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## Fund Fact Sheet

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### Fund description

- The fund aims to track, before expenses, the price and yield performance of the Bloomberg MSCI US Liquid Corporates Sustainable Total Return Index.
- The fund invests in bonds of the underlying index, and provides exposure to investment grade, USD denominated securities issued by US corporate issuers operating in financial, industrial and utility sectors.
- The fund is passively managed.

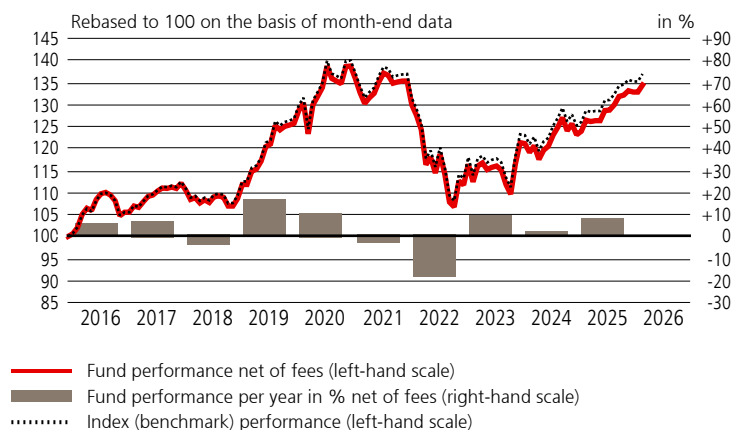
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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Name of fund                         | UBS BBG MSCI US Liquid Corp Sustainable UCITS ETF         |
| Share class                          | UBS BBG MSCI US Liquid Corp Sustainable UCITS ETF USD dis |
| ISIN                                 | LU1215461085                                              |
| UCITS V                              | yes                                                       |
| Launch date                          | 23.07.2015                                                |
| Currency of fund / share class       | USD/USD                                                   |
| TER (flat fee)                       | 0.13%                                                     |
| Yield to maturity                    | 4.73                                                      |
| Modified duration                    | 6.77                                                      |
| Name of the Management Company       | UBS Asset Management (Europe) S.A., Luxembourg            |
| Accounting year end                  | 31 December                                               |
| Distribution                         | February, August                                          |
| Replication methodology              | Physical + Optimized (equities) / sampled (bonds)         |
| Portfolio management representatives | UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd., London                    |
| Fund domicile                        | Luxembourg                                                |
| SFDR Alignment                       | Art.8                                                     |

### Fund statistics

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net asset value (USD, 27.02.2026) | 15.04                   |
| Last 12 months (USD) – high       | 15.24                   |
| – low                             | 14.42                   |
| Total fund assets (USD m)         | 612.67                  |
| Share class assets (USD m)        | 53.40                   |
|                                   | 2 years 3 years 5 years |
| Volatility <sup>1</sup>           |                         |
| – Fund                            | 4.60% 6.42% 8.40%       |
| – Benchmark                       | 4.63% 6.44% 8.40%       |
| Tracking error (ex post)          | 0.06% 0.05% 0.05%       |

<sup>1</sup> Annualised standard deviation

### Performance (basis USD, net of fees)<sup>1</sup>



**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. If the currency of a financial product, financial service or its costs is different from your reference currency, the return and/or costs can increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.**

### Performance in % (net of fees)

| in %               | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | Ø p.a. 3 years | Ø p.a. 5 years |
|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Fund (USD)         | 6.30   | 19.58   | 1.23    | 6.14           | 0.24           |
| Index <sup>2</sup> | 6.48   | 20.19   | 2.12    | 6.32           | 0.42           |

<sup>1</sup> These figures refer to the past. Source for all data and chart (if not indicated otherwise): UBS Asset Management.  
<sup>2</sup> Index (benchmark) in currency of share class (without costs)

### Index description

The Bloomberg MSCI US Liquid Corporates Sustainable Total Return Index contains fixedrate, investment grade, taxable, USD-denominated securities, issued by US companies with an MSCI ESG rating of BBB or higher. It includes publicly issued securities from industrial, utility, financial companies that meet specific, strict requirements. Securities issued by corporations with inconsistent socially responsible investing criteria are excluded.

|                                   |                                                              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Index name                        | Bloomberg MSCI US Liquid Corporates Sustainable Total Return |
| Index type                        | Total Return                                                 |
| Number of index constituents      | 493                                                          |
| Bloomberg ticker                  | BLQ5TRUU                                                     |
| Reuters                           | BLQ5TRUU=BARL                                                |
| Market Capitalization (in USD bn) | 848.41                                                       |
| Yield to maturity                 | 4.73%                                                        |
| Modified duration                 | 6.64                                                         |
| Average remaining maturity        | 10.44                                                        |

