



# BlueBay Financial Capital Bond Fund

February 2025

## Fund Performance (%) Gross of Fees (USD)<sup>1</sup>

	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR	SI <sup>1,2</sup>
BlueBay Financial Capital Bond Fund	0.93	3.67	2.26	15.68	6.18	5.74	8.11	8.46

## Calendar Year Performance (%) Gross of Fees (USD)<sup>1</sup>

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
BlueBay Financial Capital Bond Fund	14.37	8.49	-11.70	6.72	13.17	22.76	-3.54	22.08	7.27	8.45

## Review

### Contributors

- Santander additional tier 1 (AT1), Deutsche Bank AT1, Barclays AT1, Intesa Sanpaolo AT1 and Commerzbank AT1 bonds.

### Detractors

- There were no material bond underperformers over the month.

### Outlook

- Bank profitability has increased by +70% over the last three years and it is this revenue tailwind that should go some way in shielding against any drop in asset quality that might occur. As we look into 2025, many of the tailwinds for profitability will likely still hold. Capital levels remain close to all-time highs while the stock of non-performing loans are close to the lows.
- Fundamentals always reassert themselves eventually, and we believe that in a world where valuations across risk assets look somewhat stretched, European bank AT1 bonds still offer attractive carry in an asset class with a solid fundamental outlook.
- The yield of the fund is around 7.2%, which comes from an average issuer rating of A-, so there is no need for investors to give up liquidity or look for yield in lower-rated credit. If rates remain high because the underlying economy is solid, and inflation above target, then banks are likely to be the sector best positioned to outperform, in our opinion.

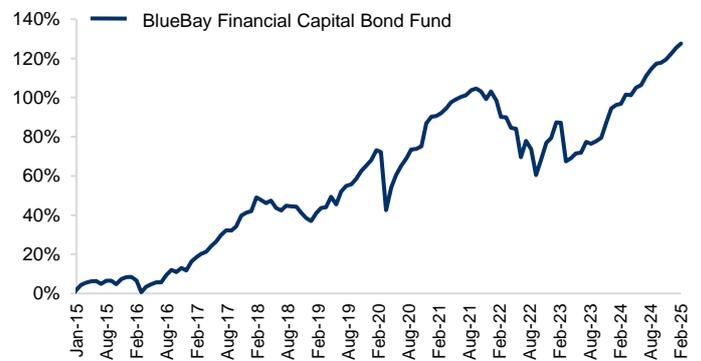
## Investment Objective

- To achieve a total return from a portfolio of subordinated debt securities issued by financial institutions

## Investment Strategy

- The Fund invests at least 50% of its net assets in subordinated debt securities issued by financial institutions. Subordinated debt securities include, but are not limited to, Tier 1 and Tier 2 contingent capital securities (CoCos) and US perpetual preferred stock.
- The fund may not invest more than 10% of its assets in securities of the same financial institution and up to 25% of the fund's assets may be invested in equities.

## Cumulative Performance Gross of Fees (USD)<sup>1,2</sup>

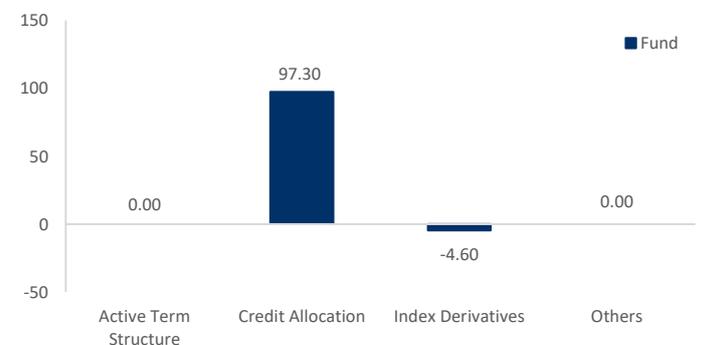


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## Risk Statistics<sup>3</sup>

	Fund
Annualised return since inception (%) <sup>2</sup>	8.46
Annualised volatility (%) <sup>2</sup>	10.12
Sharpe ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.64

