MALTA GOVERNMENT BOND FUND

SHARE CLASS A (ACCUMULATOR) - FACT SHEET

Factsheet as at 31st January 2025 Month end NAV as at 31st Jnuary 2025

Calamatta Cuschieri



Investment Objective and Policies

The Fund aims to maximise the total level of return for investors through investment, primarily, in debt securities and money market instruments issued by the Government of Malta. The Investment Manager may also invest directly or indirectly via eligible ETFs and/or eligible CISs) up to 15% of its assets in "Non-Maltese Assets" in debt securities and/or money market instruments issued or guaranteed by Governments of EU, EEA and OECD Member States other than Malta. The Investment Manager will not be targeting debt securities of any particular duration, coupon or credit rating. The Fund is actively managed, not managed by reference to any index.

| Fund Type | UCITS |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Minimum Initial Investment | €2,500 |

Sustainability

The Fund is classified under Article 6 of the SFDR meaning that the investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Fund Details

| ISIN | MT7000017992 |
|------------------|--------------|
| Bloomberg Ticker | CCMGBFA MV |

Charges

Entry Charge Up to 2.5%
Exit Charge None
Total Expense Ratio 1.20%
Currency fluctuations may increase/decrease

Risk and Reward Profile

This section should be read in conjuction with the KID

| Lower | Risk | | | | High | er Risk |
|----------|--------------|-------|---|----------|------------|----------|
| Potentia | ılly lower r | eward | | Potentia | ally highe | r reward |
| ← | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Portfolio Statistics

| Total Net Assets (in €mns) | 27.80 |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Month end NAV in EUR | 97.16 |
| Number of Holdings | 37 |
| % of Top 10 Holdings | 58.8 |

Current Yields

Underlying Yield (%) 3.37

| Malta 83.6 Germany 2.9 Belgium 2.4 Portugal 1.6 France 1.1 Slovenia 0.9 Poland 0.8 Croatia 0.8 Hungary 0.8 | Country Allocation ¹ | % |
|---|---------------------------------|------|
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| Slovenia 0.9 Poland 0.8 Croatia 0.8 Hungary 0.8 | Portugal | 1.6 |
| Poland 0.8 Croatia 0.8 Hungary 0.8 | France | 1.1 |
| Croatia 0.8 Hungary 0.8 | Slovenia | 0.9 |
| Hungary 0.8 | Poland | 0.8 |
| | Croatia | 0.8 |
| Italy 0.8 | Hungary | 0.8 |
| italy 0.0 | Italy | 0.8 |

| By Issuer ¹ | % | Top 10 Exposures | % |
|------------------------|------|------------------|------|
| | | | |
| Government of Malta | 83.6 | 1.00% MGS 2031 | 11.1 |
| Kingdom of Spain | 8.4 | 5.25% MGS 2030 | 8.9 |
| Government of Portugal | 3.4 | 4.50% MGS 2028 | 8.5 |
| Lyxor Euro | 1.7 | 4.45% MGS 2032 | 6.4 |
| US Treasury | 0.9 | 4.00% MGS 2033 | 4.6 |
| Government of Italy | 0.5 | 4.30% MGS 2033 | 4.4 |
| | | 5.20% MGS 2031 | 4.2 |
| | | 5.10% MGS 2029 | 4.0 |
| | | 4.10% MGS 2034 | 3.5 |
| | | 4.65% MGS 2032 | 3.3 |

1 including exposures to CIS

| Currency Allocation | % |
|---------------------|------|
| | |
| EUR | 98.8 |
| USD | 1.2 |
| | |

| Asset Allocation | % |
|------------------|------|
| | |
| Cash | 1.6 |
| Bonds | 96.7 |
| CIS/ETFs | 1.7 |

| Maturity Buckets ² | % |
|---|------|
| | |
| 0 - 5 years | 17.5 |
| 5 - 10 years | 64.5 |
| 10 years + | 14.7 |
| ² based on the Next Call Date (also includes cash) | |

Regional Allocation^{1,3}

| Historical | Performance to | Date |
|------------|----------------|------|

| Unit Price (EL | JR) | |
|----------------|---|------------------------|
| 114.00 | | |
| 112.00 | Malta Government Bond Fund | |
| 110.00 | | |
| 108.00 | | |
| 106.00 | | |
| 104.00 | | |
| 102.00 | | |
| 100.00 | ₩ ₩ | } |
| 98.00 | W | - |
| 96.00 | | - [A |
| 94.00 | | |
| 92.00 | | |
| 90.00 | | - |
| 88.00 Ap | pr-17 Apr-18 Mar-19 Mar-20 Mar-21 Feb-2 | 2 Feb-23 Jan-24 Jan-25 |

| Malta | 85.1 |
|--|------|
| Europe (excl. Malta) | 14.0 |
| North America | 0.9 |
| ³ Malta exposure includes Cash Holdings | |
| | |
| | |
| By Credit Rating | % |
| By Credit Rating | % |
| By Credit Rating | 93.9 |
| | |
| AAA-A | 93.9 |
| AAA-A BBB | 93.9 |

