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## DEVON GLOBAL IMPACT BOND FUND

MONTHLY REPORT: MARCH 2026

### SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The **Devon Global Impact Bond Fund** is actively managed and seeks to understand the world's social and environmental problems and to identify and invest primarily in debt issued by companies and organisations that we believe are addressing these needs in a differentiated way through their core products, services and projects. Through the Fund's investments, we seek to improve access to, and the quality of, basic life essentials, reduce inequality and mitigate the effects of climate change. The Fund seeks to deliver long term total returns in excess of the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (hedged to NZD).

### PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference
Effective Duration (Years)	6.52	6.15	0.37
Spread Duration (Years)	6.60	5.98	0.62
Credit Spread Duration (Years)	4.58	2.32	2.26
Yield to Worst	5.51	4.85	0.67
Average Quality	A+	AA-	

### ALLOCATION

Wellington Global Impact Bond Fund NZD Hedged	99.8%	Cash	0.2%
Currency Hedge (100% to NZD)	100.0%	Total	100.0%

### PERFORMANCE

	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr p.a
Devon Global Impact Bond Fund	-2.2%	-0.8%	2.2%	3.7%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index Hedged NZD	-2.0%	-0.6%	2.0%	3.3%

Devon Global Impact Bond Fund returns are after all fees and expenses, but before tax which varies by investor.

### MARKET REVIEW

In March, tension in the Middle East triggered concerns about inflation, energy costs and flows, driving global sovereign yields higher. Fixed income sectors posted mixed excess returns as credit spreads widened amid mounting uncertainty.

US economic data reflected underlying resilience with pockets of strength despite elevated uncertainty. The labor market showed modest signs of softening as continuing claims rose while initial jobless claims remained stable. Eurozone inflation picked up amid surging energy costs. Investor sentiment turned negative reflecting pessimism over geopolitical tensions.

Global credit markets underperformed duration-equivalent government bonds over the month as spreads widened. The financials, industrials, and utilities sectors underperformed relative to duration-equivalent government bonds. Broadly, municipal bonds underperformed duration-equivalent Treasuries. Within the securitized sectors, asset-backed securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities underperformed duration-equivalent government bonds, while agency mortgage-backed securities outperformed.

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## FUND PERFORMANCE AND ATTRIBUTION

The portfolio generated a negative total return during the month and underperformed the Bloomberg Global Aggregate hedged to NZD index.

The portfolio's corporate credit positioning had a negative impact on performance overall. At the broad sector level, both high yield credit and US investment grade corporates underperformed duration-equivalent government bonds. An underweight to US investment grade corporates had a negative impact on relative performance, as did an allocation to US high yield credit.

An allocation to emerging market high yield corporates, mainly utility issuers, invested in the clean water and sanitation theme, and industrial issuers, invested in the digital divide theme, had a negative impact on relative results.

An overweight to agency mortgage back securities (MBS) in support of the affordable housing theme had a slightly negative impact on relative performance.

An allocation to taxable municipals, primarily allotted to education & training and health themes, had a positive effect on relative results.

Overall duration and yield curve positioning had a neutral impact on performance.

## MARKET REVIEW (CONTINUED)

*Not applicable this month*

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER

### Campe Goodman

Campe is ultimately accountable for all performance and risk management decisions in the Global Impact Bond portfolio. Campe is the final decision maker who is responsible for performance, positioning, and risk

in Global Impact Bond portfolios. Campe has 23 years of industry experience and has managed the underlying Wellington Global Impact Bond fund since its inception in 2017.



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## CONTRIBUTION TO DURATION YEARS

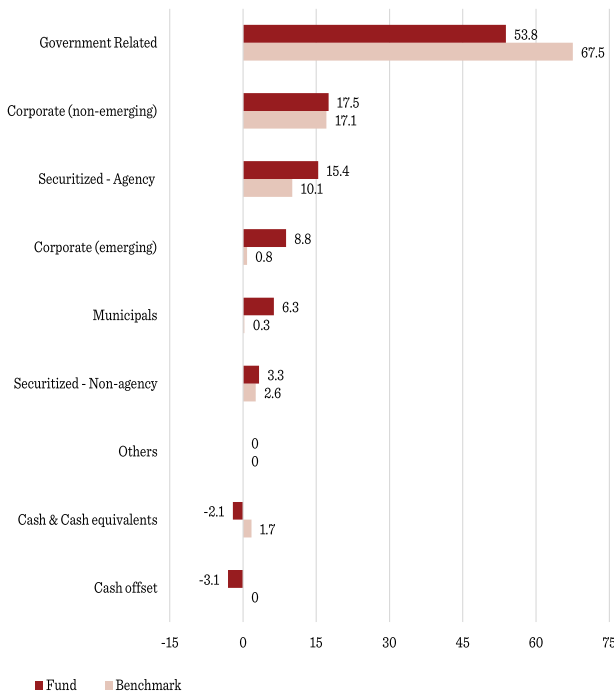
SECTOR	Account	Benchmark	Difference
Cash & Cash Equivalents	-0.00	0.00	-0.00
US Government	0.93	1.09	-0.17
Credit*	4.68	4.33	0.34
Asset Backed Securities	0.03	0.01	0.03
Mortgage Backed	0.85	0.61	0.24
Commercial Mortgage	0.02	0.02	-0.00
Other	0.02	0.09	-0.07
Cash Offset	-	-	-
	<b>6.52</b>	<b>6.15</b>	<b>0.37</b>

\*Credit includes Tax-Exempt Municipals, Investment Grade and High Yield Credits, Bank Loans, Emerging Market Debt, and Developed Non US Dollar Denominated Securities.