## Summary of Attribution Effects (bps)



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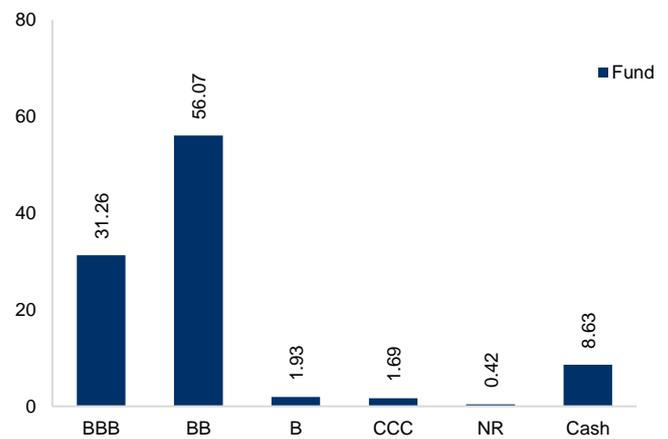
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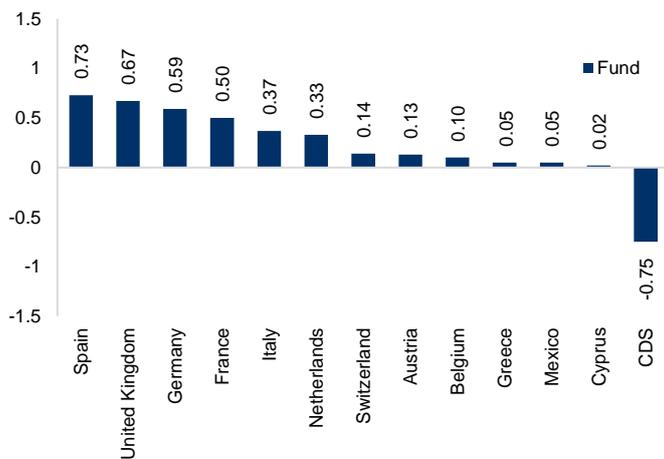
## Fund Characteristics

	Fund
Weighted interest rate duration (yrs)	3.68
Weighted spread duration (yrs)	2.93
Weighted yield to worst (%)	6.71
Weighted yield to worst without hedges (%)	7.20
Yield to maturity (%)	8.02
Weighted running yield (%)	7.18
Total no. of issues	46
Total no. of issuers	27
Weighted average rating – by issue	BB+
Weighted average rating – by issuer	A
Average position (%)	1.94

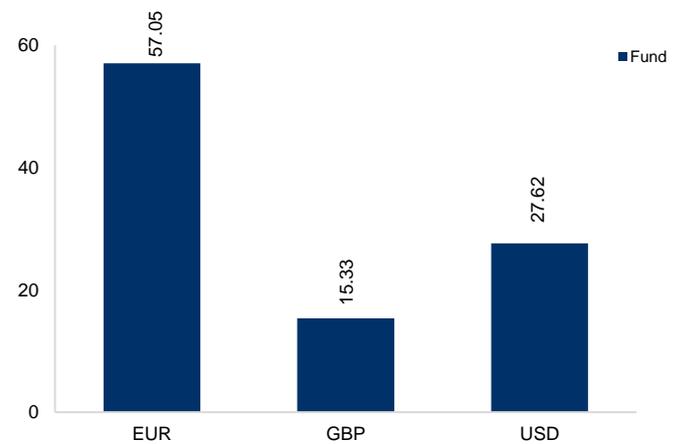
## Credit Quality Breakdown (% NAV)



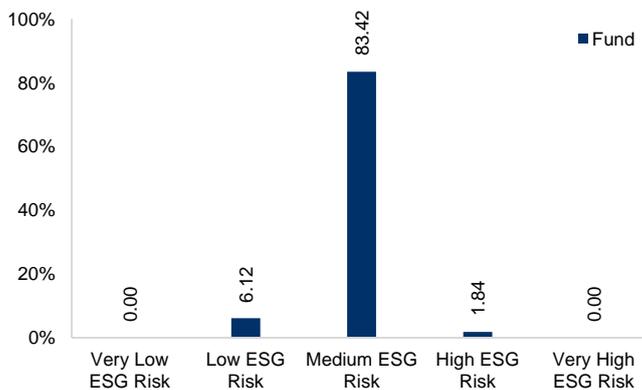
## Country Spread Duration Contribution (yrs)



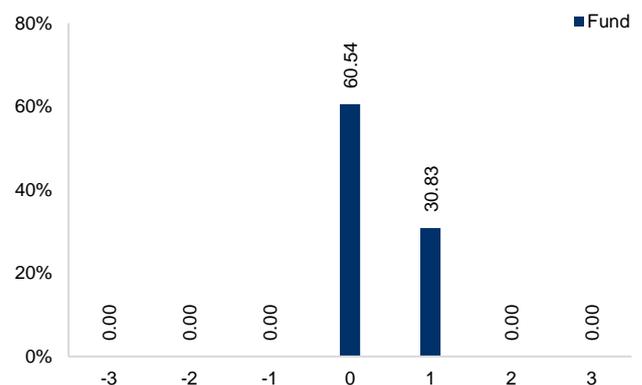
## Currency Breakdown (Before Hedging % NAV)