### For more information

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## Sector exposure (%)

|                                    | Index |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Banking/Financial                  | 36.2  |
| Technology                         | 24.1  |
| Non Cyclical Goods & Services      | 14.0  |
| Cyclical Goods & Services          | 7.8   |
| Communication Services             | 6.3   |
| Insurances                         | 6.1   |
| Capital goods                      | 2.5   |
| Transportation                     | 1.5   |
| Brokerage Asset Managers Exchanges | 0.7   |
| Others                             | 0.9   |

## Benefits

Clients benefit from the flexibility of an exchange-traded investment.  
 Provides access to this segment of the market with a single transaction.  
 Optimised risk/return profile thanks to a broad diversification across a range of countries and sectors.  
 The fund offers a high degree of transparency and cost efficiency.  
 UCITS compliant fund.

## 10 largest positions (%)

|                             | Fund |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Goldman Sachs Group Inc/The | 4.9  |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co         | 4.9  |
| Broadcom Inc                | 4.9  |
| Morgan Stanley              | 4.9  |
| Oracle Corp                 | 4.1  |
| Citigroup Inc               | 3.8  |
| Wells Fargo & Co            | 3.7  |
| Bank of America Corp        | 3.0  |
| Alphabet Inc                | 2.9  |
| American Express Co         | 2.4  |

## Risks

This UBS Exchange Traded Fund invests primarily in corporate bonds and currency hedge derivatives, which are included in the Bloomberg Barclays MSCI US Liquid Corporates Sustainable Index. This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money before the recommended holding period disclosed in the PRIIPs KID, if available for this share class. Sustainability risks are environmental, social or governance events or conditions that can have a material negative effect on the return, depending on the relevant sector, industry and company exposure. Sustainability risk: the risk arising from any environmental, social or governance events or conditions that, were they to occur, could cause a material negative impact on the value of the investment. All investments are subject to market fluctuations. Every fund has specific risks, which may significantly increase under unusual market conditions. Sustainability characteristics and risks are considered as part of the Index selection process. The fund's assets are passively managed. As a result, the net asset value of the fund is directly dependent on the performance of the underlying index. Losses that could be avoided via active management will not be offset.

## Listing and trading information

| Exchange              | Trading currency | Trading hours (local time) | Bloomberg Ticker | Reuters RIC | iNAV Bloomberg |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Borsa Italiana        | EUR              | 09:00am - 05:30pm CET      | CBSUS IM         | CBSUS.MI    | UETF0025       |
| Euronext Amsterdam    | EUR              | 09:00am - 05:30pm CET      | UE25 NA          | UE25.AS     | UETF0025       |
| London Stock Exchange | GBX              | 09:00am - 05:30pm CET      | UC98 LN          | UC98.L      | UETFUC98       |
| London Stock Exchange | USD              | 09:00am - 05:30pm CET      | UC97 LN          | UC97.L      | UETFUC97       |
| SIX Swiss Exchange    | USD              | 09:00am - 05:30pm CET      | CBSUS SW         | CBSUS.S     | ICBSUS         |

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## ESG Report

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**ESG** is an abbreviation for Environmental, Social and Governance (factors). These factors are used to evaluate companies and countries on how advanced they are with respect to sustainability. Once sufficient data on these factors are available, they can be used to assess and compare assets and also to inform the investment process when deciding what assets to buy, hold or sell.

In addition to the fund's specific ESG characteristics and/or objectives, the details of which can be viewed in the fund's legal documents, the following approaches are applied:

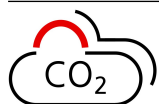
☒ Exclusion ☒ ESG Integration ☐ Voting ☐ Engagement program

For more information refer to the glossary. Source: UBS Asset Management

The following illustrations provide transparency on key sustainability metrics that may be of interest to investors but may not be part of the fund's investment process. This information is provided to enable comparison with other financial products and to help investors assess their exposure to ESG topics.

