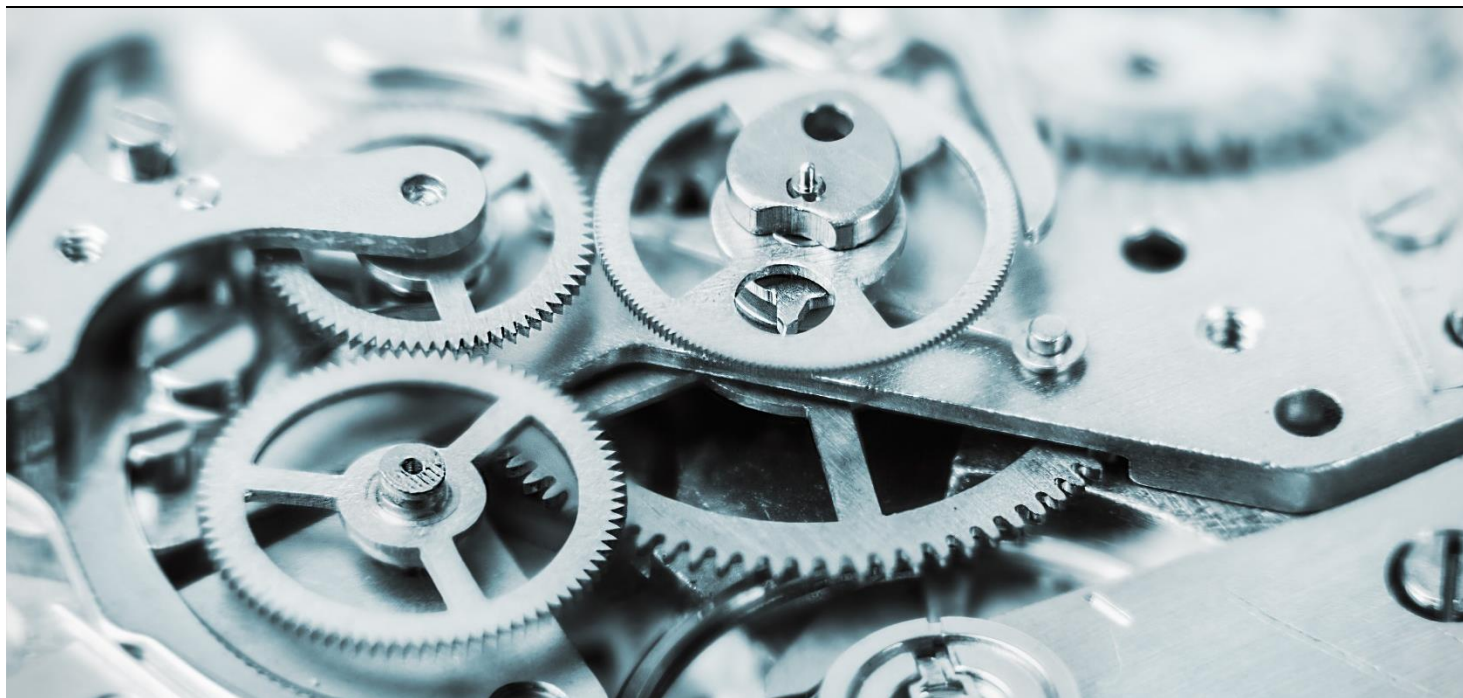


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# DPAM L Bonds Universalis Unconstrained

*Webinar am 18. Mai 2017 mit*

*Peter De Coensel Fondsmanager – Leiter des Rententeams*



# Portfolio Management Bonds Universalis Unconstrained

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## Peter De Coensel

*CIO Fixed Income*

**26 years of experience**

2016

Degroef Petercam AM: *CIO Fixed Income, Member of the Management Board*

2012

Petercam Institutional AM: *Head of Corporate Bonds*

2009

Petercam Institutional AM: *Portfolio Manager*

2005

Capital at Work: *Fund Manager*

2000

IBM Capco: *Consultant Financial Markets Strategy*

1996

Commodities Corporation: *Hedge Fund Manager*

1993

ABN Amro: *European Government Bond Trader*

1991

BBL (currently ING): *Market Maker Belgian Government Bonds*

### Education

University of Brussels: *Master in European Economics*

Catholic University of Leuven: *Master in Applied Economics*



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**Ophélie Mortier**

*RI Coordinator*

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*Lead Manager*



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GLOBAL BONDS UNCONSTRAINED



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Years of experience

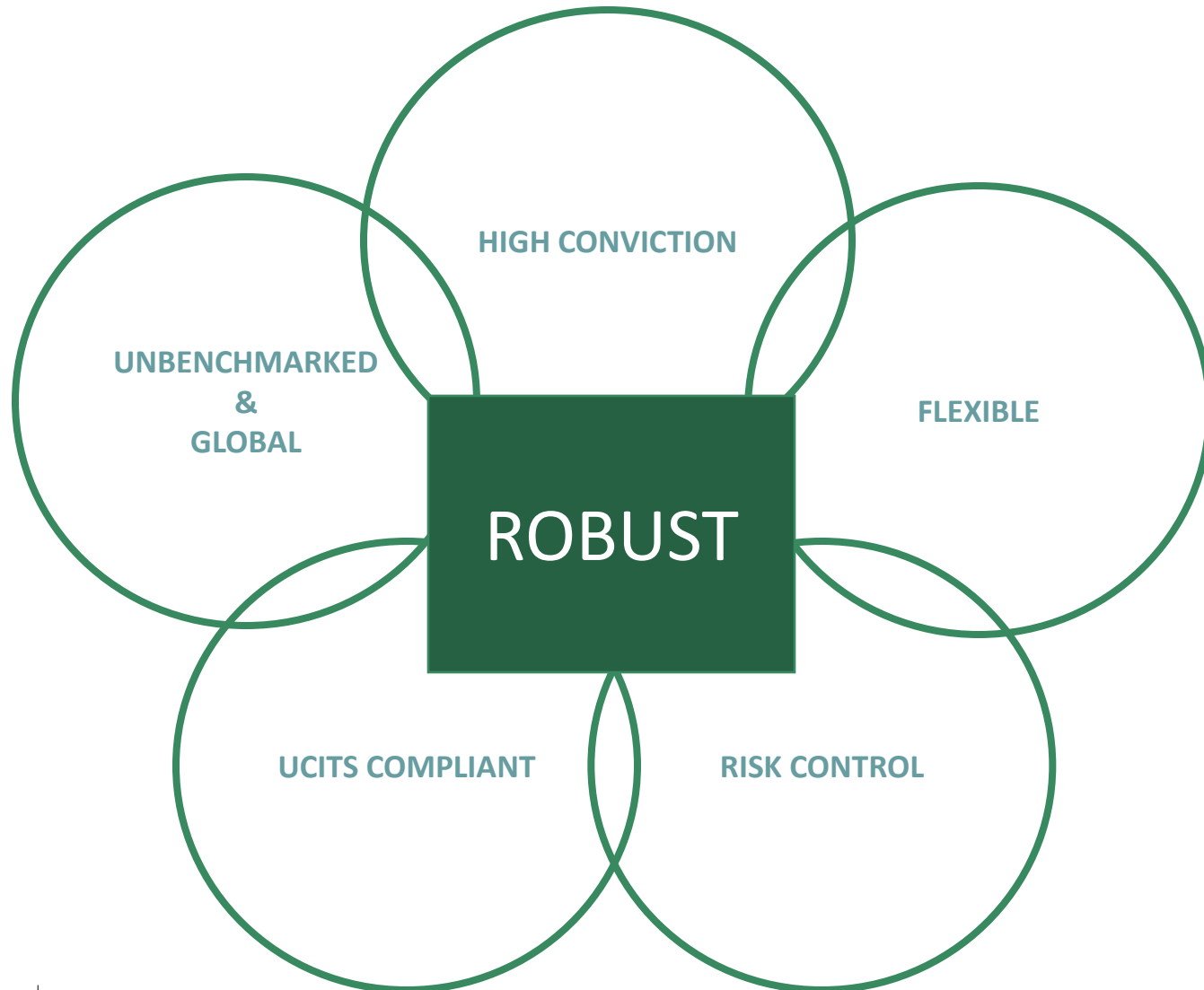
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# Success factors of the unconstrained Bonds Universalis fund

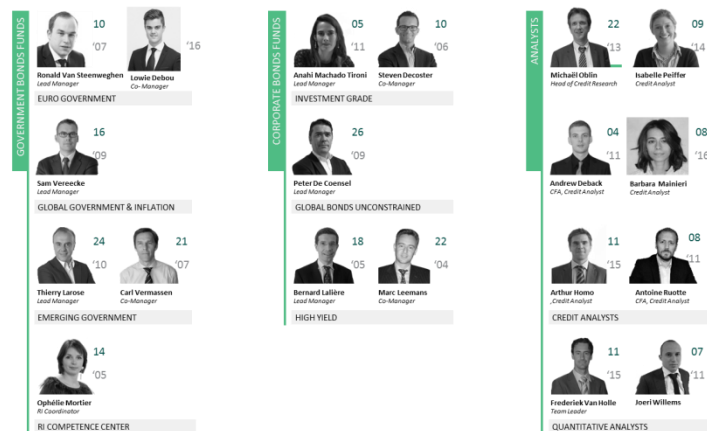
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# Global Universe covered by seasoned fixed income team



## Fixed Income Team



# Returns driven by controlled risk factor exposure

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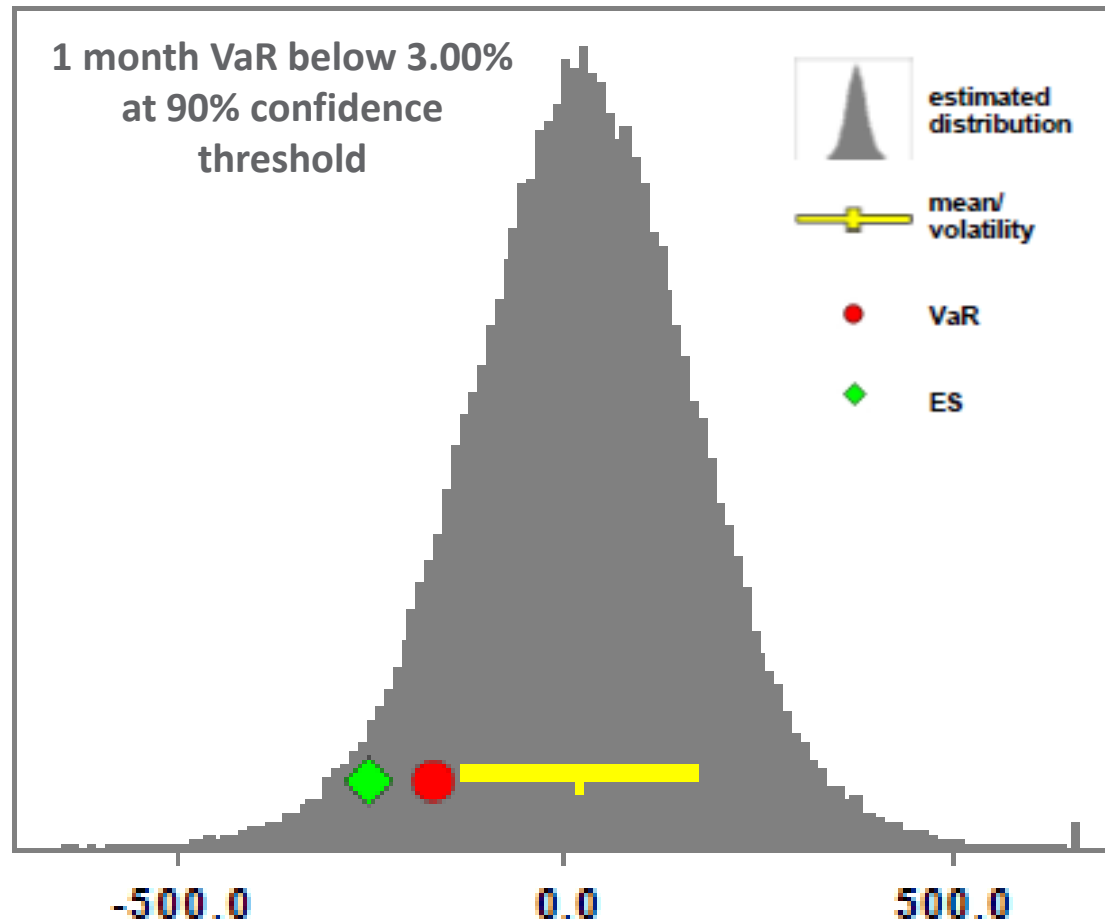


