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Neuberger Global Bond Fund

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Performance Highlights

In the month of October, the Neuberger Global Bond Fund USD I Accumulating delivered a return of 1.14% (net of fees), underperforming its benchmark, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (Total Return, Unhedged, USD), by 27 bps.

Past performance does not predict future returns

PERFORMANCE (%)[1]	1m[2]	3m[2]	YTD[2]	1y[2]	3y[3]	5y[3]	10y[3]	SI[3,4]
USD I Accumulating Class	1.14	-1.47	-2.46	-2.11	4.64	-1.42	0.45	0.47
Benchmark (USD)	1.41	-0.56	-1.30	-0.81	4.72	-1.54	0.47	0.58

12 MONTH PERIODS (%)[1]	Oct16 Oct17	Oct17 Oct18	Oct18 Oct19	Oct19 Oct20	Oct20 Oct21	Oct21 Oct22	Oct22 Oct23	Oct23 Oct24	Oct24 Oct25	Oct25 Oct26
USD I Accumulating Class	1.08	-2.52	8.74	5.75	-0.86	-20.99	2.87	10.40	6.02	-2.11
Benchmark (USD)	1.18	-2.05	9.54	5.63	-1.24	-20.79	1.72	9.54	5.69	-0.81

CALENDAR (%)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026[5]
USD I Accumulating Class	7.81	-2.38	6.64	9.89	-4.83	-15.67	6.54	-1.36	8.30	-2.46
Benchmark (USD)	7.39	-1.20	6.84	9.20	-4.71	-16.25	5.72	-1.69	8.17	-1.30

Effective 4 August 2026, the fund's name was updated to reflect the firm's rebranding from Neuberger Berman or NB to Neuberger.

The fund is actively managed, which means that the investments are selected at the discretion of the investment manager. The Benchmark is used for performance comparison purposes. The fund's investment policy restricts the extent to which the fund's holdings may deviate from the benchmark, but the fund is not exclusively limited to the securities of the benchmark.

1. Performance to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception, m – month, y - year. 12 month period based on month end NAVs.
2. Returns for these periods are cumulative.
3. Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.
4. Returns from 16 July 2012 to latest month end.
5. Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Fund performance is representative of the USD I Accumulating Class and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund should note that returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Fund performance does not take account of any commission or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares.

Market Environment

In October, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index returned 1.73%, bringing year-to-date returns to 0.28% (USD, hedged). Global fixed income markets posted positive returns as U.S. Treasury yields reversed part of September's sharp rise, even as credit spreads widened in most corporate sectors. Macro and policy developments remained central to market pricing, with the Fed, ECB and BoJ all holding rates in October after September's tightening, while higher energy prices tied to Middle East conflict kept inflation elevated.

U.S. data suggested resilient growth alongside firm inflation, with September CPI at 3.7% year over year and core CPI at 2.6%, while September core PCE accelerated to 3.1% year over year and third-quarter GDP expanded at a 3.4% annualized pace, up from 2.2% in the second quarter.

- The labor market was softer, with September payrolls up just 29k and the unemployment rate at 4.2%.
- U.S. government yields fell sharply across the curve in October. The 2-year yield fell 30 bps to 4.59%, the 5-year declined 37 bps to 4.72%, the 10-year dropped 36 bps to 4.93% and the 30-year fell 32 bps to 5.31%. Despite the decline, the 10-year yield remains 76 bps higher year to date.
- The Federal Reserve held its target rate at 3.75–4.00% on October 28 in a 10–2 vote, with two dissents in favor of a hike, and the Chair's moderately dovish, data-dependent tone contributed to lower yields. Persistent energy-led inflation could prompt a firmer policy response, while a sharper labor-market deterioration would increase the case for patience.

In the Eurozone, September headline HICP was 3.8% year over year, with core inflation at 2.5%, and financing conditions have tightened. The ECB held its deposit rate at 2.50% on October 29 after September's hike, citing upside risks to inflation and downside risks to growth from higher energy prices, and said it is not pre-committing to a rate path.