### Weighted average carbon intensity, scaled - Corporate issuers

(tCO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per USD million sales)



33.2

Fund

142.1

Reference index

Fund actual data coverage: 91.3%

Reference index actual data coverage: 99.8%

Source: MSCI ESG Research

Reference Index: Bloomberg US Liquid Corporates

### External fund ratings<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> As of 27.02.2026  
Source: MSCI ESG Research

### ESG details of the top 10 fixed income positions

(in % of fund AuM)<sup>1,2</sup>

| Holding (fixed income)      | Weight | ESG Score |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Goldman Sachs Group Inc/The | 4.9    | 8.2       |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co         | 4.9    | 5.9       |
| Broadcom Inc                | 4.9    | 7.6       |
| Morgan Stanley              | 4.9    | 7.6       |
| Oracle Corp                 | 4.1    | 7.0       |
| Citigroup Inc               | 3.8    | 6.1       |
| Wells Fargo & Co            | 3.7    | 5.5       |
| Bank of America Corp        | 3.0    | 5.9       |
| Alphabet Inc                | 2.9    | 4.9       |
| American Express Co         | 2.4    | 7.3       |

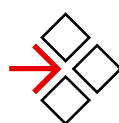
<sup>1</sup> This is not a recommendation to buy or sell any security

<sup>2</sup> AuM = Assets under Management

Source: MSCI ESG Research

### MSCI ESG scores, scaled

(holding-weighted average 0-10)

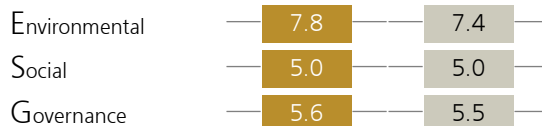


6.8

Fund

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Reference index



Fund actual data coverage: 90.7%

Reference index actual data coverage: 99.7%

Source: MSCI ESG Research

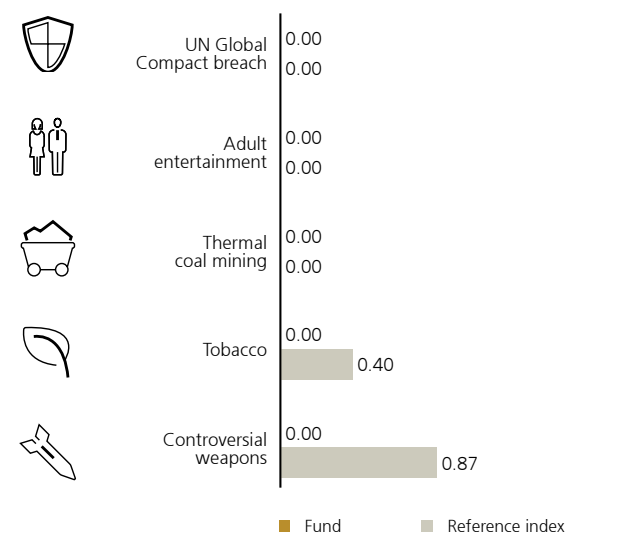
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### Controversy check

(in % of fund AuM)<sup>1</sup>

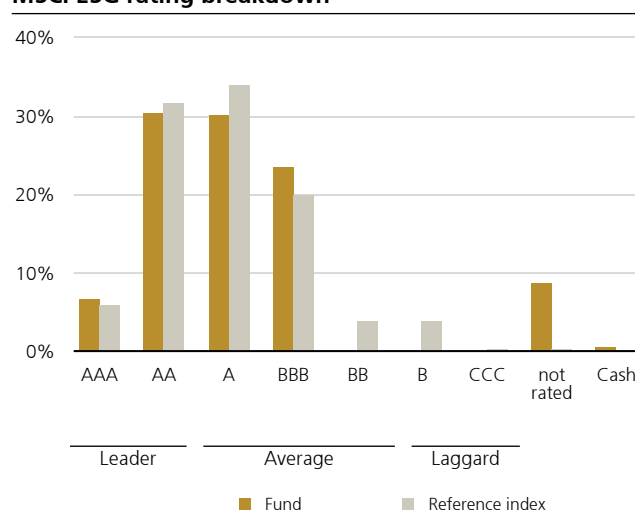


<sup>1</sup> Assets under Management

Source: MSCI ESG Research

Reference Index: Bloomberg US Liquid Corporates

### MSCI ESG rating breakdown



The final industry-adjusted ESG scores are mapped to letter MSCI ESG rating with AAA/AA leaders; A/BBB/BB average; B/CCC laggards.

