

LONG TERM OBJECTIVE

The Coronation Global Bond Strategy is a fixed income strategy that invests in a globally diversified portfolio of fixed income and money market instruments of varying maturities. The Strategy aims to maximise total return in a manner which is consistent with the preservation of capital and prudent investment management.

INVESTMENT APPROACH

Coronation is a long-term, valuation-driven investment house. Our aim is to identify mispriced assets trading at discounts to their fair value through extensive proprietary research. The fixed income portfolios are positioned on a long term strategic market view, but this is balanced by taking advantage of shorter-term tactical opportunities when the market lags or runs ahead of that strategic view. As active managers, we consider investment decisions across the full spectrum of potential return enhancers. These include duration and yield curve positions, inflation-linked assets as well as yield enhancement through credit enhanced assets. We aim to maximise returns by actively combining both a top-down and a bottom-up approach to portfolio construction.

STRATEGY RETURNS GROSS OF FEES

Period	Strategy	Benchmark	Active Return
Since Inception (cumulative)	58.2%	15.6%	42.6%
Since Inception p.a.	2.8%	0.9%	1.9%
Latest 15 years p.a.	2.6%	0.7%	1.9%
Latest 10 years p.a.	2.7%	0.6%	2.1%
Latest 5 years p.a.	1.3%	(1.5)%	2.8%
Latest 3 years p.a.	4.4%	2.6%	1.8%
Latest 1 year	5.3%	4.3%	1.0%
Year to date	(1.1)%	(1.1)%	0.0%
Month	(3.2)%	(3.1)%	(0.1)%

CURRENCY EXPOSURE

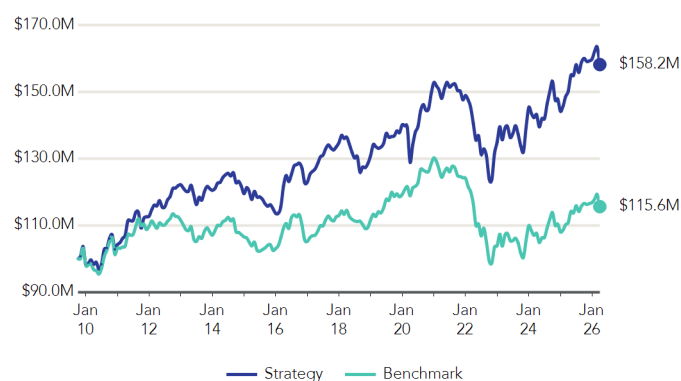
Currency	% Strategy
USD	39.6%
EUR	24.5%
JPY	11.9%
CNY	4.7%
KRW	3.6%
IDR	3.0%
CAD	2.7%
INR	2.0%
AUD	1.8%
CLP	1.3%
BRL	1.3%
ZAR	1.3%
COP	1.1%
Other	1.2%

GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception Date	01 October 2009
Strategy Size *	\$32.0 million
Strategy Status	Open
Mandate Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond TR Unhedged USD (LEGATRUU Index)
Redemption Terms	An anti-dilution levy will be charged
Base Currency	USD

*Strategy assets under management as at the most recent quarter end.

GROWTH OF US\$100M INVESTMENT



Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond TR Unhedged USD (LEGATRUU Index)

ASSET ALLOCATION

Asset Type	% Strategy
Fixed Rate Government Bonds	52.6%
Fixed Rate Corporate Bonds	29.4%
Government ILBs	16.3%
Cash	1.0%
Other	0.7%

EFFECTIVE MATURITY PROFILE

Term	% Strategy
0 to 1 year	1.4%
1 to 3 years	22.3%
3 to 7 years	42.1%
7 to 12 years	23.6%
Over 12 years	10.6%

STRATEGY STATISTICS

Modified Duration (incl. inflation-linked bonds)	4.8
Modified Duration (excl. inflation-linked bonds)	3.7

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REVIEW FOR THE QUARTER

The defining feature of Q1 was not how it started, but how it ended, and what this heralds for the rest of 2026 and beyond. At this stage, a rapid de-escalation and reopening of the Strait of Hormuz would likely provide for a significant positive impulse across most risk assets. But a prolonged conflict introduces stagflationary dynamics that would test prevailing asset pricing, as well as policymakers' resolve, resources and analytical frameworks. The range of potential outcomes across all relevant time horizons is especially wide at this point and balancing prudence and opportunism wisely is the challenge.