**Target annualized return of Euribor 3months + 2.00%  
over a market cycle between 3 and 5 years**



# Ex-ante risk control at portfolio level (VaR framework)...

## Portfolio Total Return Distribution



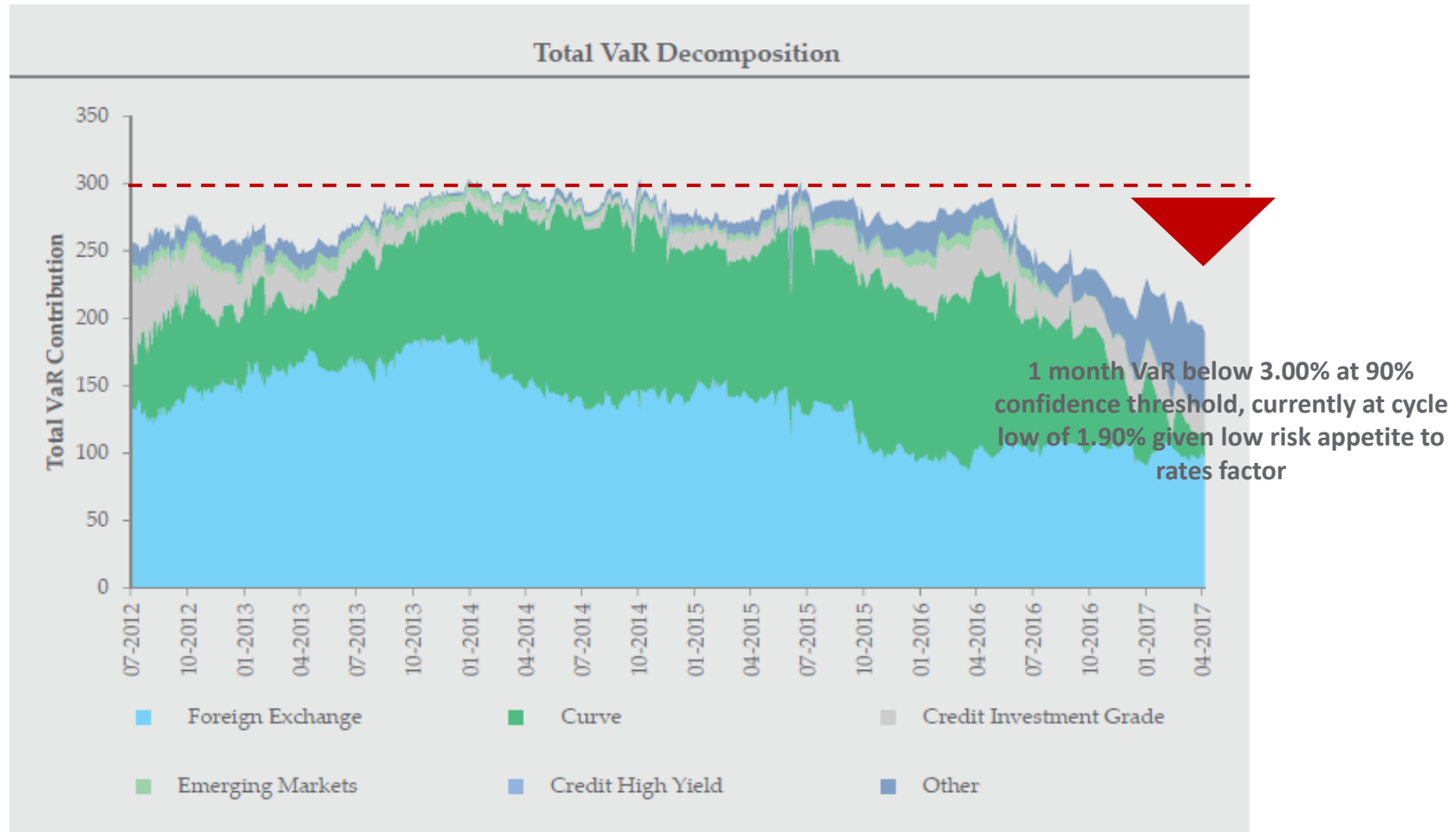
... allows for clear view across risk factors TODAY ...

Contributions to VaR	Portfolio	
	VaR 90.0%	ES 90.0%
Total (EUR)	8,500,211.1	12,214,217.2
Total (bp)	191.6	275.4
Systematic Contributions	183.7	262.6
Foreign Exchange	98.3	142.3
Curve	19.0	29.3
Inflation Linked	9.5	9.9
Swap Spreads	2.7	2.9
Volatility	-0.5	-0.8
Spread Gov-Related	30.9	48.4
Spread Credit and EMG	18.0	23.8
Spread Other	5.3	6.2
Equity	0.5	0.6
Idiosyncratic Contributions	8.3	8.5
Default Contributions	-0.4	4.2
Systematic Isolated	188.0	269.9
Idiosyncratic Isolated	34.0	48.9
Default Isolated	0.0	18.4

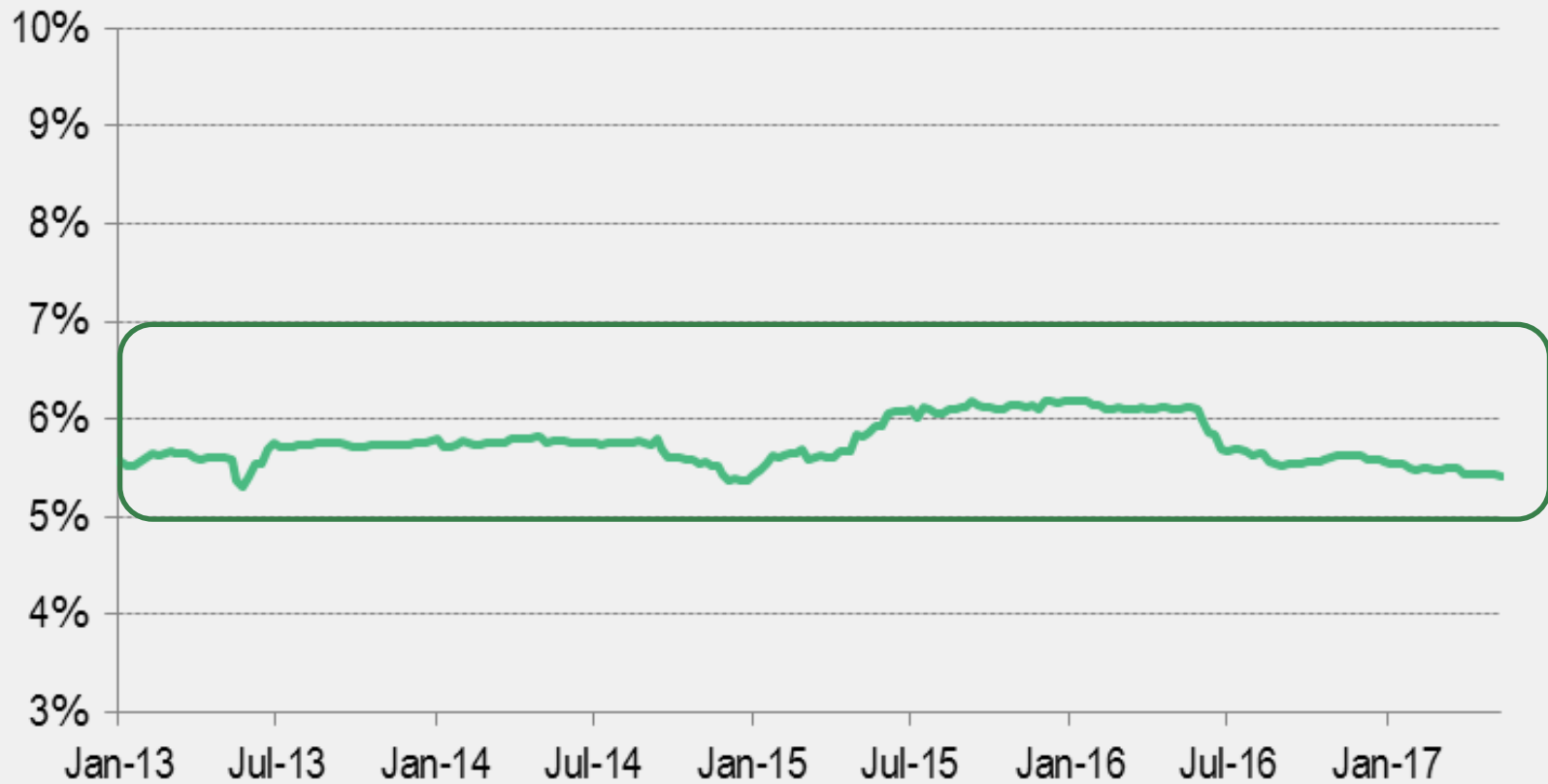




## ... and throughout time



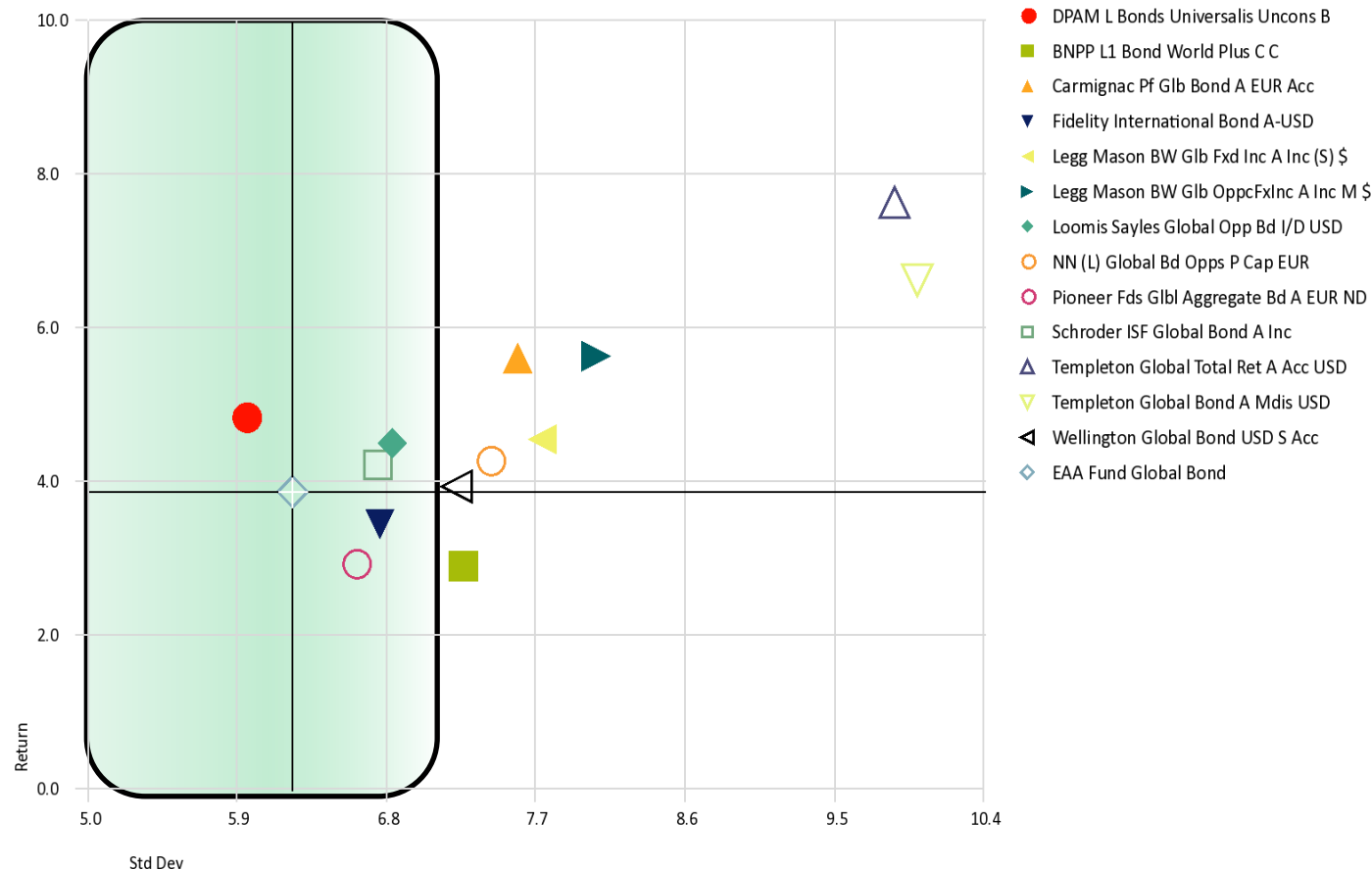
Ex-ante is confirmed ex-post! Realized volatility between 5% and 7%