- ECB President Lagarde announced she will leave in February 2027, while the BoJ held its policy rate at 1.25% on October 30 and signaled further rate hikes.
- In rates markets, 10-year yields fell across developed markets in October. Germany's yield fell 27 bps to 3.32%, Spain's fell 18 bps to 3.95% and Italy's fell 10 bps to 4.51%. Year to date, Germany's yield is 47 bps higher, Spain's 66 bps higher and Italy's 96 bps higher.

The U.K. continued to face elevated inflation, with CPI rising to 3.5% in September, well above the 2% target.

- The Bank of England held Bank Rate at 3.75% in September on a 6–3 vote, with three members preferring a hike, and its next decision is on November 5. It also continued to shrink its asset purchase portfolio, to £482bn on October 28.
- The U.K. 10-year yield fell 14 bps to 5.28% in October and is 80 bps higher year to date.

This difference in performance in rates markets is creating opportunities as fundamentals appear to be mattering a bit more amid greater policy divergence, fiscal pressures, curve dispersion and energy sensitivity across regions.

In October, credit markets rebounded as lower yields lifted rate-sensitive sectors, although wider spreads weighed on higher-beta credit. U.S. Agency MBS led, returning 3.07% for the month and -0.34% year to date, followed by U.S. investment grade corporates (2.16% and -1.02%) and hard currency emerging markets debt (1.35% and 0.67%). Pan-European investment grade corporates returned 0.85% (0.82% year to date), local currency emerging markets debt 0.31% (1.26%) and U.S. high yield 0.29% (0.33%), while senior floating rate loans (-0.24% and 3.04%) and pan-European high yield (-1.14% and 0.21%) lagged as spreads widened.

Spread Markets

In October, fixed income spread sectors (based on index data) OAS moves were mostly wider as higher-beta and European credit weakened, while hard currency emerging markets and agency MBS tightened. Lower yields lifted returns, but spreads widened from tight starting valuations, particularly in European credit.

- Global Aggregate Corporate spreads widened 11 bps in October to 96 bps and are 16 bps wider year to date.
- Spreads on U.S. IG Corporates widened 10 bps in October to 90 bps and are 12 bps wider year to date.
- Pan-European IG Corporate spreads widened 13 bps in October to 104 bps and are 25 bps wider year to date.
- U.S. Agency MBS spreads tightened 9 bps in October to 34 bps and are 12 bps wider year to date.
- Hard Currency Emerging Markets spreads tightened 29 bps in October to 208 bps and are 46 bps tighter year to date.
- U.S. CMBS spreads widened 8 bps in October to 81 bps and are unchanged year to date.
- Sovereign, Supranational & Agencies OAS widened 5 bps in October to 44 bps and is 1 bp wider year to date.

Overall, October marked a recovery for rate-sensitive sectors, as lower yields lifted returns even as spreads widened in most corporate sectors. Widening was most pronounced in European investment grade, with Pan-European IG Corporates 13 bps wider and Global Aggregate Corporates 11 bps wider over the month, while hard currency emerging markets and agency MBS tightened. With policy paths uncertain and dispersion rising, selectivity remains important.

Bottom-up credit selection remains critical in identifying issuers likely to remain resilient and in finding value where market dispersion creates opportunity. We will continue to evaluate our positioning to ensure we remain well aligned with the evolving market environment, with a disciplined focus on carry, quality bias, sector rotation and relative value rather than relying on broad spread compression.

Portfolio Highlights and Positioning

Our most notable sector overweights versus the benchmark are to Global Securitized Credit, Supranationals, Agencies and Munis and Global Investment Grade Credit, while the largest underweight remains Global Government. Global Securitized Credit remains the largest overweight, with exposure concentrated in Agency MBS, non-Agency MBS and ABS, with incremental overweights in CMBS and credit risk transfers. The Supranationals, Agencies and Munis overweight continues to be driven primarily by Local Authority and Supranational bonds. Global Investment Grade Credit also remains overweight, with exposure primarily across USD, GBP and EUR investment grade credit. Emerging Market Debt is modestly underweight overall, with an overweight to hard currency offset by an underweight to local currency. The portfolio remained overweight spread duration overall.

