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## Fixed Income Funds



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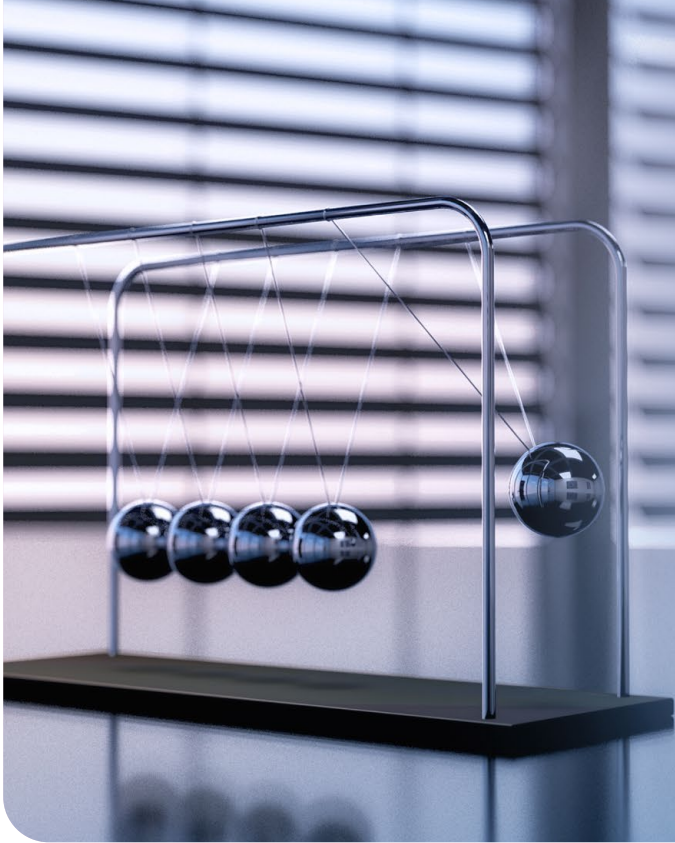


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## About fixed income

Fixed income is a type of investment that provides regular income. Also known as bonds, they come in many forms such as Treasury bills (T-bills), government bonds (such as Singapore Savings Bonds) and corporate bonds issued by companies.

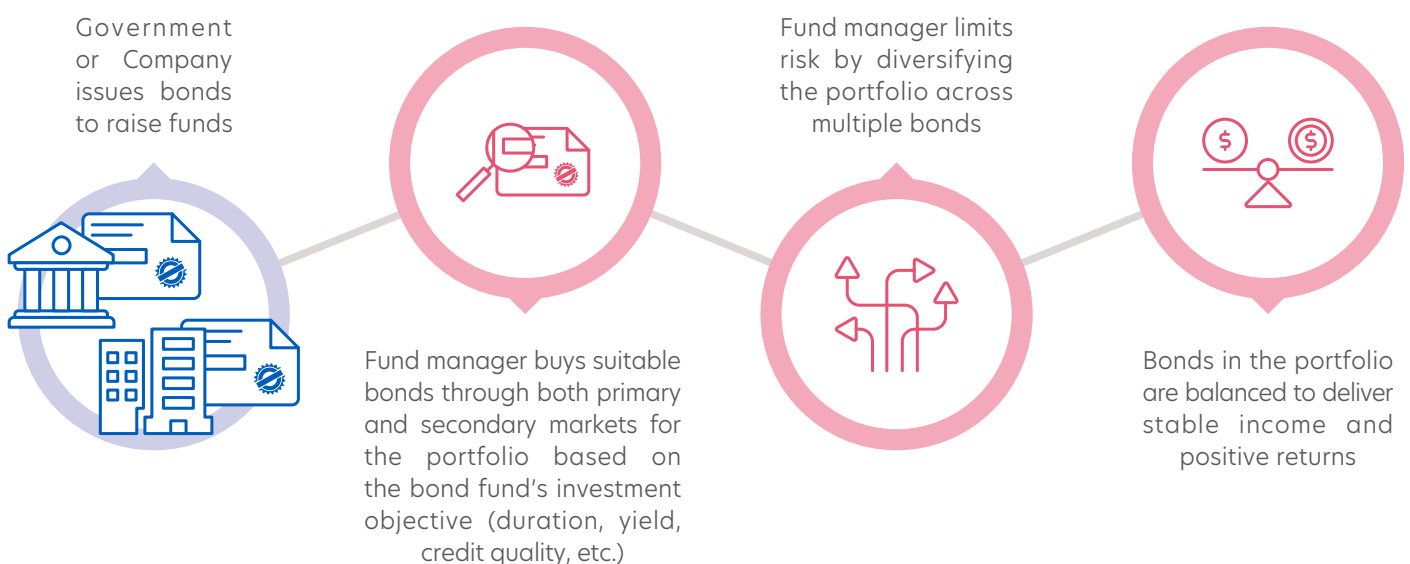
## What is a bond fund?

