

## **Hartford World Bond Fund**

Tickers A: HWDAX C: HWDCX F: HWDFX I: HWDIX R3: HWDRX R4: HWDSX R5: HWDTX R6: HWDVX Y: HWDYX

### **What Happened?**

- Most global-sovereign bond yields ended sharply higher as rate-cut expectations were repriced. US inflation data prompted investors to dial back Federal Reserve (Fed) rate-cut bets, spilling over to other markets. Investors reacted to data releases showing that UK and eurozone business activity rose more than expected, while inflation slowed less than expected. Both German Bund yields and UK Gilt yields rose. Japanese government bond yields climbed higher alongside witht their US peers. In emerging markets (EM), central banks were under pressure as the Fed maintained rates at a two-decade high and markets became increasingly pessimistic about the likelihood of rate cuts this year.
- The US dollar (USD) appreciated versus most major currencies supercharged by a combination of factors, primarily the US economy still outperforming the rest of the world, rising US Treasury yields, and resurgent geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. Among the G10, the Japanese yen (JPY) and high-beta currencies, such as the Swedish krona and Norwegian krone, were notable underperformers. JPY weakened sharply to a 34-year low after the Bank of Japan's decision not to take further steps to normalize its monetary policy. In EM, Latin American currencies wrapped up their worst monthly performance since September 2022, weighed down by a spike in global volatility and a reignited higher-for-longer interest-rate stance from the Fed.

# Portfolio Managers from Wellington Management

### Mark H. Sullivan, CFA

Senior Managing Director Fixed-Income Portfolio Manager Professional Experience Since 1999

### Martin Harvey, CFA

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### **Marion Pelata**

Vice President Portfolio Manager Professional Experience Since 2011

The portfolio managers are supported by the full resources of Wellington.

### **Performance Highlights**

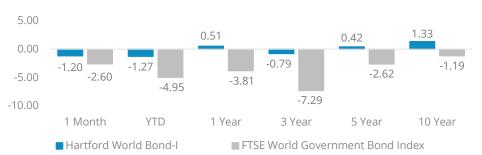
### **Contributors**

- Macro-driven duration strategies were positive. Our underweights to select developed-market sovereign rates (UK and Germany) were positive. Yields moved sharply higher during the month as the market continued to dial back expectations for the magnitude of central-bank rate cuts amid persistent inflation.
- Credit strategies were positive. Our securitized, high-yield corporate and investment-grade corporate strategies all generated positive total returns during the month.

#### **Detractors**

- Strategic-duration performance was negative. Our exposure to developed-market sovereign bonds detracted as yield rose sharply across major economies.
- Strategic currency performance was negative. This was mainly led by our underweight exposure in the USD relative to select G10 currencies. The dollar rallied versus most currencies as hotter-than-expected US inflation data pushed back market expectations for Fed rate cuts.

### Month End Performance (%) (I-Share) as of 4/30/24





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### **Current Insight and Positioning From Wellington Management**

- Over the month we reduced the Fund's duration to 3.89 years, mainly by increasing our short-duration bias in opportunistic positioning. We have a short-duration bias in the UK and Europe since we expect fewer intense-rate cuts than what the market has priced in.
- In strategic-market currency strategies, our non-USD exposure remained relatively unchanged from March. We hold a positive view on the Australian dollar and New Zealand dollar. Smaller, open economies such as Australia and New Zealand offer higher rate structures, and we think ongoing strength should continue to support their currencies.

### Top Ten Countries (%) as of 4/30/24

United States	40.05
South Korea	14.24
New Zealand	13.80
Norway	13.34
Australia	12.60
Canada	5.37
Mexico	4.78
Sweden	3.92
Japan	-4.66
United Kingdom	-9.35

Top Ten Countries represent the Fund's top ten country exposures based on contribution to duration. Negative numbers indicate the Fund has investments that are expected to benefit if country's bonds decline in value.

## Top Ten Currencies (%) as of 4/30/24

US Dollar	102.52
Norwegian Krone	3.19
New Zealand Dollar	2.64
UK Sterling	1.77
Japanese Yen	1.16
Swiss Franc	0.92
Australian Dollar	0.59
South African Rand	-2.46
Mexican Peso	-2.68
Offshore Chinese Renminbi	-5.95

Top Ten Currencies represent the Fund's top ten currency exposures based on underlying currency exposure. Negative numbers indicate the Fund has investments that are expected to benefit if currency declines in value.

### Credit Exposure<sup>1</sup> (%) as of 4/30/24

Aaa/AAA	44
Aa/AA	16
A	9
Baa/BBB	12
Ba/BB	8
В	5
Caa/CCC or lower	0
Not Rated	3
Cash & Cash Offsets	3

¹Credit exposure is the credit ratings for the underlying securities of the Fund as provided by Standard and Poor's (S&P), Moody's Investors Service, or Fitch and typically range from AAA/Aaa (highest) to C/D (lowest). If S&P, Moody's, and Fitch assign different ratings, the highest rating is used. If only two agencies assign ratings, the highest rating is used. Securities that are not rated by any of the three agencies are listed as "Not Rated." Ratings do not apply to the Fund itself or to Fund shares. Ratings may change.

### Sector Exposure as of 4/30/24

Developed Government	33
Cash and Cash Equivalents	22
Emerging Market Debt	17
High Yield Credit	13
Securitized Debt	10
Investment Grade Credit	5
Equities	0
Other	0

Characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

\$3.4 billion
839
407
Quarterly
3.87 yrs.

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QTD	VTD	Average Annual Total Returns ————				Expenses <sup>1</sup>		
	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
-0.14	-0.14	1.35	-0.55	0.38	1.21	1.96	1.01%	1.01%
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-0.04	-0.04	1.72	-0.17	0.76	1.56	2.30	0.63%	0.63%
-0.07	-0.07	1.63	-0.27	0.68	1.49	2.25	0.72%	0.72%
-0.22	-0.22	1.05	-0.89	0.06	0.88	1.63	1.35%	1.35%
-0.15	-0.15	1.34	-0.56	0.37	1.20	1.95	1.05%	1.05%
-0.07	-0.07	1.72	-0.28	0.65	1.50	2.25	0.74%	0.74%
-0.05	-0.05	1.82	-0.17	0.77	1.60	2.35	0.63%	0.63%
-0.07	-0.07	1.62	-0.27	0.68	1.54	2.30	0.72%	0.72%
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