# Robust track record: 5 year risk adjusted annual returns (retail class)

## Risk-Reward

Time Period: 01/05/2012 to 30/04/2017



# Investment Process

## Formulation of strategic investment view versus market conditions

### MARKET ANALYSIS

### FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS



Relative Value  
& Quant  
Analysis



Inflation Linked  
Analysis



Issuer  
Analysis



Monetary  
Policy Analysis



Geo-political  
Analysis



Macro-economic  
Analysis



Sustainability  
Analysis

## RISK APPETITE → PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION → RISK CONTROL

### First Line Risk (Barclays POINT):

Risk Budgeting / Risk Allocation  
respecting 1 month VaR at 90%  
conf . below 3.00%

Performance Analysis

### Trade Execution:

Pre-trade Evaluation

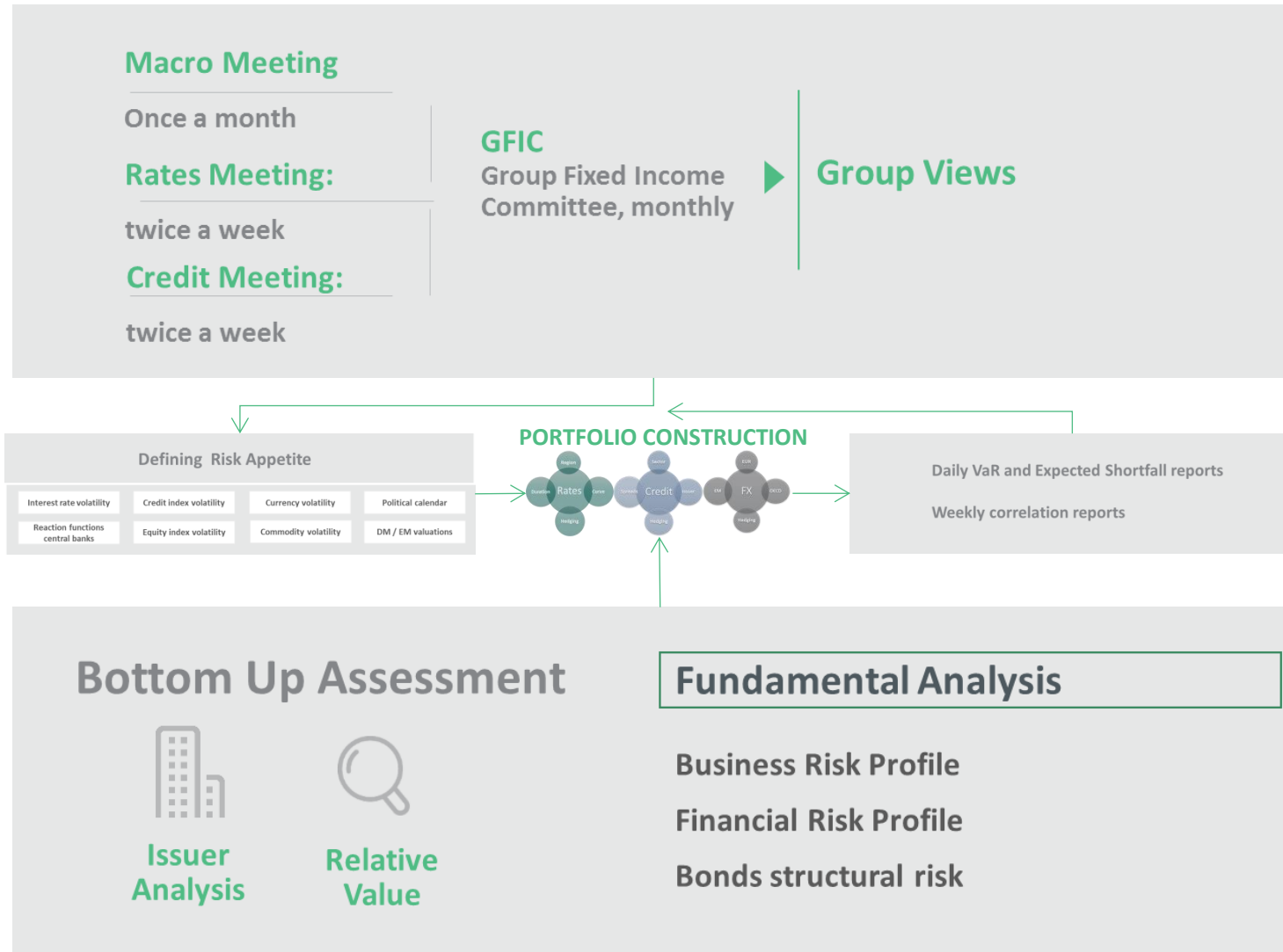
Market Feedback

Liquidity Analysis

### Second Line Risk Management & Compliance



# Investment Process



# Investment process: sizing convictions

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## Conviction levels and criteria

Government bonds (DM & EM)				
SIZING	CONVICTION	PACE	HORIZON	RATING SUPPORT
0% - 1%	low	initiate	< 6 months	B/B2 to AAA/Aaa
1% - 3%	medium	accumulate	6 months to 1 year	B/B2 to AAA/Aaa
3% - 5%	high/tactical view	consolidate & rotate	1 year to 3 years	Investment Grade
5% - 15%	high/secular view	consolidate & rotate	3 years to 5 years	A/A2 to AAA/Aaa

Corporate bonds (DM & EM)				
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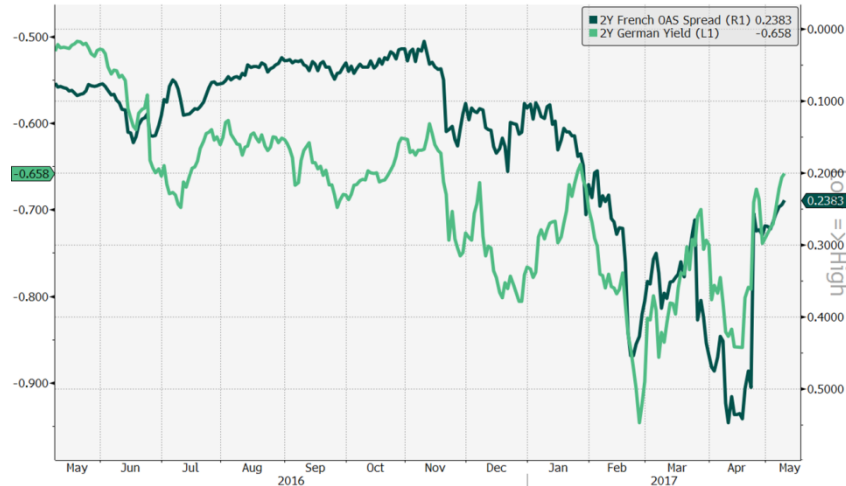
# Market conditions

## *Our strategic market views*



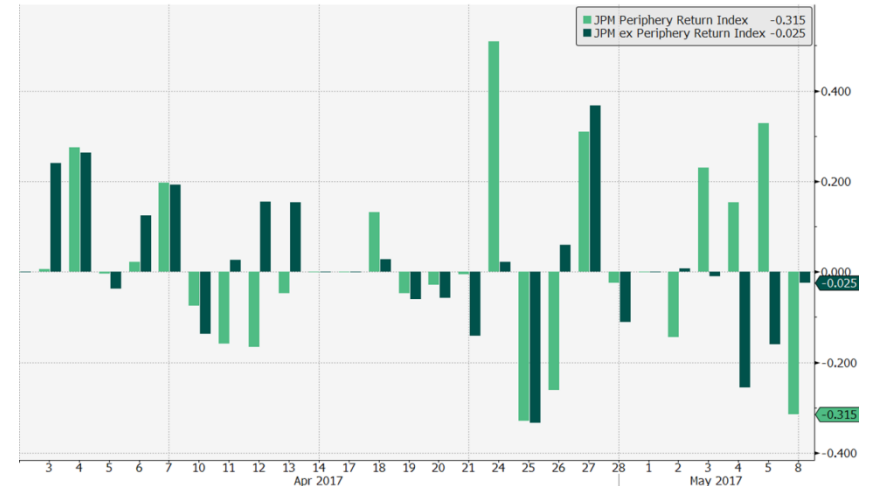
# EUR Rates | French Elections

## Prior Flight Quality Flows Have Reversed Correlations with ST German rates is notable



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## Periphery vs. Non Periphery Post election performance differential was massive



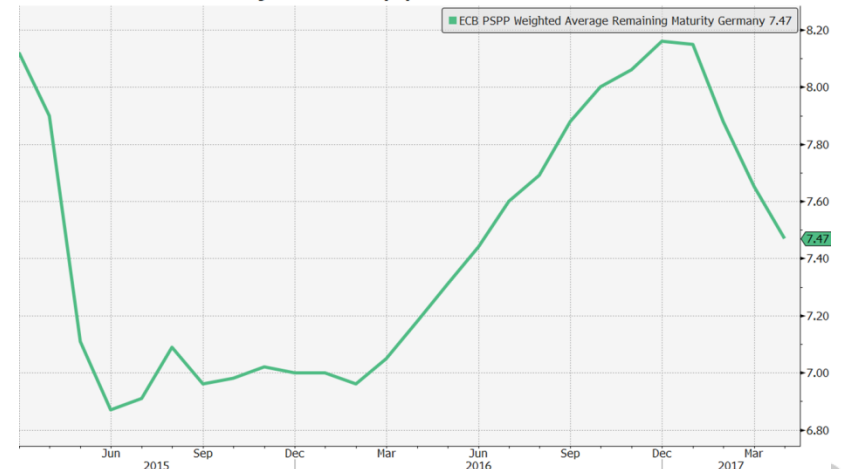
Source: JP Morgan, Bloomberg  
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## Markets Expecting a First Rate Hike in 2019 Recent correlation with Bund Yield is High



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## ECB Induced Steepening Bias Remains Intact ECB PSPP continues to buy German ST paper



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## Bund Back in the Middle of Our Trading Range