0.0

Less than B

Not Rated

Source: Calamatta Cuschieri Investment Management Ltd.

| Performance History Past performance does not predict future returns | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Calendar Year Performance | YTD | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | Annualised Since Inception*** |
| Share Class A - Total Return** | -0.77 | 3.82 | 2.72 | -14.04 | -3.04 | 1.31 | -0.37 |
| Total Return | 1-month | 3-month | 6-month | 9-month | 12-month | | |
| Share Class A - Total Return** | -0.77 | 0.08 | 2.09 | 3.60 | 3.69 | | |

^{*} The Accumulator Share Class (Class A) was launched on 21 April 2017

^{**} Returns quoted net of TER. Entry and exit charges may reduce returns for investors.

^{***} The Annualised rate is an indication of the average growth of the Fund over one year. The value of the investment and the income yield derived from the investment, if any, may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance, nor a reliable guide to future performance. Hence returns may not be achieved and you may lose all or part of your investment in the Fund. Currency fluctuations may affect the value of investments and any derived income.

Market Commentary

Introduction

Market Environment and Performance

Fund Performance

Market and Investment Outlook

In 2024, Malta's economy sustained its growth trajectory, driven by strong domestic demand and solid export performance. Tourism arrivals to Malta remained on the rise, while employment stayed robust, with unemployment falling to 3.1%.

Malta's economy grew by 4.9% (annualized) in the third quarter of 2024, following an upwardly revised 8% increase in the previous quarter. This marked the slowest growth rate since the fourth quarter of 2022, influenced by a slowdown in household consumption. At the same time, imports grew at a faster pace than exports. However, both government spending and gross fixed capital formation showed stronger growth.

Inflation pressures on consumers also eased, with the annual inflation rate dropping to 1.8% in December from 2.1% in the previous month. This was the lowest inflation rate in nearly three years, as prices for food & non-alcoholic beverages, alcoholic beverages & tobacco, and transport all moderated.

The US economy maintains a steady growth trajectory, bolstered by positive leading indicators, particularly the recent Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) figures.

In Europe, the economic picture is brightening after stagnation in Q4 2024. Eurozone private sector activity expanded for the first time since August 2024, driven by a resurgent services sector that offset continued weakness in manufacturing. Despite this improvement, growth remains uneven, concentrated outside the Eurozone's largest economies, which continue to struggle. Overall demand remains soft.

Inflation, previously noting a substantial decline due to base effects (particularly on energy), rose for a fourth straight month to 2.5% in January 2025, the highest since July. Core inflation remained steady at 2.7% while services inflation edged lower to 3.9% from 4.0% in the previous month.

The labour market, a beacon of hope for the Eurozone, remained healthy, with the unemployment rate revolving at notable lows (6.3% in December), and significantly below a 20-year average of 9.3%.

The CC Malta Government Bond Fund headed lower in January (-0.77%), in line with moves observed amongst European sovereigns which, overall, saw yields widen.

The credit market narrative at the start of the year remained largely unchanged, with investor attention focused on the dynamic political landscape, central bank policies, and economic data.

Economic indicators, both leading and lagging, continue to emphasize a regional divergence. Despite the Federal Reserve's "higher for longer" approach, the US maintains broad-based strength, with consumer demand staying robust. In mainland Europe, growth appears stagnant overall. However, this does mask stark regional divergences. As Spain continues to out-grow its regional peers, the German economy remains an underperformer with its labour market on the verge of deteriorating. As a result, there is clearly scope for the ECB to ease policy further.

Locally, we expect Malta's economy to continue performing well. Recent data has been promising, with easing price pressures and tax cuts set to be implemented in 2025, which should support domestic consumer spending. Additionally, the strong influx of tourists in 2024 is a positive sign. Optimism within the tourism sector is expected to grow, benefiting the economy further if this upward trend continues.

In line with recent portfolio adjustments, we will continue to modify the portfolio's duration as deemed necessary and appropriate. Additionally, we aim to maintain the fund's exposure to other European sovereigns, utilizing the permitted 15% maximum allocation.

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