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Neuberger Berman Global Opportunistic Bond Fund

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Performance Highlights

In May, the Neuberger Berman Global Opportunistic Bond Fund (“The Fund”) produced a total return of 0.88% (net), while the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (USD Hedged), returned 0.62%, outperforming the Index by 26 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	0.88	-1.17	0.72	4.45	4.26	0.42	-	2.54
Benchmark (USD)	0.62	-0.87	0.77	3.77	4.35	0.90	-	2.26

12 MONTH PERIODS (%) ¹	May16 May17	May17 May18	May18 May19	May19 May20	May20 May21	May21 May22	May22 May23	May23 May24	May24 May25	May25 May26
USD I Accumulating Class	-	1.35	5.24	0.82	11.50	-8.86	-1.15	2.15	6.22	4.45
Benchmark (USD)	-	1.18	6.50	7.02	0.09	-7.09	-0.95	3.24	6.06	3.77

CALENDAR (%)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 ⁵
USD I Accumulating Class	5.37	-1.04	9.25	6.63	0.82	-11.44	6.23	2.59	5.80	0.72
Benchmark (USD)	3.04	1.76	8.22	5.58	-1.39	-11.22	7.15	3.40	4.86	0.77

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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 20 December 2016 to latest month end.

⁵ Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

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Market Environment

In May, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (USD Hedged), returned 62bps at least partially due to optimism on a resolution of the conflict in the Middle East. Rates and spread markets did experience some dispersion, which we view could continue into the summer time through the Fed's Jackson Hole conference.

U.S. government yields were modestly higher across most of the curve in May. The 2-year yield rose by 14 bps to 4.01%, the 5-year yield increased by 13 bps to 4.14%, and the 10-year yield climbed by 7 bps to 4.44%. The 30-year yield was unchanged, ending the month at 4.97%. The 10-year TIPS yield rose by 13 bps, closing the month at 2.07%. The Federal Reserve held its target rate steady at 3.50-3.75% over the period. Yields across other major developed countries were mixed in May. The U.K. 10-year yield declined by 20 bps to 4.81%, Germany's 10-year yield fell by 10 bps to 2.94%, and Japan's 10-year yield moved higher by 14 bps to 2.66%. Other notable moves included a 13 bp decline in Canada's 10-year yield to 3.41%, a 15 bp decline in Spain's 10-year to 3.35%, a 23 bp decline in Australia's 10-year yield to 4.83%, a 21 bp decline in Italy's 10-year yield to 3.65%, a 23 bp decline in New Zealand's 10-year to 4.51%, and a 3 bp decline in Mexico's 10-year yield to 9.18%. This difference in performance in rates markets is creating opportunities as fundamentals appear to be mattering a bit more as the impact from the conflict in the Middle East (and possible deal) is uneven globally.

In May, fixed income sectors (based on index data) posted gains as spread tightening and supportive carry offset the modest rise in U.S. Treasury yields, with credit-oriented sectors generally outperforming duration-heavy segments. Global IG Corporates returned +0.87% in May, while U.S. IG Corporates posted a gain of +0.76%. Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) recorded a return of +0.30%. U.S. High Yield was up +0.48%, pan-European High Yield (USD hedged) returned +1.07%, and Senior Floating Rate Loans posted a gain of +0.47%. Pan-European IG Corporates (USD hedged) returned +1.18%. Hard Currency Emerging Markets debt posted a return of +1.00%, and Local Currency Emerging Markets debt (USD hedged) recorded +0.65%. U.S. CMBS and U.S. TIPS returned +0.13% and +0.21%, respectively. These results reflect continued support from credit carry, resilient investor demand and a still favorable environment for spread sectors, even as government bond yields moved somewhat higher in the U.S.

Credit Markets and Spreads

In May, fixed income spread sectors (based on index data) OAS moves were mixed but mostly tighter in the month. Tightening was driven by risk sentiment remaining constructive and demand for income-oriented assets supported by attractive all-in yields and still-resilient underlying credit fundamentals. On a YTD basis, the picture remains mixed — higher-beta sectors such as leveraged loans and European high yield are still somewhat wider versus year-end levels, while higher-quality sectors and select securitized segments have retraced more fully.