Medium term outlook keeps trading range intact



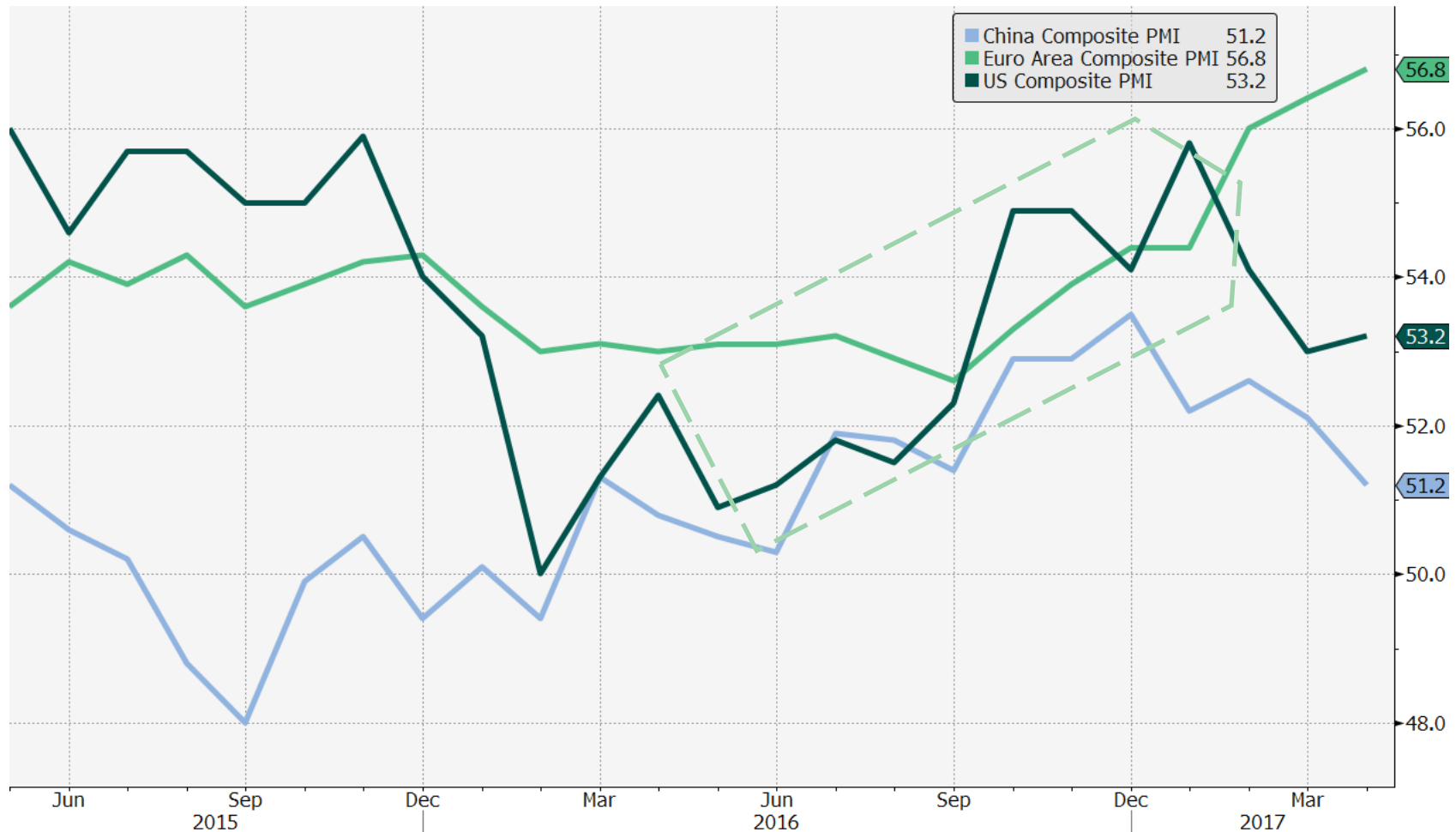
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## Cracks in Global Growth Momentum?

US Q1 soft data and China losing traction



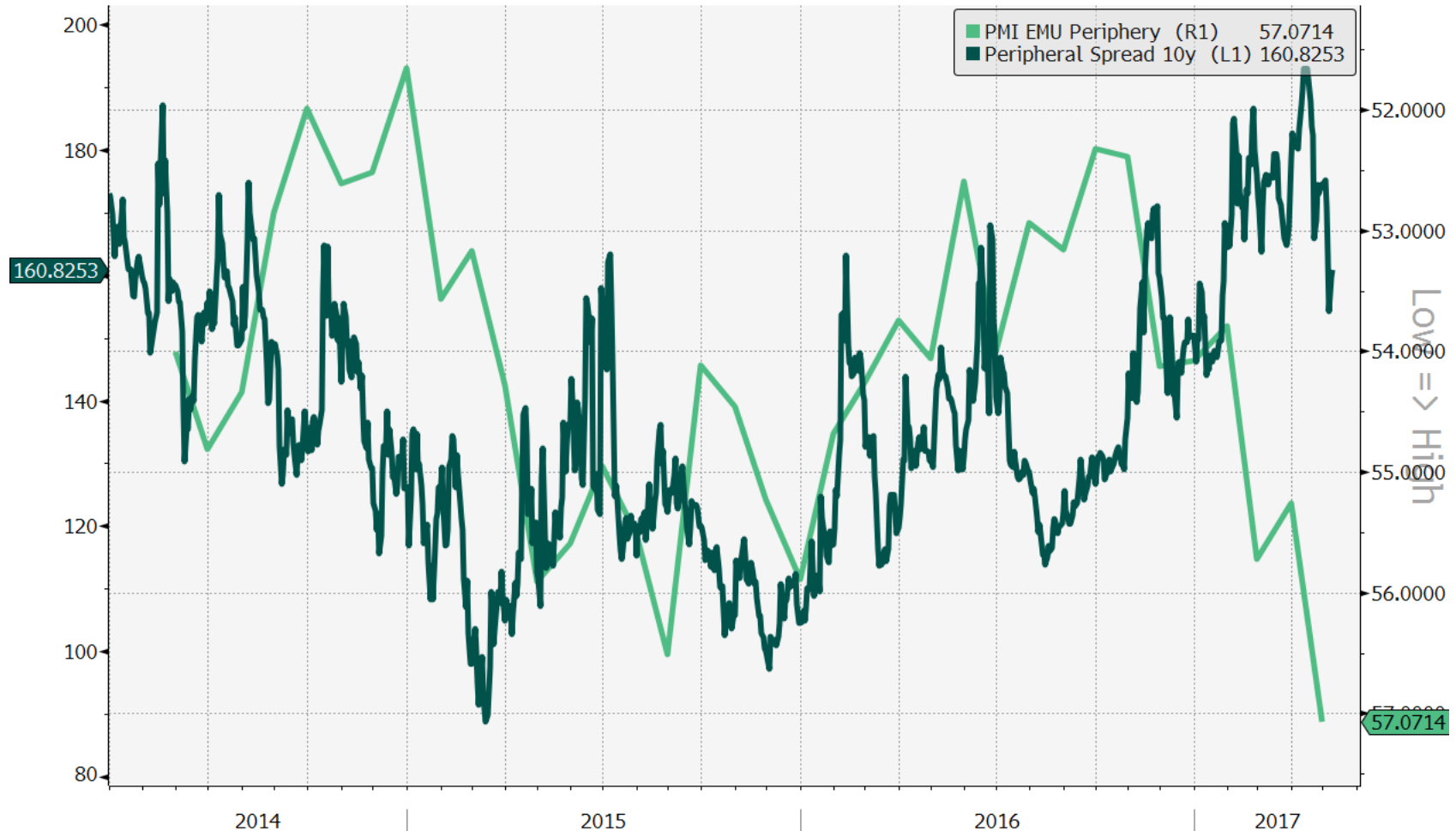
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## Periphery is Gaining Momentum

Convergence of Economic growth should help in case of tapering



Source: Markit, Bloomberg

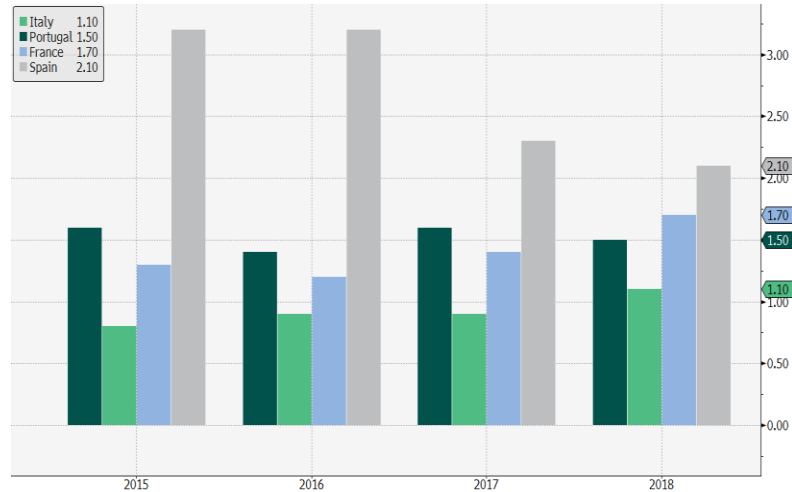
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# EUR Rates | Country Allocation

## Growth Outlook Converging

French outlook is not materially different from periphery



Source: European Commission

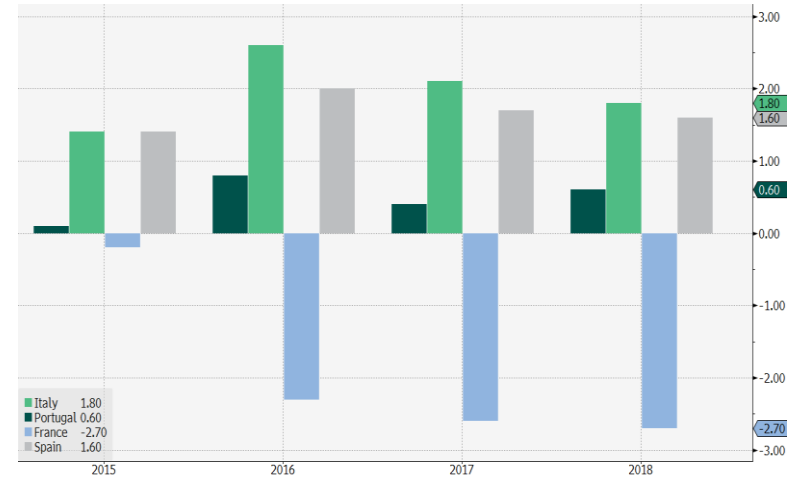
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## Current Account is Improving Fast in Iberian Countries

French outlook worsening in stead of improving



Source: European Commission

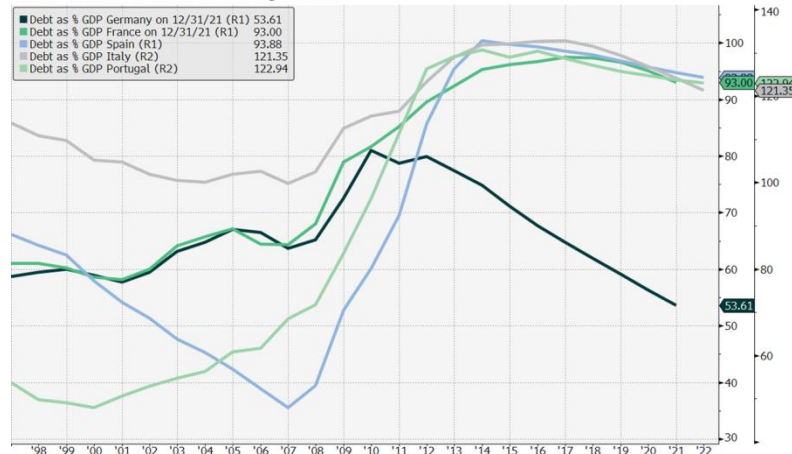
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## Debt Trajectory For France Remains A Challenge

Other countries have better dynamics

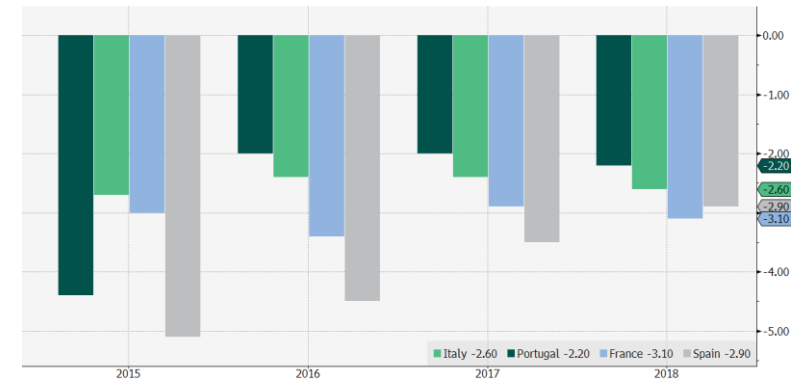


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## Fiscal Balance of the Iberian Countries is Improving