Bond funds are collective instruments that invest in a large number of bond securities issued by governments and/or companies.

By doing so, the fund is essentially lending money to the issuers and in return, it receives regular interest payments. These enable the fund to pay dividends to the fund's investors on a regular basis.

Bond funds can also sell the bonds in its portfolio at or before maturity to recover its original capital or at a profit.

## How do bond funds work?



## Benefits of a bond fund



### Regular income

Fixed interest payments are paid at regular intervals. Plus it is non-taxable.<sup>1</sup>



### Stable returns

Bond fund values can rise or fall, but tend to provide more stable returns than equity funds.



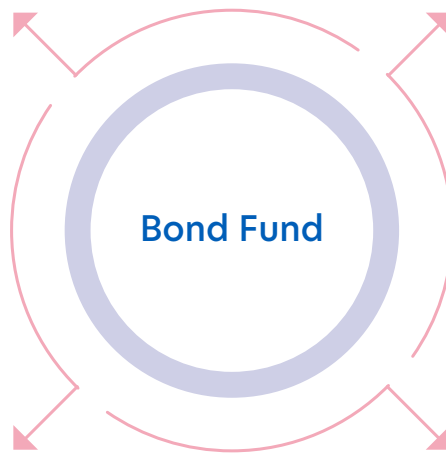
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Unlike for bonds, the minimum capital required for a bond fund can be as little as \$1.



### Portfolio diversification

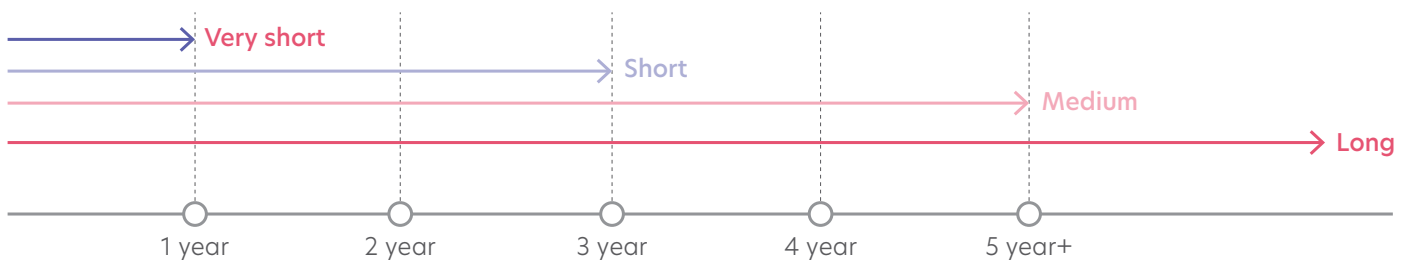
Help to reduce the impact of a bond default by holding a portfolio of bonds.



## Considerations when selecting a bond fund

### 1. Average duration

Bond funds come with various maturities or durations:



Less sensitive = More stable

More sensitive = Less stable

The shorter the duration of a bond fund, the less sensitive it is to changes in interest rates and thus can offer more stable returns compared to longer duration funds. Typically, in a rising rate environment, shorter duration bonds may outperform longer duration bonds. Conversely, as interest rates and bond prices are inversely correlated, when interest rates come down, there is a greater probability for longer duration bonds to gain more than shorter duration bonds.

<sup>1</sup> Income earned is not taxable in Singapore and many other Asian countries.