- Global Aggregate Corporate spreads tightened 5 bps in May and are 4 bps tighter YTD, finishing at 76 bps.
- Spreads on U.S. IG Corporates tightened 6 bps for the month and are 6 bps tighter YTD, closing at 72 bps.

- Pan-European IG Corporate spreads tightened 3 bps month-over-month and are 1 bp wider YTD, reaching 80 bps.
- U.S. Agency MBS spreads widened 2 bps during the month and were unchanged YTD, landing at 22 bps.
- U.S. High Yield corporate spreads tightened 9 bps in May and are 7 bps tighter YTD, ending at 274 bps.
- Pan-European High Yield corporate spreads tightened 15 bps in May and are 1 bp wider YTD, finishing at 282 bps.
- Senior Floating Rate Loan spreads widened modestly by 1 bp in May and remain 51 bps wider YTD, ending at 480 bps.
- Hard Currency Emerging Markets spreads tightened 10 bps in May and are 16 bps tighter YTD, closing at 237 bps.
- U.S. CMBS spreads tightened 3 bps for the month and are 10 bps tighter YTD, ending at 71 bps.

Overall, demand for fixed income stayed strong in May. The additional tightening across most spread sectors reflected a supportive risk backdrop and continued investor appetite for carry, though leveraged loans still carry meaningful residual YTD widening. Resilient corporate fundamentals and attractive all-in yields remained supportive, helping extend the recovery seen since the end of the first quarter.

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.

Economic Conditions

- United States: April data pointed to a still-resilient but moderating economy. Nonfarm payrolls rose by 115k, unemployment held at 4.3%, average hourly earnings increased 0.2% MoM, CPI moved higher and retail sales moderated after a strong March gain, leaving the Fed focused on balancing persistent inflation against signs of cooling activity.
- Eurozone: April headline CPI rose 3.0% YoY, up from 2.5% in March, while core CPI edged down to 2.2% from 2.3%. At the same time, the May flash composite PMI fell to 47.5 from 48.8, with weakness concentrated in services, pointing to a further contraction in private-sector activity.
- United Kingdom: April CPI slowed to 2.8% YoY from 3.3%, while core CPI declined to 2.5% from 3.1% as services inflation also moved lower. The easing in April inflation suggests some relief in underlying price pressures, though inflation remains above target and the policy backdrop remains cautious.
- Japan: April CPI remained subdued at 1.4% YoY, and core CPI was 1.9%, both down from the prior month and lower than expectations. Manufacturing activity remained firm, with the May manufacturing PMI at 54.5 following April's 55.1, indicating continued expansion even as momentum eased slightly.
- China: May manufacturing data presented a mixed picture. The official NBS manufacturing PMI eased to 50.0 from 50.3 in April, indicating flat activity overall, while the Caixin manufacturing PMI remained in expansion at 51.8, down from 52.2, suggesting more resilient private-sector activity relative to larger manufacturers.
- Crude oil (WTI) front month futures fell by nearly 17% in May as a resolution to open the Strait of Hormuz seemed more likely.

Overall, global economic conditions remained uneven. The Eurozone faced a challenging mix of firmer headline inflation and contracting activity, while U.S. data suggested continued expansion but with moderating labor and consumer momentum. The U.K. saw more constructive inflation data, Japan maintained firm manufacturing momentum alongside moderate inflation, and China's PMI readings pointed to stable but differentiated conditions across the official and private-sector surveys. These differing results combined with the move in oil have had impacts across the portfolio.

Portfolio Highlights and Positioning

In the month, the Fund posted a positive total return and outperformed the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (USD Hedged).

Positioning in Global Non-Investment Grade Credit was the top positive contributor to relative performance in the month.

