

## BELLATRIX

ASSET MANAGEMENT

# ARCHEA FUND | Bond Selection

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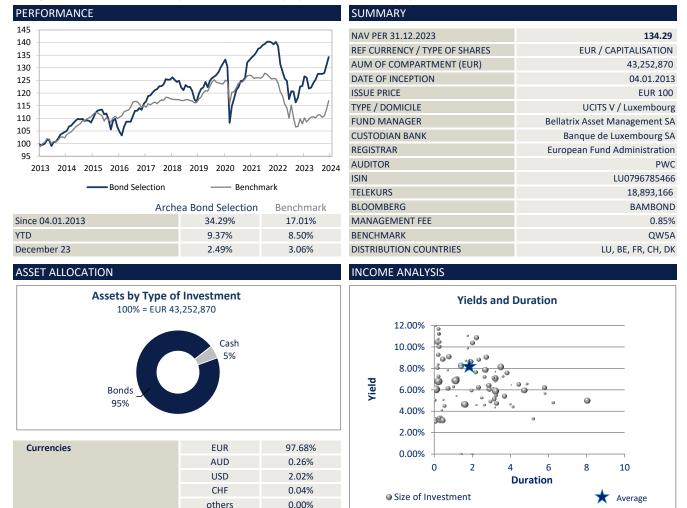


#### INVESTMENT APPROACH

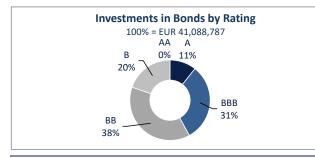
The Fund invests worldwide in securities with fixed or variable interests. It aims to achieve high income and to outperform the benchmark by optimizing the allocation of bonds and leveraging sources of added value.

### FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Over the month of December, the fund posted a performance of +2.49%. Interest rates in the United States and Europe have risen in recent months, despite expectations of a slowdown in growth at the start of the year, which would have led to a fall in rates. Over the last quarter, global bond markets experienced a year-end rally, as credit spreads tightened, and the market aggressively priced in rate cuts. For much of the year, government bond yields were at record highs until October. The crisis in the banking sector in March led to a significant widening of spreads on the credit markets. A significant proportion of our returns were achieved through higher coupons. The tide has turned and rates are likely to remain high for longer due to budget deficits, increased supply, optimistic US economic data and inflation rigidity. At the same time, spreads have narrowed across all credit sectors, and we are well away from the margins seen in 2022 and March this year. The ECB could remain cautious and not declare victory on inflation too quickly, which would make an initial rate cut in June more likely. The market is still pricing in a 50% probability of a cut in March and a tightening of around 150 basis points over the course of the year. The ECB has always opposed market expectations and the recent data is in line with its long-standing caution about changing gears in monetary policy cycles. During December we increased our positions in *BP 3.625% perpetual* and *BBVA 6% perpetual*.



## CREDIT RISKS



#### **Top 10 Bond Positions**

Trafigura Group Pte Ltd VAR Sub 19/31.01.Perpetual	2.8%
BNP Paribas Fortis Conv Fortis 07/19.12.Perp.	2.0%
Ageasfinlux SA FRN Sen Sub Conv Ageas 02/31.12.Perp.	2.0%
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA FRN Sub 20/27.08.Perpetual	1.9%
Axa SA VAR Sub 04/29.10.Perpetual	1.8%
Volkswagen Intl Finance VAR 17/14.06.Perpetual	1.8%
British Telecommunications VAR Jun Sub 20/18.08.80	1.8%
Assicurazioni Generali SpA VAR 14/21.11.Perpetual	1.6%
Banco de Sabadell SA VAR 21/19.02.Perpetual	1.6%
BP Capital Markets Plc VAR 20/22.06.Perpetual	1.5%

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