

# **Aster Global High Yield**

# **Monthly Report - August 2025**



## **Portfolio Manager Comment**

After the end of the traditional Swedish July vacation period, very little has happened in the fixed income market. As expected, the Riksbank left the interest rate unchanged at its August meeting and left its path unchanged. Inflation has continued to surprise on the upside, something that the Riksbank is partly trying to explain with basket effects. If we look at real interest rates as the difference between STIBOR fixing and core inflation, the real interest rate is now significantly negative, but the economy is still not picking up. It is likely that we Swedes have become accustomed to artificially low interest rates that were created when the Riksbank tried to drive up inflation at the same time as fiscal policy, via the surplus target, put the economy on the back burner. Many distortions, such as private indebtedness, were built up during this period and we now must live with the consequences. Overall, the Swedish four-year swap rate moved down 13 basis points during the month.

There have been small movements in the credit market during the month, there has been approximately 20 basis points between the highest and lowest spread. During the month, a credit event was settled for the European index, which reduced the number of companies in the index, it will be increased again at the next index roll in September. The spread on both the European and American index is basically unchanged during the month.

## **Investment Goal and Strategy**

The fund targets highly liquid exposure in European and North American High Yield credit, whilst keeping both currency and interest rate risk in Swedish Krona. To this end credit exposure is mainly assumed via index-based centrally cleared Credit Default Swaps (CDS). The Reference Indices of the CDS contracts are Itraxx Europe Crossover and CDX North America High Yield. The exposure to each issuer is equally weighted, ensuring a well-diversified portfolio.

The fund is also allowed to invest directly in corporate bonds with the corresponding rating. When the exposure to corporate credit is assumed through CDS contracts, the capital of the fund is simultaneously in AAA rated SEK bonds, primarily Swedish covered bonds.

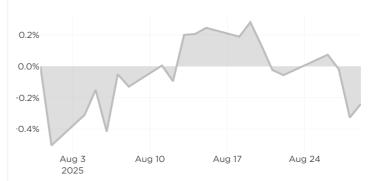
The fund takes positions that eliminate its exposure to companies that do not meet the sustainability requirements set up by Captor. The fund is classified as Article 8 according to the Disclosure Regulation.

#### **Risk Metrics**

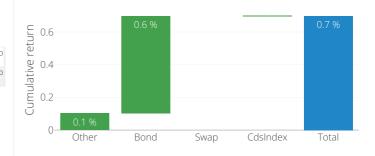
Duration	3.77 years	CDS index EUR HY	267.18 bp
Credit duration (CDS)	5.01 years	spread	
	,	CDS index USD HY	320.15 bp
		spread	



#### **Relative Performance**



#### **Attribution This Month**

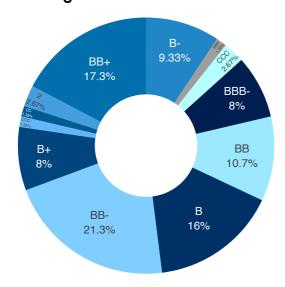


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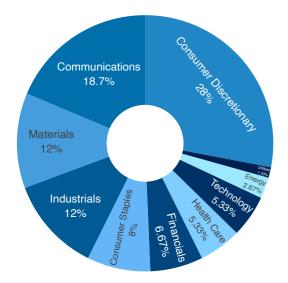
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# **Europe CDS**

# **Credit Rating**

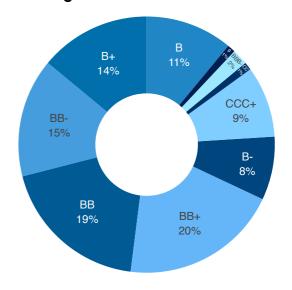


## **Sector Allocation**

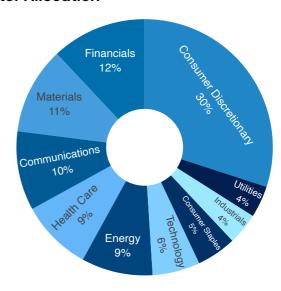


# Nordamerika CDS

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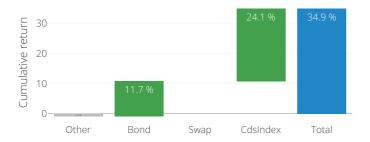
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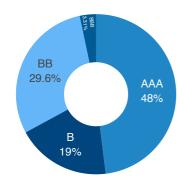
#### **Return Table**