## 2. Average credit quality

Bond fund portfolios will tend to hold bonds with different credit ratings. Investment-grade bond funds hold bonds that, on average, are rated 'BBB-' or higher on the Standard & Poor's and Fitch credit rating scale. The annual default rate of an investment-grade bond is on average less than 0.2% (1981 - 2021).<sup>2</sup>

**Investment grade bonds** can include government or corporate bonds.

**Government bonds** are usually seen as being more creditworthy than corporate bonds as they are backed by the government and have a lower chance of default.

**Non-investment grade bonds** generally come with a higher risk but can offer potentially higher yields.

## 3. Currency

Given that bond funds generally offer stable and modest returns, exchange rates can help or hinder final returns. To lower the exchange rate risks, you may want to choose a fund that has a base currency aligned to your primary currency needs.

## Why UOB Asset Management (UOBAM) for Fixed Income?



### Locally-embedded expertise

UOBAM Fixed Income team leverages insights from our network of local analysts and partners across all major developed and Asian markets.

### Consistent investment approach

The two key principles i.e. fundamental bottom-up research and a disciplined top-down strategy drive our fixed income approach irrespective of the market or portfolio manager.

### Multiple award winners

UOBAM's Fixed Income team and individual funds have won multiple industry awards over the years. The United SGD Fund alone has won over 20 awards and most recently the prestigious Benchmark Outstanding Achiever Award<sup>3</sup>.

### Leader in augmented intelligence

Our Fixed Income team references machine learning models within its current security selection and risk management process.

### Sustainability is part of our DNA

UOBAM began its ESG integration in 2017. Today, its ESG ratings are referenced across all funds, including those within UOBAM's fixed income range.

<sup>2</sup> Source: S&P Global Ratings, April 2022

<sup>3</sup> Please refer to [uobam.com.sg/awards](https://uobam.com.sg/awards) for the latest list of UOBAM awards.

# Bond funds by UOBAM

We offer several bond funds geared to different risk appetites.

						
<b>Risk Level</b>	Conservative	Conservative	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderately aggressive
<b>Bond Fund Name</b>	United SGD Money Market Fund	United SGD Fund 	United Smart Sustainable Singapore Bond Fund	United Singapore Bond Fund	United Asian Bond Fund	United Sustainable Credit Income Fund
<b>Objective</b>	Aims to provide a return which is comparable to Singapore dollar short-term deposits.	Aims at achieving yield enhancement over Singapore dollar deposits, while seeking capital preservation.	Aims to achieve balance between generating stable income and capital appreciation while incorporating sustainability considerations and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors.	Aims to maximise returns over the longer term.	Aims to provide stable current income and capital appreciation.	Aims to achieve income with the prospect of capital growth.
<b>Invests in</b>	Liquid and high-quality, short-term debt securities and money market instruments.	Mainly global investment-grade bond.	Mainly in fixed income instruments focusing on Singapore.	Mainly in Singapore bonds denominated in Singapore dollars and foreign currencies.	Mainly in debt securities issued by Asian corporations, financial institutions, governments and their agencies (including money market instruments).	Multi-sector fixed income instruments.
<b>Credit Rating<sup>4</sup></b>	AAA	BBB+	BBB	A-	A+	BBB
<b>Effective Duration<sup>4</sup></b>	0.10 years	1.14 years	2.47 years	7.56 years	3.44 years	5.02 years
<b>Distribution Payout<sup>5</sup></b>	-	4.0% p.a. (Class A Dist) 5.0% p.a. (Class S Dist)	2.0% p.a.	3.5% p.a.	4.5% p.a.	5.0% p.a.
<b>Distribution Frequency<sup>5</sup></b>	-	Monthly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly	Monthly
						

In general, the lower the average credit quality of a bond fund, the higher the risks of defaults and price volatility. Similarly, a bond fund with a longer average duration will tend to be more volatile than one with a shorter duration.

<sup>4</sup> Source: UOBAM, as at 31 March 2023

<sup>5</sup> Distributions (in SGD) are not guaranteed. Distributions may be made out of income, capital gains and/or capital. This relates to the disclosed distribution policy as set out in the Funds' prospectus.

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