In terms of duration, the portfolio was modestly short versus the benchmark in October. On average over the month, relative duration was -0.14 years, while overall fund duration was 5.85 years (average over the month). Global Government duration continues to be underweight versus the benchmark. Spread duration remains overweight, led by securitized credit, Supranationals, Agencies and Munis and investment grade credit.

Sectors: Relative underperformance was driven primarily by Global Investment Grade Credit, the largest detractor, led by USD investment grade credit, with EUR and GBP investment grade credit also lagging. Supranationals, Agencies and Munis detracted, driven primarily by Local Authority bonds. Global Securitized Credit also lagged, as weakness in non-Agency MBS, ABS, CMBS and credit risk transfer more than offset gains in Agency MBS and covered bonds. Emerging Market Debt detracted modestly, with hard currency exposure weighing while local currency added value. Global Government was the largest positive contributor, as a positive allocation effect more than offset security selection.

Duration, Rates, and Currency: Portfolio-level duration positioning added to relative returns for the month. Duration from Global Securitized Credit, Global Investment Grade Credit, Supranationals, Agencies and Munis and Emerging Market Debt was positive, partly offset by Global Government, where the underweight to duration detracted. By market, duration positioning in USD, EUR and MXN contributed most, while CNY, NOK and JPY detracted. Relative returns were negative in most sectors, led by Global Investment Grade Credit, Supranationals, Agencies and Munis, Emerging Market Debt and Global Securitized Credit, while Global Government was positive.

FX: Overall, currency positioning detracted from relative performance in October. The largest detractions came from exposure to CNY (UW) and MXN (OW), followed by NOK, CHF and ZAR, which more than offset positive contributions from EUR, CNH and KRW positioning. Currency effects added to the shortfall in relative returns during the month.

As of 30 October 2026, fund duration sits at 5.95 years (0.19 years short vs the benchmark), with a yield to worst of 4.99% (outyielding the benchmark by 71 bps).

Outlook

Global geopolitical, macro and monetary policy developments continue to drive volatility across rates and credit markets. In the U.S., resilient growth, labour markets that softened at quarter-end, and persistent, energy-led inflation prevail, whereas in the Eurozone, growth has been firmer, but inflation is re-accelerating and remains a concern. We see this dispersion in expectations for inflation, growth, and the path of interest rates globally, but across the board credit fundamentals remain quite robust. Against this backdrop, the broad investment grade opportunity set within the Global Aggregate universe remains a compelling medium for navigating complexity.

Fund Overview

Throughout all markets, the NB Global Bond Fund:

- Invests in a broad spectrum of exclusively investment grade fixed income instruments
- Keeps realised tracking error in a range of approximately 100-150 bps
- Actively manages duration +/- 1.5 years relative to the Global Aggregate benchmark

The investment philosophy for the Fund continues to be focused on a combination of:

- A time-tested, repeatable comprehensive Asset Allocation Framework, used to assess relative value across a variety of sub asset classes through estimated return and confidence metrics.
- A thorough bottom-up security selection process, with a heavy emphasis on our dedicated, sector specialist research analysts to conduct fundamental credit analysis.
- Environmental, Social, and Governance factor integration which feeds directly into internal credit ratings.

Our process integrates macro inputs, relative value analysis, and ESG-integrated fundamental research to sharpen conviction and drive differentiated decision-making. We remain focused on delivering attractive risk-adjusted returns versus the Global Aggregate benchmark— generating consistent performance across market cycles by drawing on the diverse alpha sources our investible universe and investment approach afford.

We thank you for your continued support.

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