	Helår	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Maj	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec
2025	6.5%	2.3%	-0.4%	-2.7%	0.8%	3.0%	2.4%	0.2%	0.7%				
2024	9.0%	-0.3%	0.6%	1.5%	-0.9%	1.7%	0.5%	2.3%	1.3%	1.7%	-0.5%	2.4%	-1.6%
2023	18.6%	4.6%	-2.5%	1.8%	0.9%	-0.0%	1.4%	1.9%	-0.0%	-0.6%	-0.4%	5.5%	4.8%
2022	-1.5%												-1.5%

### **Cumulative Attribution**



## **Credit Ratings**



## **Top Issuers**

Issuer	Weight	Rating	Sector
Kingdom of Sweden	18.2%	AAA	Statlig
SEB Covered Bond Programme	17.5%	AAA	Bank/finans
Länsförsäkringar Hypotek AB	16.7%	AAA	Bank/finans
Danske Hypotek AB	14.3%	AAA	Bank/finans
Nordea Hypotek AB	11.5%	AAA	Bank/finans
Landshypotek Bank AB	5.9%	AAA	Bank/finans
Sparebanken Vest Boligkreditt AS	3.9%	AAA	Bank/finans
DNB Boligkredit AS	3.6%	AAA	Bank/finans
Swedbank Hypotek AB	2.5%	AAA	Bank/finans
Stadshypotek AB	2.2%	AAA	Bank/finans

### **Share Classes**

	Class A	Class C
NAV	404.6722	135.5109
NAV Date	2025-08-29	2025-08-29
Dividend	No	No
Bloomberg Ticker	CASTHYA SS Equity	CASTHYC SS Equity
ISIN	SE0017832264	SE0017832280
Trade Cycle	Dagligen	Dagligen
Cut-off	14:00	10:00
SFDR	Article 8	Article 8
Min. Investment	100	10 000 000
Fee	0,6%	0,4%
Currency	SEK	SEK
Reg. Status	UCITS	UCITS
Currency Hedged	Yes	Yes

## **Top Holdings**

Issuer	Weight	Maturity	Rating	Sector
SEB Covered Bond Programme	15.2%	2029-12-06	AAA	Bank/finans
Kingdom of Sweden	13.8%	2028-05-12	AAA	Statlig
Danske Hypotek AB	10.6%	2030-12-18	AAA	Bank/finans
Länsförsäkringar Hypotek AB	9.5%	2031-09-10	AAA	Bank/finans
Länsförsäkringar Hypotek AB	7.2%	2030-09-30	AAA	Bank/finans
Nordea Hypotek AB	4.5%	2029-10-08	AAA	Bank/finans
Kingdom of Sweden	4.4%	2026-11-12	AAA	Statlig
Nordea Hypotek AB	4.3%	2029-10-26	AAA	Bank/finans
Sparebanken Vest Boligkreditt AS	3.9%	2028-09-29	AAA	Bank/finans
Danske Hypotek AB	3.7%	2029-12-19	AAA	Bank/finans

#### **Reasons To Invest**

The fund is suitable for investors with home currency in Swedish Krona looking for attractive risk-adjusted returns through a well-diversified exposure to global high yield credit. The strategy is suitable for investors looking for liquidity in all market conditions.

By construction the strategy effectively avoids being directly exposed to EUR or USD long term interest rates. In addition, the fund avoids all costs typically associated with hedging foreign currency back into Swedish Krona.

#### How To Invest In The Fund

Some of the fund's share classes are available through Swedish banks and fund platforms. Furthermore, some share classes have a higher minimum investment, and for such share classes a dilution levy can be applied at subscription/redemption in order to protect the fund's shareholders. The process is the same as employed by exchange traded funds and also allows for physical creations/redemptions.

#### **Risk Profile**

Credit risk is the dominant risk factor in the fund. It is exposed to credit spreads of both its bond positions and its position in CDS contracts.

## Portfolio managers



Daniel has fifteen years of experience in trading fixed income, equity and currency products. He has previously worked as a quantitative analyst and asset manager at Handelsbanken and built up and managed a derivative portfolio at Industrivärden.

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