Against this backdrop, the Strategy returned -1.1% for the quarter, in line with the benchmark return of -1.1%.

The US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) had started 2026 with a policy rate range of 3.50-3.75% after having cut three times in the last four months of 2025. Initially, market expectations were strongly tilted towards a progression of the cutting cycle over the coming year, with a policy rate of well below 3% by year-end consistently priced. The Fed had become more cautious, however, and greater data dependency was cited alongside warnings of premature easing. The outbreak of the Middle East conflict naturally led to a sea-change in the environment. Rate-cut expectations were curtailed entirely, with even the potential for a hike required in the US in the coming months partially priced during March. The FOMC chose to restrain these expectations by signalling a preference for waiting and assessing the nature of the oil shock, rather than potentially pre-emptively tightening into what could be a more growth-damaging supply shock. Somewhat uniquely among the world's larger economies, policy expectations at quarter-end were still for net easing of rates in the US over a forward two-year horizon, even if the next 12 months were priced for no rate changes.

Among other major central banks, the swing in rate expectations following the onset of the energy crisis sparked in late February was equally dramatic. In the eurozone, prior expectations were for flat rates for an extended period before the potential for modest tightening from two years outwards. At quarter-end, this had pivoted to three hikes of 25 basis points (bps) each fully priced over the next 12 months. Even more dramatic was the swing in the UK. At end 2025 another two cuts had been anticipated, likely in the latter half of 2026. By the close of Q1, this had swung to two fully priced hikes in the coming months – a very different interest rate environment entirely. In Japan, the adjustment was less extreme. With the BoJ still enacting their normalisation strategy at the start of the year, pricing for this process was merely accentuated.

Across global duration, the quarter had two quite distinct chapters. In the US, Treasury yields had a constructive first few weeks of the year. An improving cyclical backdrop; low energy prices; firming Fed rate cut expectations, and dawning optimism around the reduced hampering effect of US tariffs, especially following the US Supreme Court's ruling against the emergency use of blanket tariffs, all helped push long-dated interest rates to levels last seen in 2024. But then the escalation of conflict in the Middle East changed all of that. US yields were driven higher as inflation expectations and risk premia were both notched higher, alongside a sharp readjustment to monetary policy expectations. Whatever safe-haven bid arose over this time was overwhelmed. The net result for US Treasuries was actually a reasonably tame increase in yields from the start of the year to quarter-end, albeit with substantial intra-quarter ranges. Despite this, US Treasuries were actually one of the better-behaved G10 sovereign bond markets in Q1. The more substantial underperformers included Greece, the UK, and Italy.

US inflation-linkers mostly didn't have a strong Q1. Even as the events of March led to a spike in near-term inflation expectations, the increase in expected inflation accrual was matched by the rise in real rates. Indeed, longer-term inflation break-evens only saw modest rises from what was priced before the Middle East crisis. The clear message from markets was of anchored long-term inflation expectations consistent with other energy price shocks that have proven short-lived and been relatively quickly reversed.

The hard currency Emerging Market (EM) sovereign debt universe experienced a difficult quarter overall. From historically compressed spread levels, the sharp and substantial onset of the Middle East conflict motivated a repricing of risk premia across the complex. Unsurprisingly, oil-importing EMs were especially hard hit. And if this included having limited central bank flexibility and already deteriorating current account balances, then the sell-off was more acute. Yet, considering how historically tight these spreads had been, the overall widening seen was relatively modest.

The local EM sovereign debt asset class performed even more poorly than its Eurobond counterpart. Both capital and currency losses against the US dollar (USD) played their part. The yield on the J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index started the year at 5.9% before reaching a low of 5.8% during February, but ended the quarter at c. 6.4%. However, there was some differentiation, as Brazil, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic posted strong positive quarters of +6.1%, +4.1%, and +4.4% in USD, respectively. The worst performers were Thailand, Turkey, and South Africa with -8.0%, -7.7%, and -6.9% (in USD).