French outlook is worst in class



Source: European Commission

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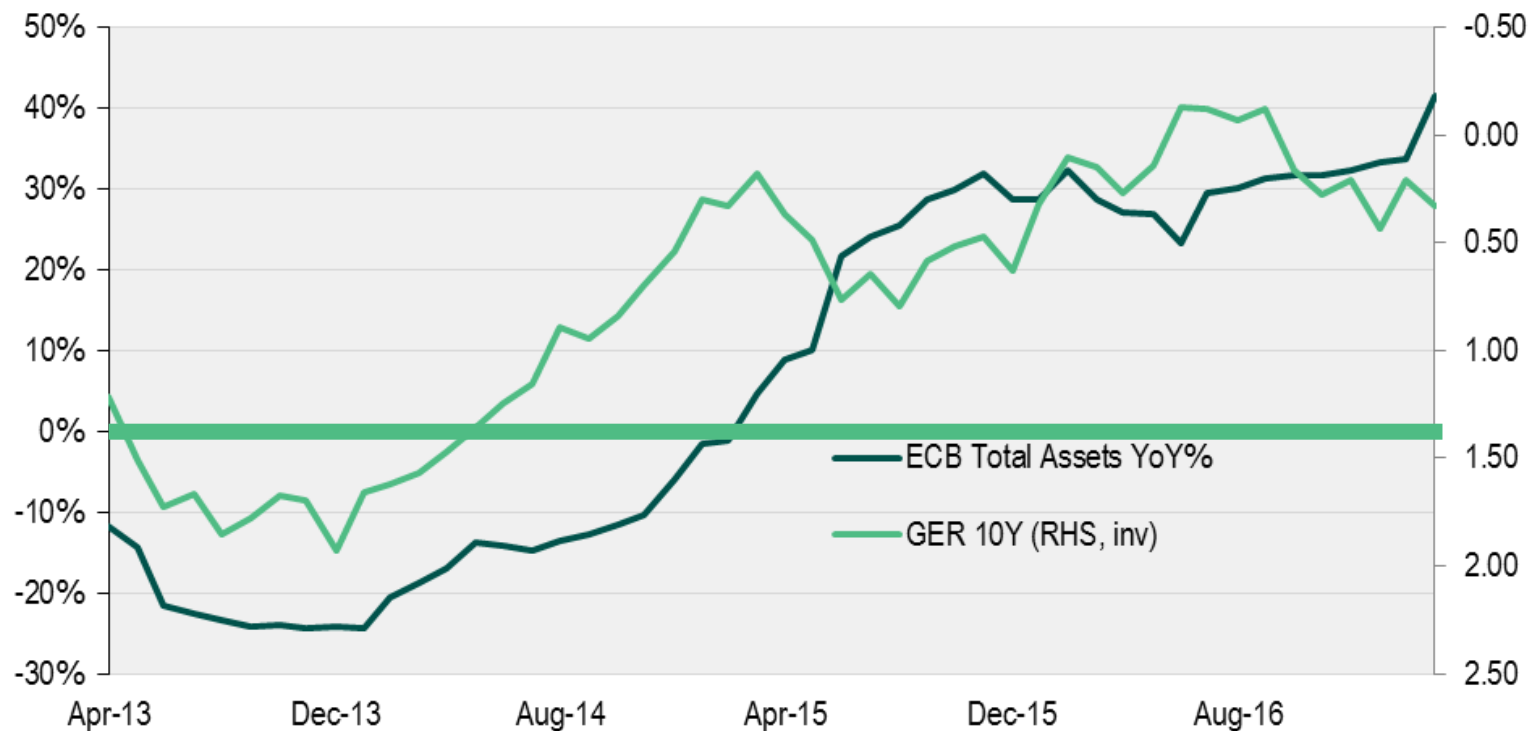
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# EUR Rates — ECB Balance Sheet Size matters

We see German 10 year rates trending towards 1.25% - 1.50% as the ECB tapers and stops its active QE program at the end of 2018, early 2019.



# EUR Rates | Summary View Outlook

## Expect **steeper** curves

**Central banks are communicating willingness for steeper curves.** Sequencing of asset purchases and interest rate hikes should induce steepening bias.

## Expect **higher core rates** throughout the year

Economic recovery is well on track in Euro Area ... **monitor whether US softness in data in seasonal effect and how China evolves.** Current valuations remain historically expensive but flight to quality flows have reversed ... **ECB communication will be key over the coming weeks.** Trading range currently maintained at 5bps - 65 bps

## Expect Inflation linked bonds to act as a hedge for higher rates

**Current valuations remain OK ... base effects have faded!** Slack in the economy will keep it below target. Deflation fears are no more present.

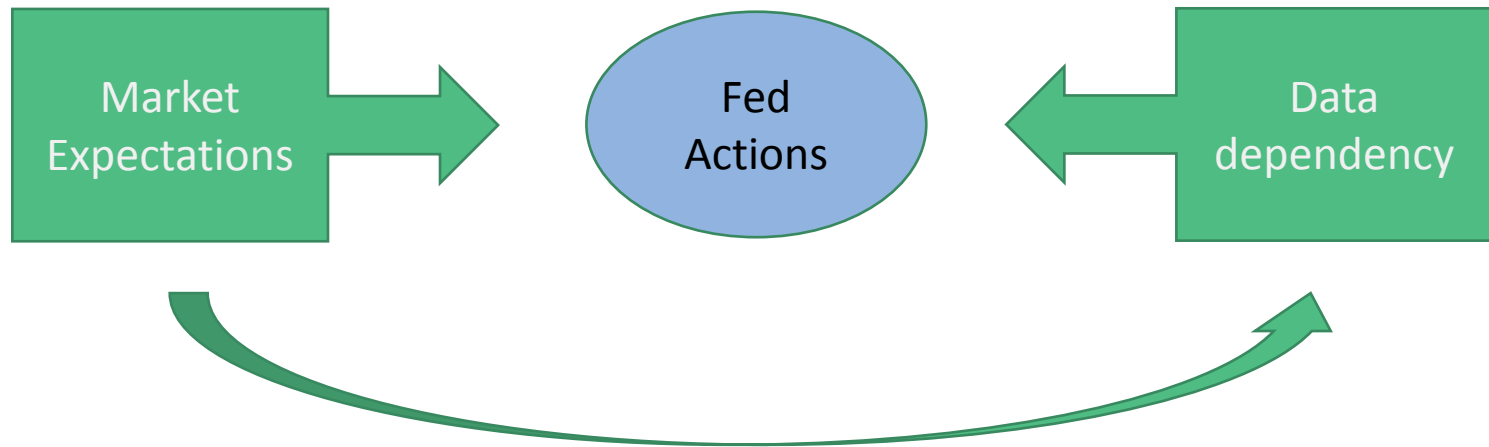
## Expect spread tightening once French Elections are OK

**Busy political calendar in Europe.** Financial market have been spooked by surprise results in outcome of Brexit and US elections. **French election result is market friendly outcome.** **Looking for carry and roll-down + diversification East.** Spreads risk factor loads high in current portfolio



# FED behaviour

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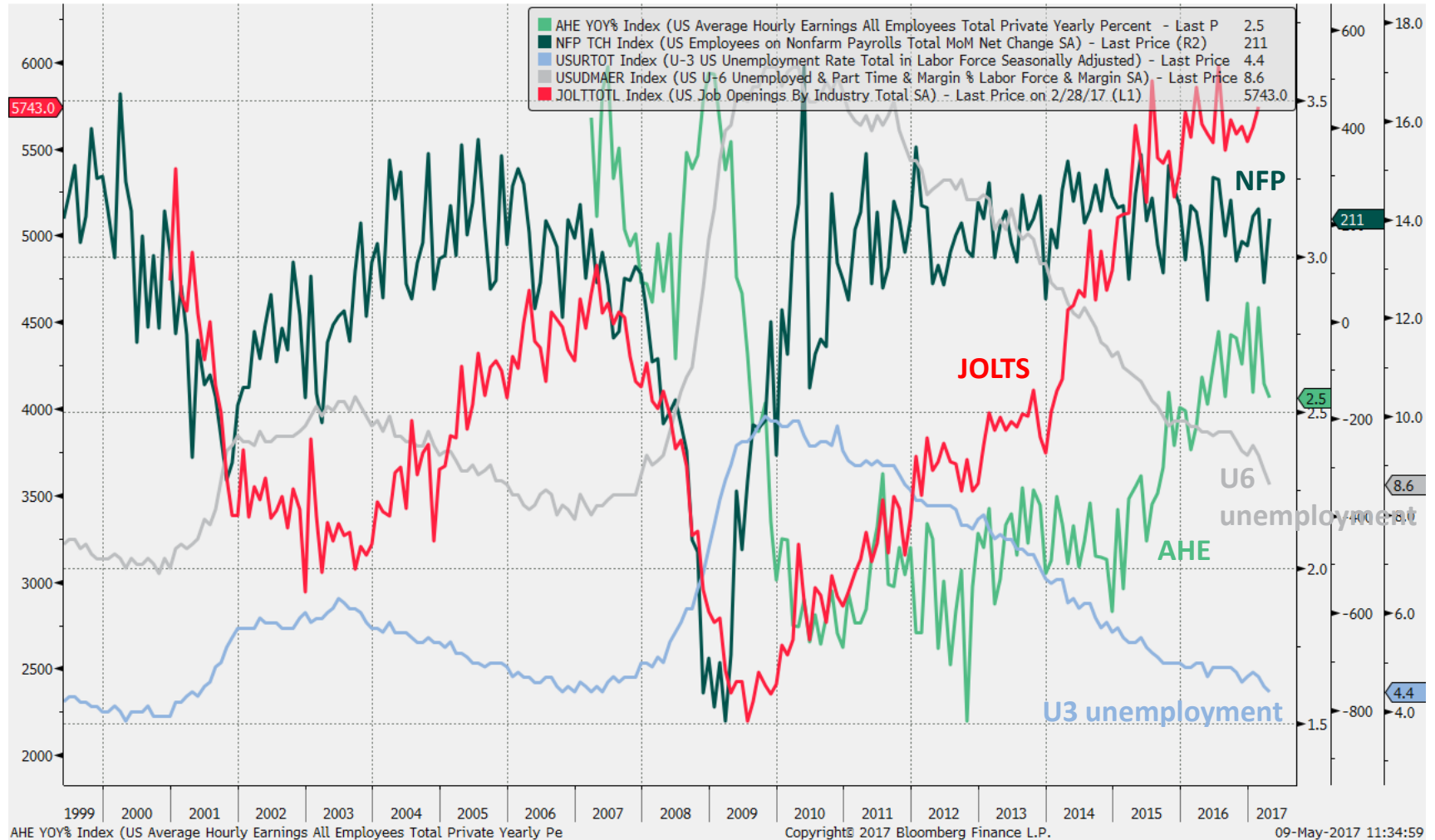


Fed convinced Q1 weakness is temporary  
Fed will therefore stick to its projected hiking path:

- 2 more hikes in 2017
- Modification of QE reinvestment policy
- 3 hikes in 2018

# Inflation outlook supportive for steady policy hiking path by Fed

## US Employment Picture





# Outlook US rates

Market pricing 1.5 more hikes, we expect 2 more in '17

## United States

### General View

Horizon	FED			MM		2Y	5Y	10Y	30Y	Comment
	TARGET LOW	EFFECTIVE	TARGET HIGH	US OIS	LIBOR 3M					
-1M	0.75	0.93	1.00	0.93	1.16	1.23	1.83	2.30	2.93	
Spot	0.75	0.91	1.00	0.93	1.18	1.33	1.91	2.39	3.02	
3M	fwd rate	-	-	1.13	1.45	1.47	2.02	2.47	3.05	We see a hike in 3 hikes in 2017, market expects 2. This will need to push up short rates. Short/Medium term rates might come under pressure, but long end provides attractive carry which we want to capture. Linkers provide a good alternative. We remain cautious on duration, but prefer long real bonds as real rates are likely better protected against yield increases (10-30 years).
	DP forecast					↗	↗	↗	→	
	BB Consensus (Q1 17)	0.95	-	1.2	-	1.33	1.48	-	2.6	-
1Y	fwd rate	-	-	1.41	1.69	1.77	2.28	2.65	3.13	We don't see the risk of a recession over the next year. Rates are fairly priced towards the long end. There is not a lot of Trump policies priced in. These should not be overestimated, but could nonetheless provide upside rate risk.
	DP forecast					↗	↗	↗	→	
	BB Consensus (Q4 17)	1.41	-	1.65	-	1.81	1.93	-	2.9	-
3Y	fwd rate			1.88	2.22	2.49	2.76	3.01	3.29	Rates normalisation on the longer end of the curve following improvement in global outlook, in which case 10 year rates trend towards 3%, 30 year rates to 3.5%, reflecting a convergence towards moderate growth and inflation over the longer term. This medium to long term moderate growth outlook is based on expected demographic effects, combined with low productivity increases and remaining high debt levels. Market is now pricing this in.
	DP forecast					→	→	→	→	
	BB Consensus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	



# Positioning US rates

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- Longer term (3 years out) we see 10y at 3%, 30y at 3.5%
- This is roughly in line with the 3y forward curve
- Current yields very low – move to target may be front loaded
- *Higher treasury yields more likely through higher break-evens*
  - Real yields are expected to remain structurally low over long term
  - We protect portfolio with an allocation to US linkers (10y + part of real curve)
  - “All things being equal, linkers are 50% less likely to be impacted when rates rise...”