## CREDIT RATING % MARKET VALUE

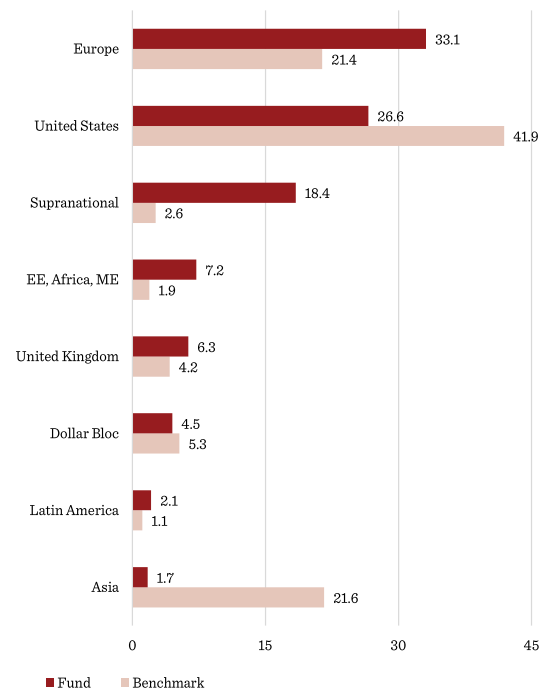
QUALITY	Account	Benchmark	Difference
Cash	-3.7	0.37	-4.07
AAA	32.74	11.56	20.88
AA	30.42	40.05	-9.62
A	14.16	33.73	-19.57
BBB	17.36	13.72	3.64
BB	3.77	0.03	3.75
B	6.68	0.00	6.68
Below B	0.28	-	0.28
Cash Offset	-3.14	-	-3.14
Not Rated	1.41	0.24	1.17
	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	

## SECTOR DISTRIBUTION % MARKET VALUE



Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

## GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION % MARKET VALUE



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## FUND POSITIONING AND OUTLOOK\*

Growth remains supported by fiscal tailwinds, deregulation, and continued AI-driven investment, but the backdrop has become more fragile. Elevated energy prices and geopolitical uncertainty are tightening financial conditions, increasing the risk that growth slows as the year progresses. Inflation progress has been uneven, with progress on shelter prices offset by recent upside risks tied to higher energy costs, tariffs, and emerging second-round effects. The Fed remains on hold as policy uncertainty intensifies.

Against this backdrop, we see attractive upside potential in selectively capitalizing on credit market dislocations as they emerge. At the same time, we are actively monitoring key risks to our outlook and remain prepared to adjust your portfolio exposures should conditions warrant.

In terms of positioning, the portfolio remains underweight in investment-grade credit, instead favoring opportunities in select out-of-benchmark sectors. These include high-quality securitized credit-supported by tight housing supply and resilient consumer fundamentals-and select emerging markets where valuations appear compelling and fundamentals are improving.

From a sector perspective, the portfolio maintains an off-benchmark allocation to select taxable municipals, emphasizing healthcare and education issuers. The portfolio holds select below investment-grade corporates and bank loan issuers that in our view carry attractive credit spreads.

The portfolio maintains an overweight to agency MBS issuers with a focus on supporting housing affordability for low-income borrowers. We continue to hold select single-asset single borrower CMBS backed by LEED certified buildings.

The portfolio maintains exposure to labelled use-of-proceeds government and agency bonds intended to fund green, social, and sustainability-related projects.

*\*These views are those of Wellington Management, who have been appointed as the underlying investment manager for the Devon Global Impact Bond Fund.*



## INDEPENDENT IMPACT VERIFICATION



An early mover in public-market impact investing, Wellington launched its first impact strategy in 2015 and joined the Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN) a year later. Wellington has continuously evolved to stay aligned with current best practices ever since. Wellington's commitment to ongoing improvement led the firm to independently verify that the impact investing processes of its Global Impact Equity and Global Impact Bond strategies (with combined assets under management of US\$3.8 billion as at 31 December 2024) align with industry standards.

BlueMark, the leading provider of independent impact verification and intelligence for the sustainable and impact investing market, verified Wellington's practices. BlueMark assessed Wellington's practices against the GIIN's [impact principles](#) – a commonly recognized standard for impact investors, who aim to deliver market-rate financial returns alongside measurable social and environmental impact.

Wellington are thrilled to share its strong results, having earned an “advanced” or “high” rating in eight out of nine practice areas. Specifically, BlueMark:

- Highlighted a granular, bottom-up, integrated approach to impact diligence.
- Acknowledged strong collaboration among various teams across the firm, who work with impact portfolio managers to ensure that each underlying holding meets the respective fund's impact criteria.
- Assessed impact monitoring as “advanced,” citing Wellington's annual reporting of impact KPIs and an internal feedback loop that ensures insights from impact data analysis can help influence research and engagement priorities for Wellington's impact funds.

While proud of these achievements and BlueMark verification, Wellington also recognizes the importance of continued diligence and improvement. For example, Wellington plans to focus on the better sharing of lessons learned between the impact investing teams.

Looking forward to the next decade of impact investing, Wellington remains committed to advancing its impact measurement and management practice. Aligning with industry standards and best practices can not only help Wellington attract capital to public-market impact investing and deliver competitive outcomes for clients, but can help ensure that the firm is making a meaningful, quantifiable difference for society and the environment.

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