US Investment Grade (IG) credit started 2026 by powering from already historically rich levels to spreads on par with or better than those experienced during the pre-GFC heyday. But while spreads were offering very little fundamental protection, outright yields remained reasonably attractive – especially when placed in the context of the past 10 years or so. With corporate credit fundamentals remaining solid; earnings healthy and supply absorption still seemingly vigorous, the spread widening seen as a consequence of the

Middle East crisis was relatively contained, helped by yield-focused buyers belying spread weakness as it arose. The US IG Index (ICE BofA US Corporate Index) saw a low option-adjusted spread (essentially the yield spread over the risk-free rate) of 73bps reached during Q1 before selling off to a high of 94bps – the equivalent move was from a recent low of 79bps to over 120bps during the trauma instigated by the ‘Liberation Day’ events of April 2025. Unsurprisingly, greater susceptibility was seen across longer maturity and weaker quality credits – a typical, generalised risk-shock pattern.

The experience within the US high-yield (HY) space was of a similar configuration. The ICE BofA US High Yield Index started the year at unattractive valuation levels (c. 280bps spread level for the Index), before powering to a low of 264bps. Prior to the energy price surge later in the quarter, the most notable idiosyncratic features of major credit markets were the AI-related disruption theme and mounting anxiety about the inner workings of certain private credit managers. Following the geopolitical shock in the Middle East, a spread high of 346bps was seen in the HY index towards the end of the quarter. This is a meaningful sell-off, but doesn’t reflect market stress and certainly didn’t provide a broad-based bouquet of mispriced credits to accumulate, even if individual opportunities did present themselves.

Currency markets were thrown into the deep end with the unfolding geopolitical and energy crisis. The extremely sharp escalation of the conflict and its myriad downstream consequences have meant a variety of responses across exchange rates, depending on prior valuations; energy and commodity sensitivity; current account dynamics and monetary policy stance, among others. The most interesting response has been with the USD. Here, the USD’s haven status as a response to a global, supply-side shock has been appreciably lower than in past instances with similar parallels. Some of this can be explained by the Fed’s muted response (wait-and-see) and deeper, pre-existing concerns around the US’s twin deficits and institutional credibility – both of which have been further damaged by this episode. The net result has been a relatively restrained response in the USD, which has also filtered through into relatively more subdued reactions in other currencies. The outlier performers in EM included the Brazilian real (+5.1%) and Argentinian peso (+4.7%), while energy-importers with additional vulnerabilities (like the Korean won, Indian rupee and Thai baht) saw meaningful declines in the quarter. In the DM space, only the Norwegian krone (+3.5%) and Australian dollar (+3.1%) managed gains against the USD.

Strategy activity

Going into the year, the Strategy held a range of opportunities across select duration exposures; inflation-linked instruments; and select credit assets. But despite this, the Strategy was running low aggregate risk across all its opportunity vectors as the crisis in the Middle East burst onto the scene. Thus, with the combination of ample liquidity and abundant risk capacity, the advent of the generalised risk-off event was one that the Strategy could use to increase risk taking, rather than seek enhanced risk mitigation measures. The bulk of the Strategy’s activity in March was in accumulating spread assets that had cheapened.

Indeed, the bigger regret (from an asset pricing perspective only), is that the substantial left-tail events that could subsequently arise from the unfolding energy crisis haven’t been more meaningfully priced. Hence, while many global fixed income markets have experienced quick and sharp weakness, these have been from especially rich levels and the subsequent cheapening has been useful, but not overwhelming. The net result is that, while the Strategy has opportunistically added risk in the past few weeks, the extent of weakness across global FI markets hasn’t reflected enough of the potential downsides perceived as within reasonable bounds to warrant taking larger positions here. Hence, the Strategy remains well supplied with both liquidity and risk appetite to capitalise even further on more widespread adjustment in risk premia, if this were to occur.