# Positioning EM rates

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- Medium term fundamentals remain very supportive. However, we are seeing a number of short term factors signalling a potential consolidation/correction in the market:
  - weaker commodity prices
  - higher US real interest rates
  - underperformance of manufacturing PMIs vs. Developed Market Economies
- That said, longer term factors are still in positive territory, including hard economic data forecasts, attractive valuations and unabated positive flows into the EMD segments (in both hard and local currency), showing that risk appetite does not seem to be at major risk right now.
- We opt to run a cautiously positive stance in the allocation towards EM FX and rates



# Positioning IG grade corporate credit

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- The growth and inflation backdrop, coupled with reduced political risks, has managed to keep credit in the sweet spot.
- The Eurosystem has bought €82bn of corporate bonds since June 8th under its corporate sector purchase program (CSPP).
- **Carry** supports IG credit. The ECB will continue to use extraordinary monetary policy tools to provide a framework for risk sharing and supporting the slow-but steady economic recovery (even after a 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement of a reduction in the ECB's monthly purchases planned for 2018).
- Default risk to remain under control for the foreseeable future thanks to sufficiently robust credit fundamentals and low interest



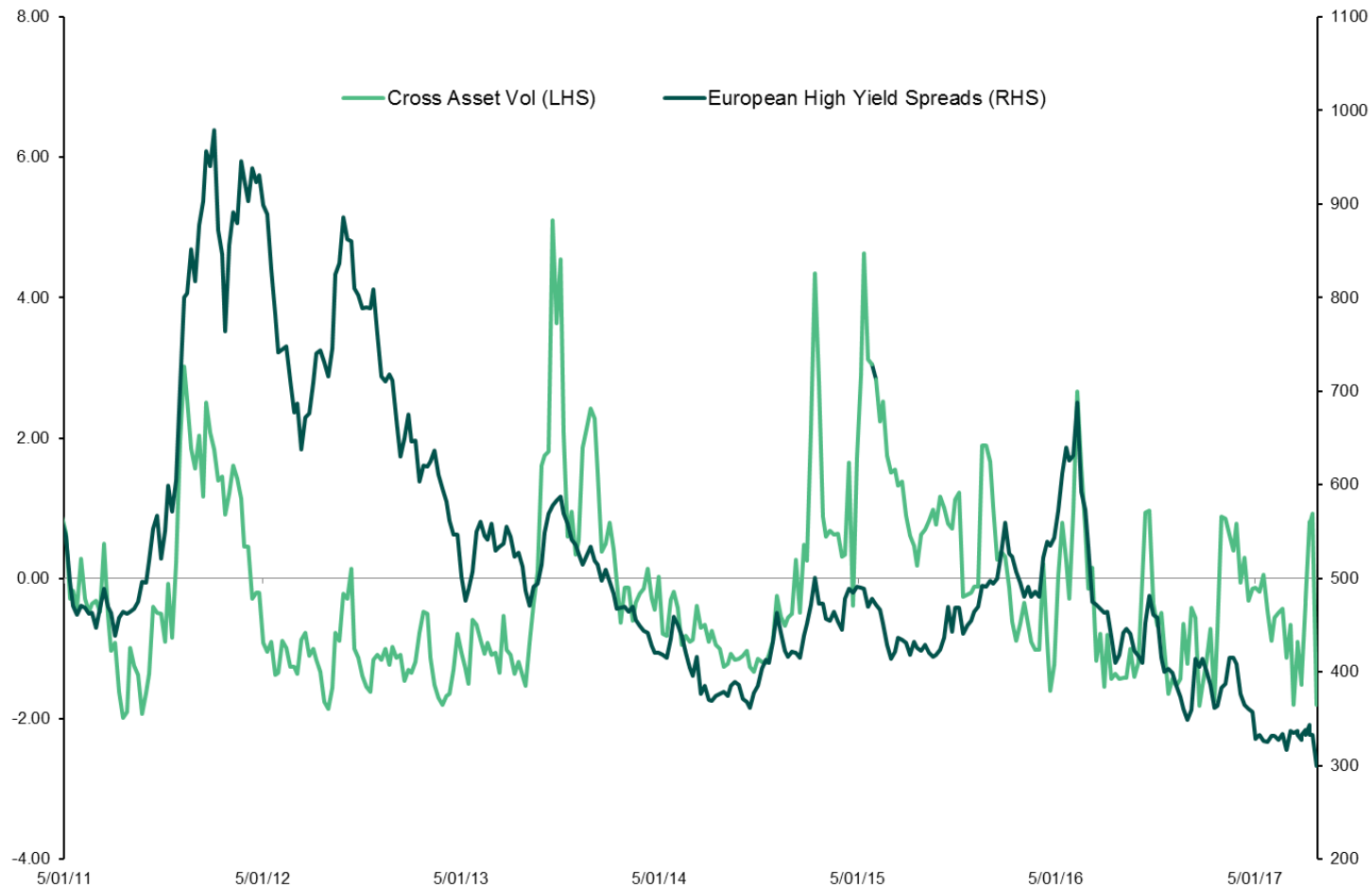
# Positioning HY corporate credit

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- Today macro and micro fundamentals are supportive for the HY asset class.
- However, the current spread level fully reflects it. At current level, spreads do not provide sufficient cushion to protect against any important increase in rates or any decline in equity market valuation.
- In the US, the rally continued at the same pace as in Europe. We remain out of US HY as the sector is well advanced in the credit cycle and prone to ETF driven selling pressure the moment the market encounters stress.



# Positioning € HY corporate credit: holding onto IG candidates



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# The Fund

*Value proposition and convictions*



# Proposition May 12th 2017: yield of 2.79% (2.20% + 0.59%)

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	Univers
YTW	1.36
YTW (Mod Dur Weighted)	2.20
Inflation Breakeven	0.34
Inflation BE (Mod Dur Weighted)	0.59
ModDur	3.13
AUM (MM)	445
Rating	A
LCS (liquidity cost score in %)	0.46





# Country distribution: relative value in France, Italy, Spain and Portugal

## Weight / Country

	Univers
Cash	6.19%
Austria	-
Belgium	3.36%
Denmark	-
Finland	0.61%
France	10.14%
Germany	1.38%
Greece	-
Ireland	0.66%
Italy	8.95%
Luxembourg	-
Netherlands	3.40%
Norway	-
Poland	-
Portugal	3.31%
Spain	11.31%
Sweden	4.28%
Switzerland	5.35%
United Kingdom	7.48%
United States	28.81%
OtherDev	3.13%
OtherEM	4.15%
Fund	-
Deriv	-2.51%
Other	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>GIIPS</b>	<b>24.23%</b>
EMU countries	43.13%

## France (10.14 % AuM)

- EDF: 3.54%
- Total: 2.67%
- Ingenico: 1.68% (convertible)
- Axa: 1.23%
- BNPP: 0.67%
- Imerys: 0.34%

## Italy (8.95% AuM)

- Italian Gov. Bonds: 7.09%
- Enel: 1.86%

## Spain (11.31% AuM)

- Spanish Gov. Bonds: 9.83%
- Santander: 0.98%
- Telefonica: 0.50%

## Portugal (3.31% AuM)

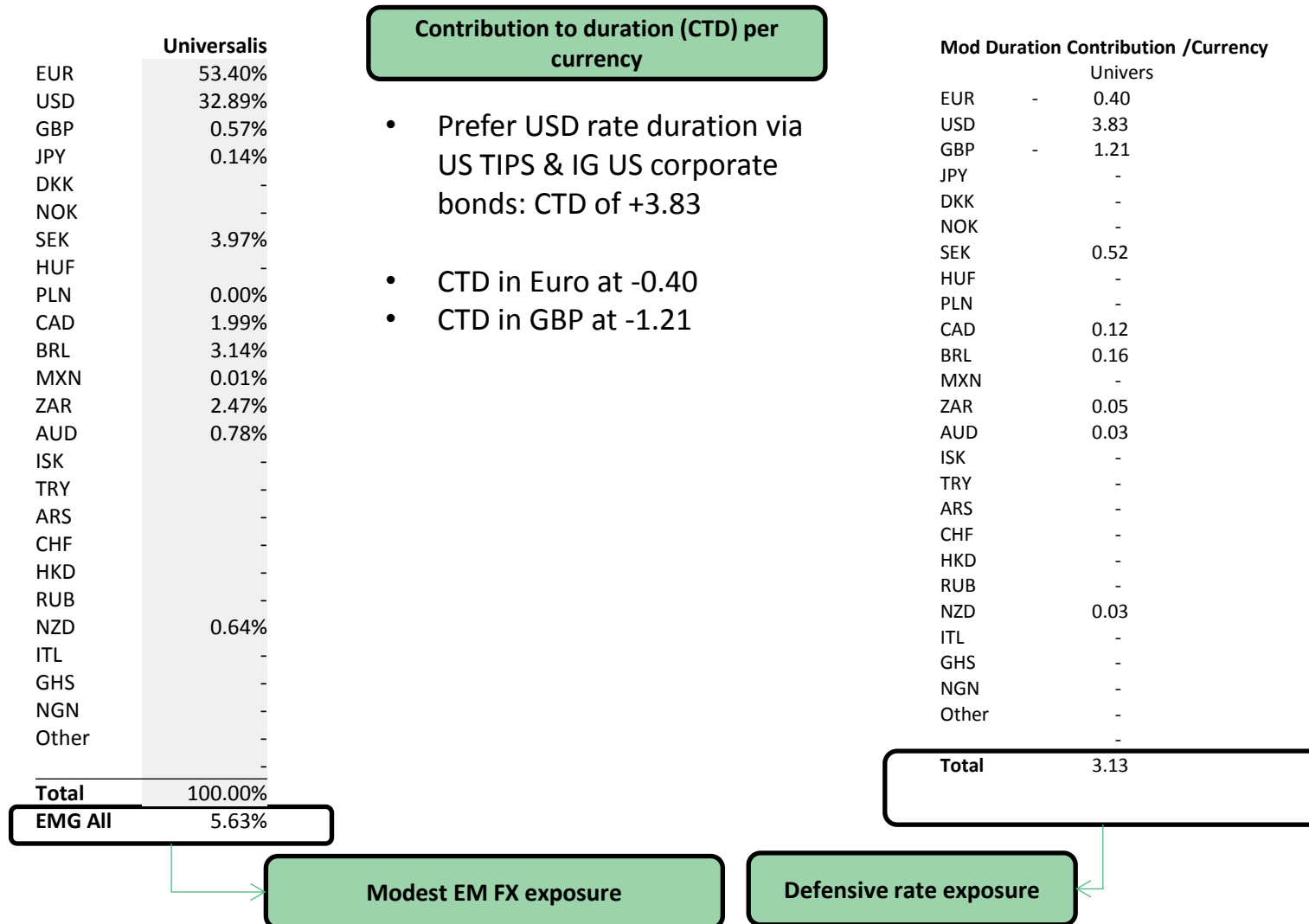
- Portugal Gov. Bonds: 1.72%
- EDP: 1.59%

## Mod Duration Contribution / Country (Analysis not valid with Equity in portfolio)

	Univers
Cash	-
Austria	-
Belgium	0.14
Denmark	-
Finland	0.00
France	0.78
Germany	0.05
Greece	-
Ireland	0.07
Italy	0.95
Luxembourg	-
Netherlands	0.26
Norway	-
Poland	-
Portugal	0.29
Spain	1.68
Sweden	0.52
Switzerland	0.35
United Kingdom	0.69
United States	3.70
OtherDev	0.19
OtherEM	0.20
Fund	-
Deriv	- 6.75
Other	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.13</b>



# Currency distribution: lowered USD exposure by 5% in favor of SEK, CAD & AUD



# Main components: increased allocation to government bonds and financials; reduced allocation to IG credit and exited on EM credit

