

Oriflex BP Regeling

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Investment Review

The Fund underperformed its benchmark over the quarter.

Activity

December was an eventful month for market participants, driven by the Federal Reserve's dovish pivot, prevailing risk-on sentiment, and robust consumer and economic data. The Fed held its current policy rate range at 5 ¼ to 5 ½% for a fourth consecutive meeting. The median Summary of Economic Projection (SEP) dots for Q4 2024 and Q4 2025 were revised down to 4.6% and 4.3%, respectively, suggesting the Fed intends to cut policy rates by 75bps in the upcoming year. The Fed's revision was driven by economic data supporting a soft-landing scenario and decelerating inflationary pressures. The Fed's personal consumption expenditure (PCE) projections were revised downward from September estimates, with 2024 predictions down to 2.4% from 2.5% and 2025 predictions down to 2.1% from 2.2%. Retail sales grew slightly month over month, while a drop in December unemployment claims surprised to the upside. Strong economic and consumer data, alongside anticipation of loosening financial conditions, lead to a rally in equities. The Dow reached a record high following the December FOMC, as all three major equity indices rose by more than 1%. Yield on the ten-year treasury dipped below 4% by month end, while the two-year settled at its lowest level since June 2023.

Within the credit market, yields continue to attract broad institutional demand. Against this backdrop, the US Investment Grade Credit Index tightened 4bps month over month to 93bps, closing near the tightest level of the year, and resulting in a monthly excess return of 26bps. Primary issuance in December was about \$22.2bn, including \$ 20.4bn incorporates and \$1.8bn in noncorporate. In idiosyncratic news, the US national debt approached a record high \$34tn before year end, while early figures show investors poured a record \$1.17tn into money market and cash accounts over the year on the tailwind of sustained higher interest rates and earlier instability in regional banks. In respect to performance, the best-performing sectors were gaming, REITs, financial companies, building materials, and home construction. The worst-performing were integrated energy, pharmaceuticals, tobacco, cable satellite, and technology. BBB rated bonds fares the best across the investment grade quality spectrum, while AAA bonds fared the worst.

Omvang fonds

Waarde begin van de periode	€ 2,087,338
Waarde eind van de periode	€ 2,256,056

Rendement

%	Kwartaal	Jaar tot op heden	3-Jaars Ann.	5-Jaars Ann.	10-Jaars Ann.
Fonds	8.95%	20.87%	7.99%	12.66%	9.52%
Benchmark	11.00%	23.78%	6.46%	12.66%	9.82%