

## **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 yields rose, reversing some of the bond market rally from last month. US Treasury yields climbed to start the year but most of the move was recouped by the end of the month.
- A similar pattern was observed in Europe Eurozone yields edged down later in
  the month after German retail sales surprised to the downside and French
  inflation eased more than expected. Japanese government bond (JGB) yields
  ticked up on more hawkish Bank of Japan (BOJ) minutes and weak demand in a
  series of auctions. In emerging markets (EM), Brazil's central bank cut rates
  further by 50 basis points and vowed to keep this easing pace. The People's
  Bank of China (PBOC) announced a reserve rate requirement reduction of 50
  basis points that will be implemented in February, slated as long-term capital to
  banks. Chinese policymakers also signaled additional room for further monetary
  policy easing.
- The US Dollar (USD) appreciated versus most major currencies as the Fed continued to push back against bets of early and aggressive rate cuts. Among the G10, the Japanese yen (JPY) was the worst performer despite rising expectations for a near-term BOJ policy shift. Sticky Australian inflation and lackluster private sector China purchasing managers' indexes (PMI)s weighed on the AUD. In EM foreign exchange (FX), most currencies depreciated against the USD. Latin America currencies weakened across the board after three central banks (Brazil, Chile, and Colombia) announced their plan to continue cutting rates. In Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA), the Turkish lira (TRY) remained on a downward trend. In Asia, Korean won (KRW), Malaysian ringgit (MYR), and Indonesian rupiah (IDR) led the losses.

# Portfolio Managers from Wellington Management

#### Mark H. Sullivan, CFA

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

#### Martin Harvey, CFA

Managing Director Fixed-Income Portfolio Manager Professional Experience Since 2004

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

#### **Performance Highlights**

### **Contributors**

- Macro-driven duration strategies were positive. Our short duration positions to the US longer-dated rates contributed. US Treasury yields climbed, as the structural case for higher inflation and higher rates remains in place.
- Macro-driven currency strategies were positive. Our long bias to USD vs EM FX drove performance. Additionally, our short bias in Swiss franc (CHF) was additive, as the CHF lost ground against the USD to start the year on the back of a recovery in the dollar strength amid rising Treasury yields.

### **Detractors**

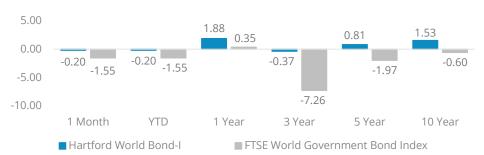
- Strategic currency performance was negative. This was mainly led by US Dollar appreciation against major currencies (Euro, JPY), as prospects for steep rate cuts in 2024 faded.
- Strategic duration performance was negative. Our exposure to developed-market sovereign bonds detracted. Bond yields rose as the robust data suggested the central banks could hold off cutting rates for longer than previously anticipated.

**G10** currencies are ten of the most heavily traded currencies in the world.

Basis point is a unit that is equal to 1/100th of 1% and is used to denote the change in a financial instrument. The basis point is commonly used for calculating changes in interest rates, equity indexes and the yield of a fixed-income security.

**Duration** is a measure of the sensitivity of an investment's price to nominal interest-rate movement.

### Month End Performance (%) (I-Share) as of 1/31/24





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

- In strategic-market currency strategies, we increased our non-USD exposure. US dollar continued to trend downward against major currencies, as any signs of a slowing US cyclical momentum and the Fed's pivot to a rate-cutting cycle should start to put more downward pressures on the US dollar versus other developed market currencies.
- The Fund's duration exposure decreased mainly by decreasing our strategic duration positioning on the view that inflation will stabilize at a higher level than anticipated by central banks and the market.

### Top Ten Countries (%) as of 1/31/24

I I - 't I Ct - t	2454
United States	34.54
Australia	16.70
Norway	10.93
New Zealand	10.12
South Korea	9.36
Germany	8.16
Mexico	5.50
United Kingdom	3.11
Netherlands	1.35
Japan	-4.01

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 1/31/24

US Dollar	90.95
Euro Currency	5.85
Australian Dollar	4.86
South Korean Won	1.45
Japanese Yen	1.35
UK Sterling	1.35
Swiss Franc	-0.84
Hungarian Forint	-0.91
Mexican Peso	-1.48
South African Rand	-2.05

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 1/31/24

Aaa/AAA	37
Aa/AA	17
A	16
Baa/BBB	15
Ba/BB	7
В	4
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 1/31/24

Developed Government	31		
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Emerging Market Debt	18		
High Yield Credit	11		
Securitized Debt	10		
Investment Grade Credit	10		
Equities	0		
Other	0		

Characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

\$3.5 billion
820
414
Quarterly
4.46 yrs.

		Average Annual Total Returns				Expenses <sup>1</sup>		
QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
4.90	3.86	3.86	-0.53	0.69	1.33	2.02	1.00%	1.00%
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4.93	4.21	4.21	-0.17	1.06	1.68	2.35	0.62%	0.62%
4.92	4.23	4.23	-0.24	0.99	1.62	2.30	0.71%	0.71%
4.87	3.57	3.57	-0.87	0.35	1.01	1.68	1.34%	1.34%
4.88	3.86	3.86	-0.55	0.68	1.31	2.00	1.02%	1.02%
5.02	4.21	4.21	-0.26	0.97	1.61	2.30	0.73%	0.73%
5.02	4.29	4.29	-0.14	1.08	1.73	2.40	0.62%	0.62%
4.90	4.21	4.21	-0.25	0.99	1.67	2.36	0.73%	0.73%
8.08	5.18	5.18	-7.18	-1.39	-0.31	_	_	_
7.93	6.57	6.57	-4.32	-0.07	0.00	_	_	_
7.35	6.60	6.60	-3.67	0.64	1.06	_	_	_
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