## BlueBay: Issuer fundamental ESG (risk) ratings (ESG Risk Ratings)<sup>6</sup>



## BlueBay: Security investment ESG scores (ESG Scores)<sup>7</sup>



## Top 5 Issuers by Spread Duration Contribution (yrs)

Issuer	Years (absolute)	BlueBay ESG Fundamental (Risk) Rating <sup>6</sup>	BlueBay Investment ESG Score <sup>7</sup>
Banco Santander SA	0.37	Medium	0.00
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA	0.37	Medium	1.00
Deutsche Bank AG	0.36	Medium	0.00
ABN AMRO Bank NV	0.27	Medium	0.00
Barclays PLC	0.26	Medium	0.00

## Sector Subordination (% NAV)

	Fund
Corp Hybrid	0.00
Tier 1	90.97
Upper tier 2	0.00
Lower tier 2	0.00
Subordinated insurance	0.40
Preferred Stock	0.00
Cash	8.63
Unclassified <sup>5</sup>	0.00
Total	100.00

## Risk Considerations

- At times, the market for investment grade bonds or high yield bonds may dry up, which could make it difficult to sell these bonds, or the fund may only be able to sell them at a discount
- There may be cases where an organisation with which we trade assets or derivatives (usually a financial institution such as a bank) may be unable to fulfil its obligations, which could cause losses to the fund
- Investing in subordinated bank debt, including CoCos, offers you the chance to gain higher returns through growing your capital and generating income. Nevertheless, there is a risk that CoCos may 1) be converted to equities or permanently written down 2) not be redeemed by the issuer when expected 3) defer or cancel interest payments indefinitely, which would result in a loss of income to the fund and possible loss of its initial investment. Additionally, CoCo investors may suffer losses prior to investors in the same financial institution holding equities or bonds
- RBC BlueBay's analysis of ESG/sustainability factors can rely on input from external providers. Such data may be inaccurate or incomplete or unavailable and RBC BlueBay could assess the ESG/sustainability risks of securities held incorrectly.
- RBC BlueBay could suffer from a failure of its processes, systems and controls – or from such a failure at an organisation on which we rely in order to deliver our services – which could lead to losses for the fund

## Team

	Joined BlueBay	Investment industry experience
Marc Stacey	September 2004	23 years
James Macdonald	September 2007	20 years

## Fund Facts

Total fund size <sup>4</sup>	USD 1,968m
Total strategy size <sup>8</sup>	USD 3,063m
Inception date	14 January 2015
Base currency	USD
SFDR	Article 8
Fund legal name	BlueBlueBay Funds – BlueBay Financial Capital Bond Fund
Share classes	Information on available Share Classes and eligibility for this Fund are detailed in the BlueBay Funds Prospectus and Application Form
Fund type	UCITS
Domicile	Luxembourg
Investment manager	RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

The Funds AUM is stated on a T+1 basis and includes non-fee earning assets. The benchmark is hedged into the Share Class currency where relevant.

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## Notes

- While gross of fee figures would reflect the reinvestment of all dividends and earnings, it would not reflect the deduction of investment management and performance fees. For example, if there was an annualised return of 10% over a 5-year period then the compounding effect of a 0.60% management fee and a 0.20% performance fee would reduce the annualised return to 9.32% (figures used are only to demonstrate the effect of charges and are not an indicator of future performance). In addition, the typical fees and expenses charged to a strategy will offset the strategy's trading profits. A description of the specific fee structure for each BlueBay strategy is contained in the strategy's prospectus.
- Since Inception
- Risk statistics are annualized and calculated using weekly data points since inception. Risk statistics will be produced once there are 3 complete months of data available; for meaningful results a minimum sample of 36 data points is recommended and where history is less than 3 years caution should be taken with the interpretation and representation of this data. Returns for periods of less than 1 year have not been annualised in accordance with current industry standard reporting practices.
- The Fund AUM is stated on a T+1 basis and includes non-fee earning assets.
- Unclassified includes derivatives and hedging instruments.
- Fundamental ESG (Risk) Rating: ESG evaluations generate two ESG metrics, with both metrics are derived from a proprietary framework applied by the BlueBay fixed income platform. One being the Fundamental ESG (Risk) Rating, which is assigned at an issuer level. Categories range from 'very high' ESG (Risk) Rating to 'very low' ESG (Risk) Rating and is a function of the ESG risk profile of an issuer and how well it manages these risks. ESG evaluations are only completed for in scope strategies, for specific issuer and security/instrument types and certain investment exposures.
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- Strategy represents the flagship fund as well as dedicated segregated mandates and sleeves of multi-asset credit funds with subordinated financial allocations

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