustainable Bond Fund invests primarily in green and sustainable bonds with maturities of less than 4 years and stands to benefit as key interest rates gradually fall and the inverted yield curve creates attractive carry opportunities.**



**Agathe Foussard, CFA**  
Bond Portfolio Manager

*“Volatility continues apace on the bond markets. Our Mirova Euro Short Term Sustainable strategy offers investors a short-duration bond solution suited to the new market configuration while contributing to efforts to finance a low-carbon economy”*

## Mirova Euro Short Term Sustainable Bond Fund

Tap into the yield offered on maturities of less than 4 years while financing the low-carbon transition.

- \* Article 9, Label ISR (France's SRI label), Towards Sustainability label<sup>7</sup>
- \* A short-term Euro Aggregate fund<sup>8</sup>
- \* Share of green, social and sustainable bonds: 73%
- \* Issuers: a large proportion of bonds are issued by companies benefiting from and working towards a low-carbon economy
- \* Advantages: flexible allocation, short duration

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Mirova data at 30/06/2024

4. Source: Bloomberg, August 2024.

5. The term premium corresponds to the risk premium on the bond market. It is the excess return offered to bond investors to compensate for their "patience" in investing for the long term rather than the short term.

6. Source: Bloomberg, August 2024.

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8. Which invests in the following types of bonds: corporate, sovereign, agency/quasi-sovereign and supranational.



## The focus is now on short-term financing

We could see it coming for some time, and now it's happening: a growing number of green and sustainable bond issuers are obtaining financing with shorter maturities than they used to before. This is excellent news for the Mirova Euro Short Term Sustainable Bond Fund, whose investment universe is expanding faster than we had expected when we launched it two years ago. Green, social and sustainable bonds with maturities of less than 5 years accounted for 33% of total issuance in 2023, compared with 21% in 2021 (source Mirova, BNEF).

There is a very simple reason for this. From 2022 until only very recently, the financial backdrop has consisted of the main central banks hiking interest rates in their

determination to tackle inflation. As a result, issuers having until recently obtained financing with long maturities and low interest rates have now revised their strategies. Many have opted for shorter maturities.

Another reason for issuers to prefer short-term projects is that a broad consensus has now emerged on the need to speed up the energy transition, and this is an objective that can easily be met with green and sustainable bonds. The transition needs to take place at each and every level of the economy in an effort to pave the way for a prosperous low-carbon economy. Issuers require funding for a large number of projects in their drive to successfully complete this transition or to develop innovative

solutions that will help them do so.

This is no longer merely a question of promoting projects spanning fifteen/twenty years, if not longer, but indeed of also funding immediate, concrete developments over three/four-year periods. One particularly telling example is that of sovereigns and quasi-sovereigns, which are increasingly issuing bonds to address ESG<sup>9</sup> issues, be it on a local, national or even supranational level. The average maturity of bonds issued by municipal and regional authorities has thus shortened from 8 years in 2021 to just over 5 years since the start of the year<sup>10</sup>.



9. Environmental, Social, Governance.

10. Source: Mirova, Bloomberg NEF, at 30/06/24.

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