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## Weight / Building Block

### Universalis

Cash 6.18%

Nominal Govt 23.65%

Inflation Linked 20.15%

Covered -

Financial 23.33%

High Beta Corp 4.28%

Low Beta Corp 23.22%

Convertible 1.68%

Emerging Corp IG -

Rate & Credit Hedges -2.51%

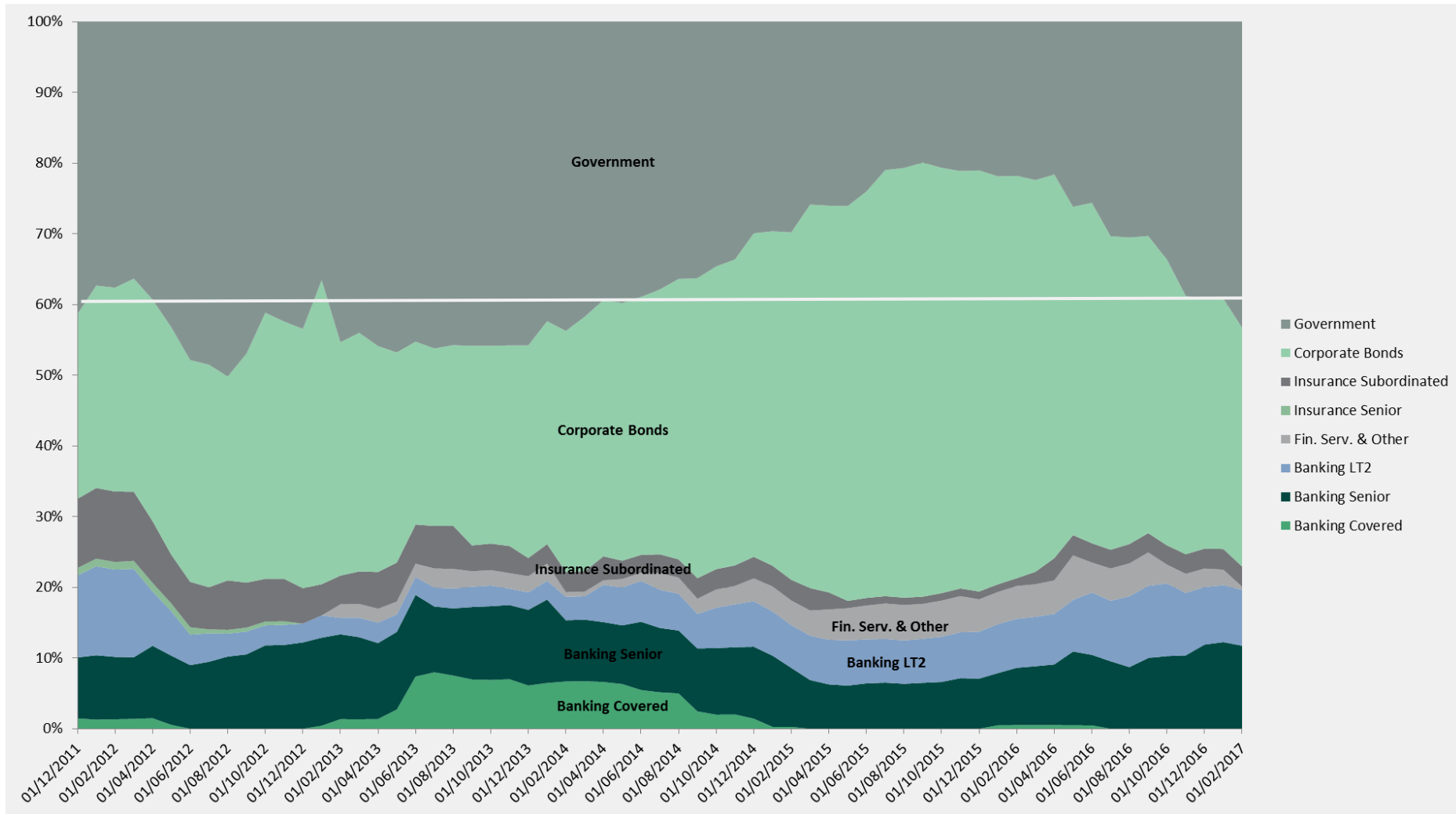
Equity -

Other 0.00%

Total 100.00%



# Sector exposure through time: as of Q1 2016 slow rotation out of credit into government bonds

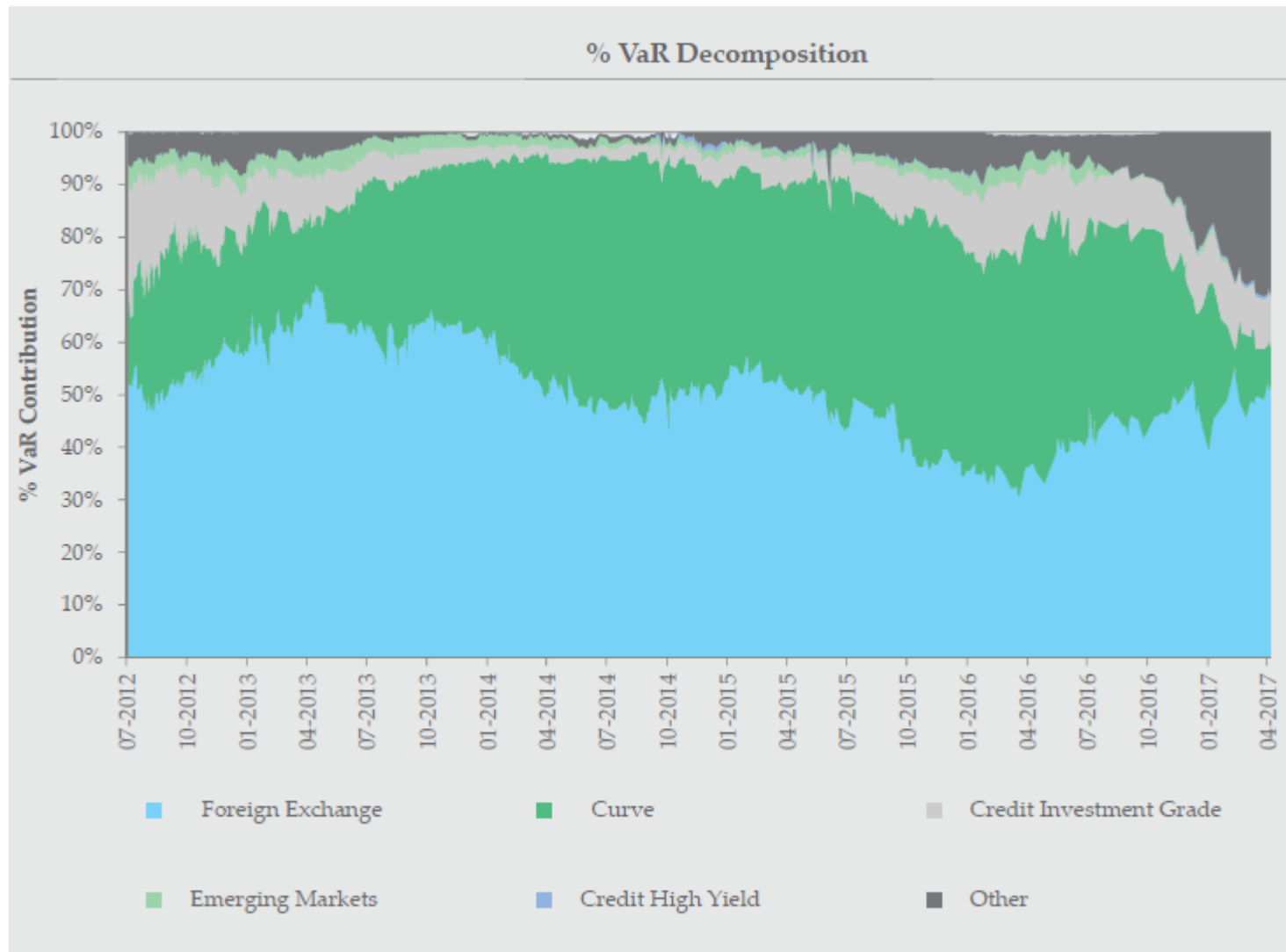


# Momentum, carry, value and protection accents within fund

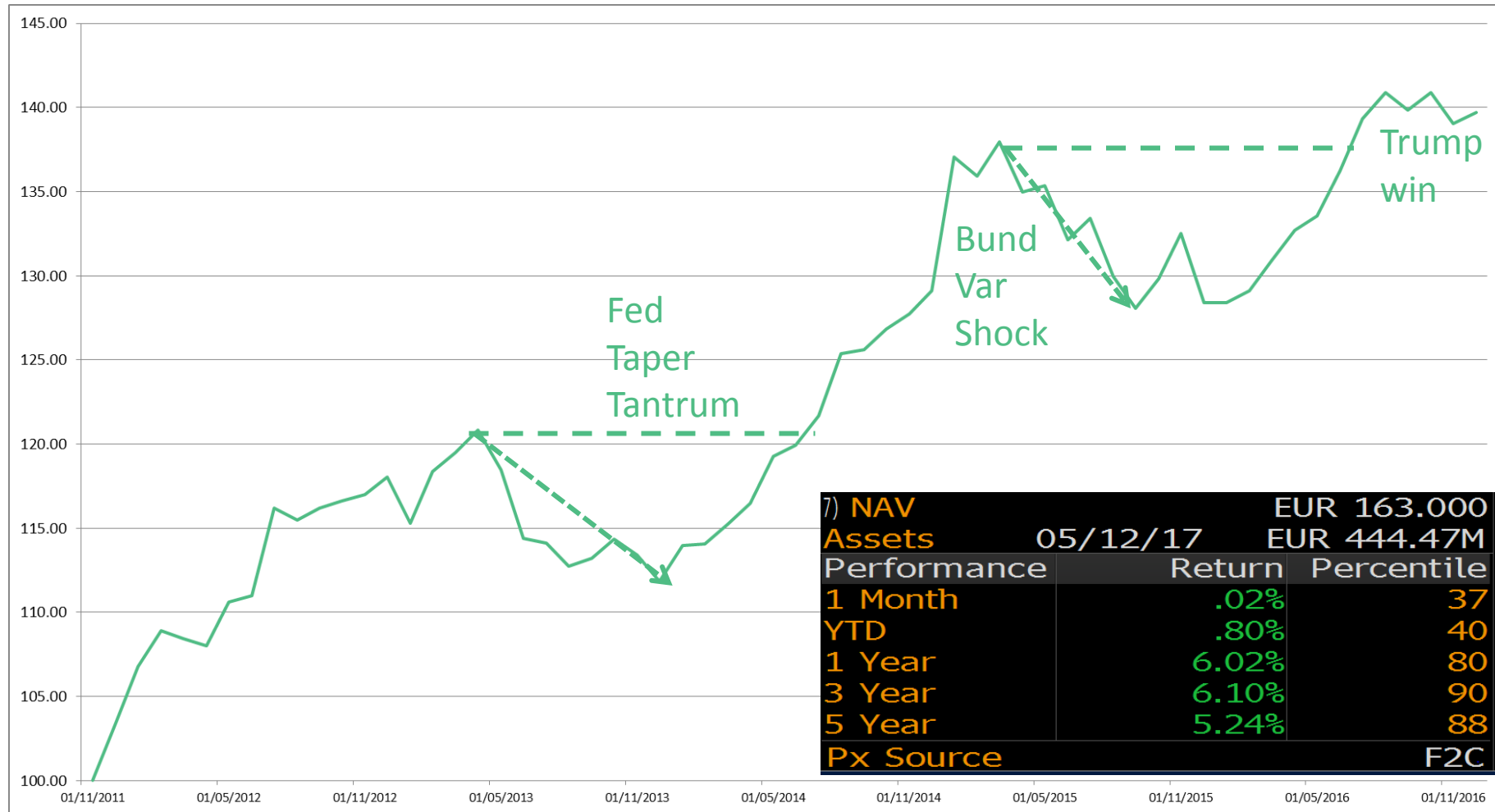
	Rates	Credit	FX
<b>Momentum</b>	Stalling	Stalling	USD
<b>Carry</b>	Spain/Italy	USD IG credit	BRL and ZAR
<b>Value</b>	US long end TIPS Portugal	€ HY and IG corporate hybrids	SEK
<b>Protection</b>	Short 30y Bund Short 10y Bund Short 30y US Long Bond Short 10y Gilts	<b>Long Itraxx Crossover protection</b>	GBP