Sectors: The Fund's positioning in Global Non-Investment Grade (non-IG) Credit was the largest positive contributor to relative performance in the month, with gains driven entirely by the overweight allocation and led by EUR non-IG positions with a small contribution from USD non-IG. Global Investment Grade Credit also contributed positively, with both allocation and security selection adding to relative returns, with contributions from EUR, GBP and USG IG credit. Supranational, Agencies & Muni (led by Local Authority bonds) contributed as well, with selection the primary driver, supported by positive allocation, particularly in local authority bonds.

Global Securitized Credit added modestly to relative returns, principally through the overweight allocation and led by the overweight and security selection in agency MBS. Global Government securities made a positive net contribution, as favorable selection more than offset the negative impact from the underweight allocation. Conversely, Emerging Market Debt detracted slightly from relative performance in the month, driven by the underweight with security selection overall roughly neutral.

Duration, Rates & Currency: Duration positioning overall added materially to relative returns over the period, with currency positioning contributed positively as well.

The Fund's overweight in core European rates added the most value over the period, followed by an underweight in US rates, an overweight in Mexico, underweight in Japan and overweight in Canadian rates. Conversely, the Fund's underweight in China rates was the primary detractor, with an underweight in Norway and an overweight in Brazil rates also detracting from relative results. The Fund's underweight in UK rates also detracted from relative performance, but to a lesser degree.

Our active currency strategy contributed positively to relative performance over the period. For the month, the best performing currencies were the British pound, New Zealand dollar, Japanese yen, South African rand and Norwegian krone. Conversely, the primary detractors were the Chinese renminbi and offshore yuan, euro, Australian dollar and Korean won.

Positioning and Changes

We made relative value adjustments over the period. In terms of duration, we reduced our overall duration overweight further, with

relative duration declining from modestly positive to near-flat. We maintained our slightly underweight positioning in US and UK duration and our overweight in European duration, concentrated in the short and intermediate part of the curve. Canada remains the exception, where we continue to hold an overweight in the long end.

We added exposure to Investment Grade Credit — most notably USD IG, which moved from underweight to a modest overweight — as well as Securitized Credit, where Non-Agency MBS saw the most meaningful increase alongside a modest addition to Agency MBS. EM Hard Currency exposure was also added over the period. High Yield was maintained and marginally increased, with EUR Non-Investment Grade Credit as the primary contributor.

Conversely, we reduced exposure to Global Government Bonds, extending the relative duration underweight materially. Supranational and Local Authority-related exposure was also trimmed over the period.

Our most notable sector overweights vs. the benchmark as of May month-end are to Global Non-Investment Grade Credit (high yield and leveraged loans), Global Securitized Credit (Agency MBS, ABS, non-Agency MBS, CMBS and Credit Risk Transfers), Supranational, Agencies and Munis (primarily in Local Authority and Supranational) and Global Investment Grade Credit (primarily in USD, GBP and EUR IG credit). These overweights are funded primarily through a significant underweight to Government/Treasury bonds, where the portfolio holds approximately 12.6% versus a benchmark weight of approximately 43.9%, reflecting our relative value preference for spread product across both the investment grade and extended sectors.

Fund Overview

Throughout all markets, the Neuberger Global Opportunistic Bond Fund:

- Invests across a broad spectrum of global investment grade and extended fixed income instruments, spanning sovereign, credit, securitized, non-investment grade, and emerging markets sectors
- Actively manages duration relative to the Bloomberg Global Aggregate benchmark

As of 29 May 2026, fund duration sits at 6.22 years (0.07 years short vs. the benchmark), with a yield to worst of 5.79% (outyielding the benchmark by 107 bps).

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 the full spectrum of global fixed income sub-asset classes — including investment grade, non-investment grade, securitized, and emerging markets — 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

Conclusion

Global geopolitical and macro developments — including tensions in the Middle East, evolving Trump administration policies, mounting fiscal pressures, a shifting rate environment, and AI disintermediation risk across the Technology and Software sectors — continue to drive volatility across rates and credit markets. Against this backdrop, the broad investment grade opportunity set within the Global Aggregate universe remains a compelling medium for navigating complexity.

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 and confidence.

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