

# PIMCO International Bond Fund (Unhedged)

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The PIMCO International Bond Fund (Unhedged) returned 0.87% after fees in March, outperforming the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD (USD Unhedged) Index by 0.63%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned -2.38% at NAV, while the benchmark returned -3.21%.

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### Contributors

- Underweight exposure to duration in the U.S., as yields rose.
- Selection across the coupon stack within U.S. agency MBS.
- Long exposure to U.S. non-agency MBS and high-quality CLOs, as spreads tightened.

### Detractors

- Overweight exposure to duration in the U.K., as yields rose.
- Underweight exposure to duration in China, as yields fell.
- Long exposure to the Japanese yen, as the currency depreciated against a basket of major developed market currencies.

	Month end performance 31 March 2024				Quarter end performance 31 March 2024			
	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	YTD	1 yr.	5 yrs.	10 yrs.	Since inception
■ PIMCO International Bond Fund (Unhedged) share class INST at NAV (%)	-2.38	7.37	1.56	-2.38	1.56	-1.61	-0.47	2.82
■ Benchmark (%)	-3.21	5.71	-0.71	-3.21	-0.71	-2.49	-1.38	1.74

**Benchmark:** Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD (USD Unhedged) Index

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A Shares	PFUAX	INST Shares	PFUIX
ADMIN Shares	PFUUX	I-2 Shares	PFUPX
C Shares	PFRCX	I-3 Shares	PFUNX

Fund Inception Date	30 April 2004
Shareclass INST Inception Date	30 April 2004
Total Net Assets (in millions)	\$830.8

### Performance Characteristics

INST 30-day SEC yield <sup>1</sup>	4.13%
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<sup>1</sup>The 30 day SEC Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days.

### Basic Facts

Dividend frequency	Monthly with Daily Accrual
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### Fund Expenses

INST share Gross Expense Ratio	0.66%
INST share Adjusted Expense Ratio	0.50%

The Adjusted Expense Ratio excludes certain investment expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from investments on short sales, incurred directly by the Fund or indirectly through the Fund’s investments in underlying PIMCO Funds (if applicable), none of which are paid to PIMCO.

### Portfolio Managers

Andrew Balls, Sachin Gupta, Lorenzo Pagani

### Fund Statistics

Effective Duration (yrs)	5.76
Effective Maturity (yrs)	5.95
Sharpe Ratio (10 year)	-0.18
Volatility (10 year)	8.64%

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

The Fund is underweight overall duration, focusing on countries where yields have reached attractive levels. We maintain an overweight to duration in Australia and increased our underweight in the U.S. We remain overweight duration in the U.K. and close to neutral duration in Europe. The Fund expresses a key underweight in Japan, focusing on the longer-end of the curve given the end to the yield curve control regime established by the Bank of Japan.

Furthermore, we reduced our underweight to Chinese rates.

We are more constructive on corporate credit given a relatively resilient macro backdrop, but remain cautious in our overall spread exposure given tight valuations. We hold a reduced underweight to non-financial investment grade corporate credit. We prefer instead senior securitized assets, like non-agency mortgages. We maintain an overweight to agency MBS, favoring higher coupons. Within sovereign spread strategies, we remain close to neutral in Eurozone peripheral countries.

Currency strategies continue to act as a diversifying strategy in the portfolio and positioning remains tactical. We focus on relative value with longs to a basket of currencies with attractive valuations, high real carry, and/or supportive fundamentals. We use a diversified basket of funding currencies from developed markets and Asia.

## QUARTER IN REVIEW

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Sovereign rate strategies contributed to relative performance over the quarter. Contributions from underweight exposure to duration in the U.S. more than offset detractions from overweight exposure to duration in the U.K. and underweight exposure to duration in China.

Spread sector strategies contributed to relative performance over the quarter, primarily from selection across the coupon stack within U.S. agency MBS and long exposure to U.S. non-agency MBS and high-quality CLOs.

Currency strategies contributed to relative performance over the quarter. Contributions from short exposure to the Chinese yuan more than offset detractions from long exposure to the Japanese yen.

## Regional diversification (Duration in Years) Fund

Eurozone	2.6
United Kingdom	1.1
Japan	1.0
Dollar Block	1.0
EM - Asia	0.6
EM - CEEMEA	0.3
Europe non-EMU	0.2
EM - Latin America	0.0
Other Industrialized Countries	0.0
EM - Other	0.0

## Sector Allocation (% Duration Weighted Exposure) Fund

Government Related	51.2
Inflation Linked	4.6
Securitized <sup>§</sup>	21.9
Covered Bonds and Pfandbriefe	2.1
Investment Grade Credit	3.7
High Yield Credit	0.1
Municipals	0.1
EM External <sup>®</sup>	6.1
EM Local <sup>®</sup>	10.8
Other <sup>△</sup>	0.0
Net Other Short Duration Instruments <sup>¶</sup>	-0.8

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Higher savings balances and a slower pass-through of monetary policy in the U.S. relative to other developed markets could, in our view, keep inflation above the Fed's 2% target over the cyclical horizon. We still expect the Fed to start normalizing policy at midyear, similar to other DM central banks; however, the Fed's subsequent rate-cutting path could be more gradual. Additionally, we believe that an economic soft landing is achievable, but both recessionary and inflationary risks remain elevated in the aftermath of unprecedented global shocks to supply and demand.

In this uncertain environment, we favor portfolio flexibility and liquidity to respond to events and potentially take advantage of opportunities. We are underweight duration in the Fund as central banks assess the speed and timing of rate cuts, contributing to elevated volatility. From a country standpoint, we favor taking duration in the U.K. and dollar bloc countries (primarily Australia) vs. Japan. We continue to hold a moderate allocation to TIPS in the portfolio based on attractive valuations. We hold exposure to select developed market currencies (USD, JPY), as well as select emerging markets currencies (IDR, INR, ZAR, PLN, BRL, MXN) based on valuations.

In spread sectors, we continue to be cautious within corporate credit, focusing on security selection. We remain focused on securitized assets, such as U.S. non-Agency mortgages, which we believe offer defensive qualities in addition to reasonable risk premia for liquidity, complexity, and uncertainty over the timing of cash flows.

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