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Neuberger Global Opportunistic Bond Fund

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Performance Highlights

In the third quarter, the Neuberger Global Opportunistic Bond Fund ("The Fund") produced a total return of -3.54% (net), underperforming the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (Total Return, USD Hedged) ("the Benchmark") by -1.01 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	-2.77	-3.54	-2.46	-1.60	4.06	-0.27	-	2.11
Benchmark (USD)	-1.64	-2.53	-1.42	-0.64	4.25	0.34	-	1.95

12 MONTH PERIODS (%)[1]	Sep16 Sep17	Sep17 Sep18	Sep18 Sep19	Sep19 Sep20	Sep20 Sep21	Sep21 Sep22	Sep22 Sep23	Sep23 Sep24	Sep24 Sep25	Sep25 Sep26
USD I Accumulating Class	-	0.96	7.29	2.38	7.24	-16.16	4.41	10.93	3.23	-1.60
Benchmark (USD)	-	0.82	10.65	4.14	-0.56	-12.05	2.10	10.63	3.06	-0.64

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	-2.46
Benchmark (USD)	3.04	1.76	8.22	5.58	-1.39	-11.22	7.15	3.40	4.86	-1.42

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 fund is not constrained by its benchmark, which is used for comparison purposes only. The fund gives some consideration to the benchmark constituents in the selection of securities and may not hold all or many of the benchmark's components.

1. Performance to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception. 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. Data shown since the share class inception date.
6. 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 September, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index returned -1.64%, bringing 3Q returns to -2.53% and year-to-date returns to -1.42% (USD, hedged). Global fixed income markets posted negative returns as a renewed energy-price shock and a pivot by major central banks toward tightening drove yields sharply higher and spreads wider. Macro and policy developments remained central to market pricing, with the Fed, ECB and BoJ all raising rates in September while the Bank of England held with a hawkish split.

U.S. data suggested resilient growth alongside renewed inflation pressure, with August CPI at 3.4% year over year and core CPI at 2.4%, while core PCE ran at 3.0% year over year and second-quarter GDP was revised up to a 2.2% annualized pace.

- The labor market softened at quarter-end: September payrolls rose just 29k, well below the 90k consensus, and the unemployment rate ticked up to 4.2%, while energy prices were up 16.3% from a year earlier.
- U.S. government yields rose sharply across the curve in September. The 2-year yield rose 55 bps to 4.89%, the 5-year increased 59 bps to 5.09%, the 10-year climbed 54 bps to 5.29% and the 30-year rose 39 bps to 5.63%. For the quarter, the 2-year, 5-year, 10-year and 30-year yields rose 71 bps, 86 bps, 82 bps and 68 bps, respectively.
- The Federal Reserve raised its target rate 25 bps to 3.75–4.00% on September 16, its first hike since 2023, and the median projection points to one more 25 bp hike by year-end. Persistent energy-led inflation could prompt a firmer policy response, while a sharper labor-market deterioration would increase the case for patience.

The Eurozone saw growth surprise to the upside alongside re-accelerating inflation, with flash September HICP at 3.8% year over year, up from 3.2% in August, and core inflation at 2.5%. The ECB raised its deposit rate 25 bps to 2.50% on September 10, its second hike of 2026.

- Second-quarter GDP was revised up to 0.6% quarter over quarter and the flash composite PMI rose to 53.1, its highest level since April 2023, lifting expectations for further ECB tightening.
- Growth among the large economies was more modest and renewed sovereign stress and heavy supply weighed on peripheral bonds, leaving market pricing sensitive to country-level growth and inflation divergence.
- In rates markets, Germany's 10-year yield rose 27 bps to 3.59% in September, while Spain's increased 35 bps to 4.13%, Italy's rose 46 bps to 4.61% and France's rose 67 bps to 4.84%. For the quarter, Germany's yield was 73 bps higher, Spain's 79 bps higher and Italy's 98 bps higher.

The U.K. continued to face a cautious inflation path, with August CPI reported at 3.1% year over year, core CPI at 2.6% and services inflation unchanged at 3.4%.

- CPI rose from 2.9% in July, driven by higher fuel prices, while the flash September composite PMI slipped to 51.7 and unemployment was 4.9%, leaving the Bank of England balancing weaker activity against rising inflation risks.
- The Bank of England held Bank Rate at 3.75% on a 6–3 vote, with three members preferring a hike, and signaled that policy may need to tighten if the Middle East conflict persists.
- The U.K. 10-year yield rose 36 bps to 5.42% in September and was 66 bps higher over the quarter.

