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Investment Review

The Fund and benchmark are in line over the quarter.

Market Overview

After the collapse of SVB, credit and rate markets experienced volatility reaching a magnitude not seen since the GFC in 2008.

Investors feared broader contagion across the banking system as Credit Suisse became the next victim of the market, forcing UBS to acquire its rival. Calm and confidence returned gradually at quarter-end as the market concluded that these credit events were unrelated.

The European Central Bank (ECB) hiked rates by 100 basis points (bps) this quarter, with 50bps in February and March meetings, to 3.0% for the deposit rate. Its hawkish speech in March suggests that uncertainty on inflation and growth justifies more tightening.

New macroeconomic forecasts were released but the initial ECB projections were finalised in early March before recent market volatility, highlighting a degree of uncertainty around their baseline assessments of inflation and growth. The ECB forecast inflation averaging 5.3% in 2023; 2.9% in 2024; and 2.1 in 2025. Baseline projections for growth in 2023 were revised up to an average of 1.0%, following a decline in energy prices and the economy's greater resilience to the challenging international environment. The ECB expects growth to pick up to 1.6% in 2024 and 2025, underpinned by a robust labour market, improving confidence and recovery in real incomes.

Provisional inflation for March decreased to 6.9%, from 8.5% in January. This was predominantly driven by base effects related to energy. Core (which excludes energy and food) continued to rise, reaching a new all-time high of 5.7%.

European yields moved lower, reflecting the market view that central banks will need less rate tightening as financial conditions became tighter. The 1-year Euro short-term rate (ESTR) rate fell by 20bps to 3.35% in March.

Omvang fonds

Waarde begin van de periode	€117,534,424
Waarde eind van de periode	€115,908,257

Rendement

%	Kwartaal	Jaar tot op heden	3-Jaars Ann.	5-Jaars Ann.	10-Jaars Ann.
Fonds	0.54%	0.54%	-0.25%	-0.37%	-0.30%
Benchmark	0.54%	0.54%	-0.49%	-0.48%	-0.32%

Outlook

Notably, in the US, the Federal Reserve (Fed) embarked on its fastest rate hiking cycle since the early 1980s, putting an end to more than a decade of low-interest rates. In particular, the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), other US financial institutions, and Credit Suisse in Switzerland provided a wake-up call to markets, after a complacent start to the year. Additionally, bond volatility reached its highest levels since the Great Financial Crisis (GFC). Recently, central banks have signalled that curbing inflation is not at odds with acting to protect financial institutions, yet markets have been fast to price in sharp rate cuts.