# Ex-ante risk factor exposures through time



# Above average capital growth...

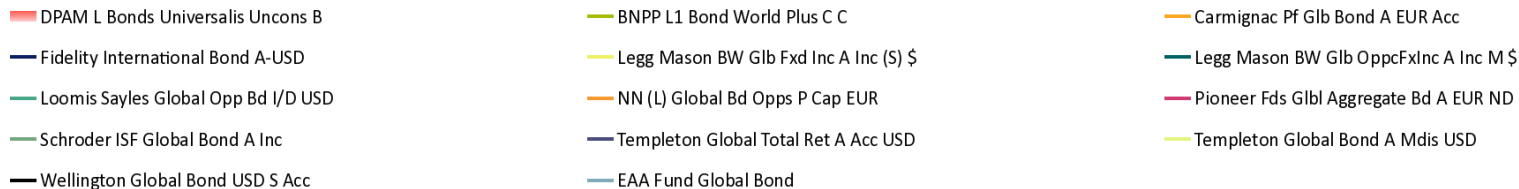
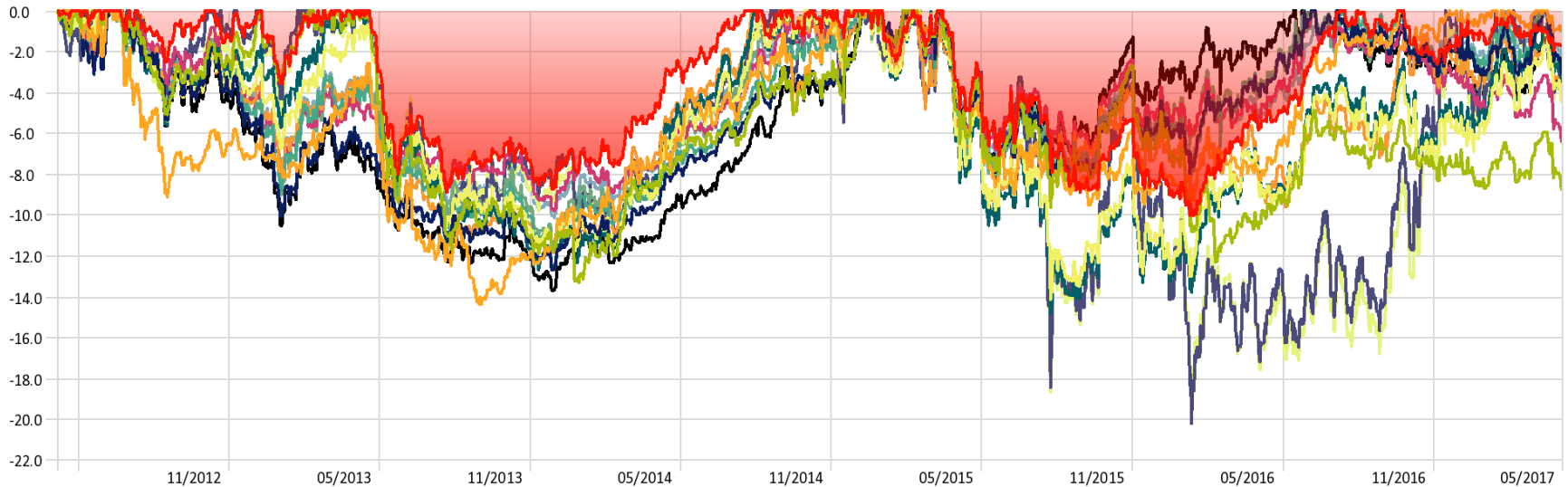


# ...with below average drawdowns

## Drawdown

Time Period: 06/05/2012 to 05/05/2017

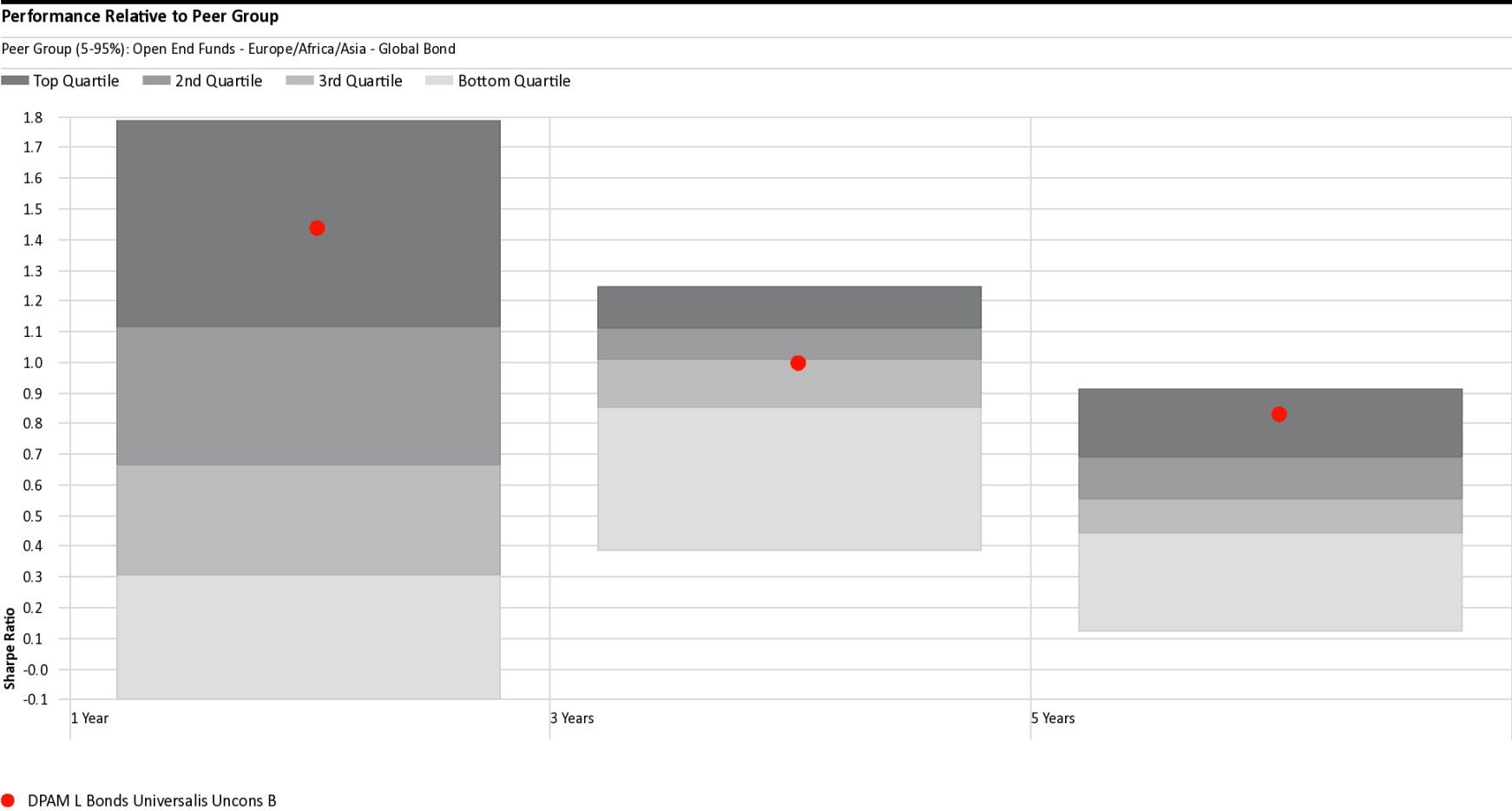
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Source: Morningstar Direct



# Ranking according to Sharp ratio by Morningstar: category Global Bonds



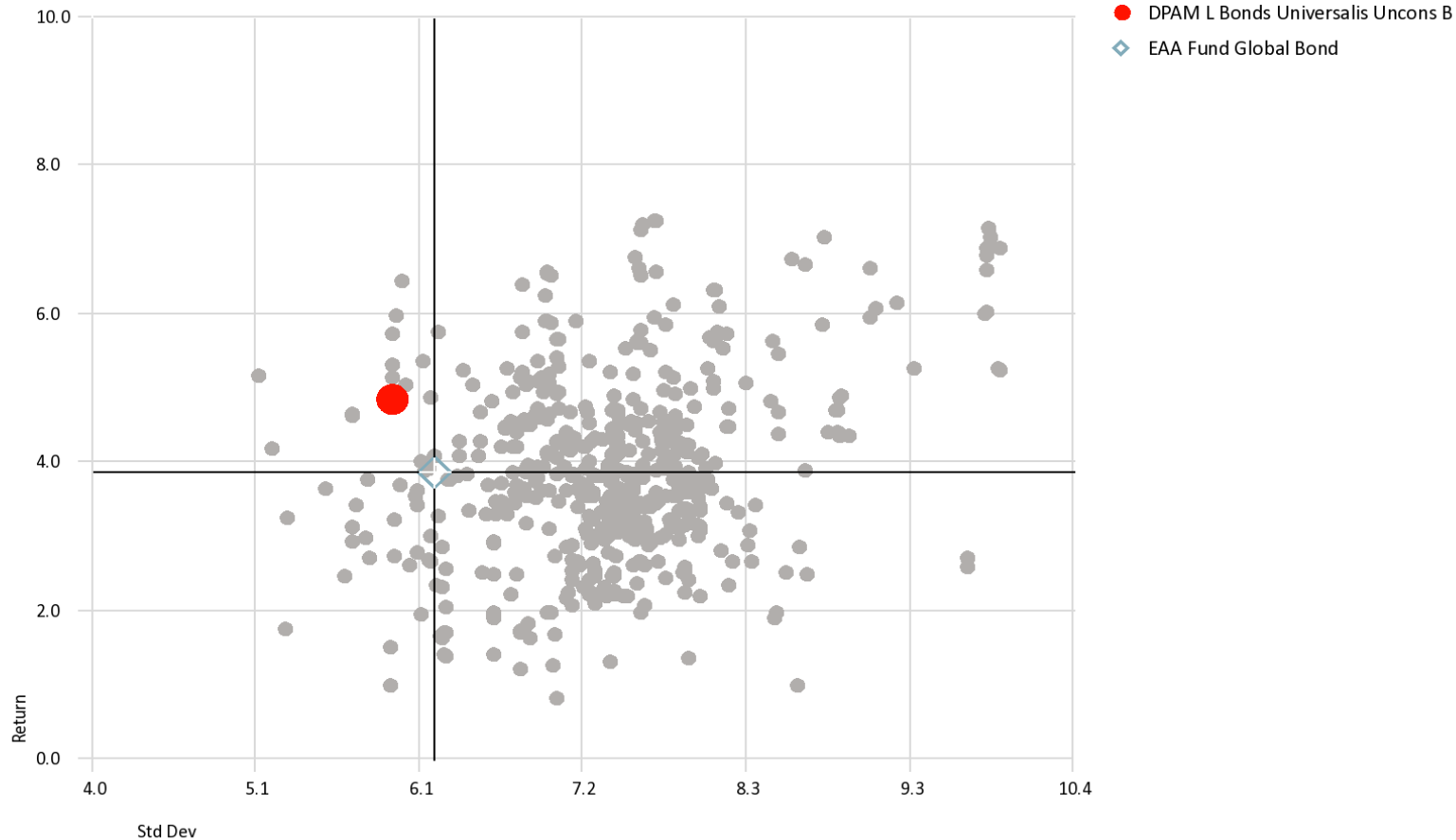
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# Ranking according to Return/StdDev by Morningstar: category Global Bonds

## Risk-Reward

Time Period: 01/05/2012 to 30/04/2017

Peer Group (5-95%): Open End Funds - Europe/Africa/Asia - Global Bond



Source: Morningstar Direct

# Why unconstrained in bonds?

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- Flexible and high conviction approach bypassing specific sectors
- Attractive alternative for yield-seeking investors
- We source and assemble bond risk premia globally across liquid bond markets
- Our credit selection is researched by dedicated analysts
- The fund respects a defined volatility range through a proven risk control process
- The fund avoids complacency



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ISIN-Code	WKN	Share Class	Type of investor	Type of share	Fund Domicile	Currency	Subscription Fee	Management Fee
LU0138638068	691371	A	retail	DIS	Luxembourg	EUR	Max 2%	0,75%
LU0138643068	983762	B	retail	CAP	Luxembourg	EUR	Max 2%	0,75%
LU0174543826	A0PDR2	E	institutional	DIS	Luxembourg	EUR	Max 1%	0,40%
LU0174544550	A0PDR3	F	Institutional	CAP	Luxembourg	EUR	Max 1%	0,40%

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