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 September, credit markets weakened as higher rates and wider spreads overwhelmed carry. Senior floating rate loans were the lone positive performer, returning 0.21% for the month and 1.95% for the quarter. European credit held up better than global investment grade, with pan-European investment grade corporates returning -1.16% in September (-2.07% for the quarter) and pan-European high yield -1.66% (-1.22%). U.S. investment grade corporates (-2.72% and -3.94%), U.S. Agency MBS (-3.38% and -4.25%) and hard currency emerging markets debt (-3.34% and -3.87%) lagged as higher yields weighed on rate-sensitive sectors.

Spread Markets

In September, fixed income spread sectors (based on index data) OAS moves were wider across sectors as a renewed energy-price shock and central bank tightening drove yields higher. Carry was insufficient to offset the move, and tight starting valuations left little cushion, particularly in European credit and agency MBS.

- Global Aggregate Corporate spreads widened 5 bps in September to 85 bps and are 7 bps wider over the quarter.
- Spreads on U.S. IG Corporates widened 2 bps in September to 80 bps and are 6 bps wider over the quarter.
- Pan-European IG Corporate spreads widened 11 bps in September to 91 bps and are 11 bps wider over the quarter.
- U.S. Agency MBS spreads widened 14 bps in September to 43 bps and are 19 bps wider over the quarter.
- Hard Currency Emerging Markets spreads widened 2 bps in September to 236 bps and are 1 bp wider over the quarter.
- U.S. CMBS spreads widened 1 bp in September to 73 bps and are 2 bps wider over the quarter.
- Sovereign, Supranational & Agencies OAS widened 3 bps in September to 39 bps and is 4 bps wider over the quarter.

Overall, September marked a difficult end to the third quarter, as higher yields and wider spreads left carry insufficient to offset price declines. Widening was most pronounced in agency MBS and European investment grade and was driven largely by rates, supply and technical pressure rather than weaker credit quality, but wider spreads and greater dispersion reinforce the need for selectivity.

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 vs the benchmark are to Global Non-Investment Grade, Global Securitized Credit, Supranationals, Agencies and Munis and Global Investment Grade Credit. Global Non-Investment Grade remains the largest overweight, driven primarily by EUR High Yield, while Global Securitized Credit exposure remains concentrated in Agency MBS, non-Agency MBS, ABS and CMBS. Global Investment Grade Credit also remains modestly overweight, driven primarily by EUR and GBP investment grade credit, while the Supranationals, Agencies and Munis overweight continues to be driven primarily by Local Authority and Supranational bonds. Over the month, we maintained broad exposure across higher-income sectors and select securitized credit, while positioning remained diversified across global credit, securitized assets and emerging markets.

In terms of duration, the portfolio was roughly in line with the benchmark in September, with relative duration at -0.01 years as at month end. Duration exposure remains concentrated in the short and intermediate part of the curve, while Global Government duration continues to be underweight versus the benchmark.

Sectors: The Fund underperformed the index in the month, with negative relative performance spread across sectors and driven primarily by Global Non-Investment Grade, Global Securitized Credit and Emerging Market Debt. Global Non-Investment Grade was the largest detractor, led by EUR High Yield and high yield CDX, while Global Securitized Credit detracted on Agency MBS and non-Agency MBS, partly offset by ABS. Emerging Market Debt detracted across both hard currency and local currency exposure. Global Government bonds also detracted, while Supranationals, Agencies and Munis and Global Investment Grade Credit were modest detractors, with USD investment grade credit a small positive offset to weakness in EUR investment grade credit.

Duration, Rates, and Currency: Portfolio-level duration positioning detracted from relative returns for the month as yields rose sharply. Duration from Global Securitized Credit, Global Non-Investment Grade, Supranationals, Agencies and Munis, Emerging Market Debt and Global Investment Grade was negative, partially offset by positive duration contributions from Global Government bonds, where the portfolio was underweight duration over the month.

FX: Overall, currency positioning detracted from relative performance. The primary detractors included positioning in AUD, NZD, MXN and SEK, followed by CNY, USD and ZAR. Positive currency contributors on a relative basis were led by positioning in EUR, followed by GBP, CAD, NOK and CHF.

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 30 September 2026, fund duration sits at 6.09 years with a yield to worst of 6.64% (outyielding the benchmark by 124 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. Monetary policy 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 sector — 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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