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Reference Index: Bloomberg US Liquid Corporates

### Revenues aligning with UN Sustainable Development Goals - UN SDGs

(in % of fund AuM)<sup>1,2,3</sup>

The negative effects of certain companies to UN SDGs are not shown but there is ongoing work to provide this information.

| UN SDG number / category |                                 | UN SDG number / category |                                         |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1                        | No poverty                      | 9                        | Industry, innovation and infrastructure |
|                          | 4.73                            |                          | 2.28                                    |
|                          | 5.34                            |                          | 2.69                                    |
| 2                        | Zero hunger                     | 10                       | Reduced inequalities                    |
|                          | 0.24                            |                          | 0.18                                    |
|                          | 0.55                            |                          | 0.15                                    |
| 3                        | Good health and well-being      | 11                       | Sustainable cities and communities      |
|                          | 4.27                            |                          | 0.30                                    |
|                          | 4.66                            |                          | 0.29                                    |
| 4                        | Quality education               | 12                       | Responsible consumption and production  |
|                          | 0.00                            |                          | 2.12                                    |
|                          | 0.00                            |                          | 2.57                                    |
| 5                        | Gender equality                 | 13                       | Climate action                          |
|                          | 0.00                            |                          | 0.14                                    |
|                          | 0.00                            |                          | 1.61                                    |
| 6                        | Clean water and sanitation      | 14                       | Life below water                        |
|                          | 0.07                            |                          | 0.01                                    |
|                          | 0.07                            |                          | 0.01                                    |
| 7                        | Affordable and clean energy     | 15                       | Life on land                            |
|                          | 0.10                            |                          | 0.00                                    |
|                          | 0.83                            |                          | 0.00                                    |
| 8                        | Decent work and economic growth |                          |                                         |
|                          | 0.18                            |                          |                                         |
|                          | 0.15                            |                          |                                         |

<sup>1</sup> The difference between 100% and fund/reference index values results from companies whose products and services revenues contribute more than 0% to one or more SDGs. In some cases, the sum of all figures may exceed 100% Assets under Management, as products and services from companies count toward more than one SDG. Assessment data provided by MSCI ESG Research.

<sup>2</sup> Assets under Management

<sup>3</sup> UN SDG data currently only available for corporate issuers

Source: MSCI ESG Research

Reference Index: Bloomberg US Liquid Corporates

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## ESG Report

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**Weighted average carbon intensity – corporate issuers/ carbon-intensive sovereign issuers:** These metrics measure a fund's exposure to carbon-intensive companies and governments. These metrics provide an insight into potential risks related to the transition to a lower-carbon economy, because companies with higher carbon intensity are likely to face more exposure to carbon related market and regulatory risks. These metrics are applicable across asset classes. It is the sumproduct of the fund weights and individual carbon intensities (carbon emissions scope 1+2 / USDm sales or GDP). The metric is scaled up to 100% if actual data coverage is above the defined thresholds – fixed income, 50%; equities: 67%, multi-asset: 50%. Otherwise, the metric is reported as "-". Classification system to separate corporate and sovereign issuers: Bloomberg Barclays Methodology. Securitized bonds are excluded from the calculation. "No exposure" if the fund is not invested in the respective issuers for the month.

**MSCI ESG rating breakdown:** The final sector-adjusted ESG score of the portfolio is broken down into three rating categories with AAA/AA leaders, A/BBB/BB average and B/CCC laggards, and compared to the rating breakdown of the reference index.

### Revenues aligning with the UN Sustainable

**Development Goals (UN SDGs):** The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a call for action by all countries to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. We measure the fund versus its reference index against 15 UN SDGs. These are measured and shown based on their revenue exposure to products and services with a positive impact that help solve the world's major social and environmental challenges. Due to the nature of UN SDG 16 and 17, they are

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currently not measured based on revenue alignment and hence not included in the illustration.

**Passive ESG:** Benchmark selection is driven by portfolio implementation considerations, in particular to closely reflect the financial and ESG objectives of the fund. For passively managed strategies, an ESG benchmark would be selected

for the purpose of balancing between reasonable tracking error and high ESG alignment. In order to assess the magnitude of ESG improvements, the fund's ESG performance is also shown against a selected broad market index which closely represents the parent investment universe on which the ESG benchmark is based.

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UBS AM standard glossary. For additional investment terms, please refer to the online glossary [here](#).

**Accumulation:** Reinvestment of income generated by the investment fund into the fund's assets.

**Active management:** Here the fund manager uses their expertise to pick investments to achieve the fund's objectives.

**Alpha:** A fund's alpha is its outperformance relative to a benchmark. If a fund has a consistently high alpha this can indicate skillful management. If the benchmark returns 12% and the portfolio returns 14%, the outperformance (alpha) is equal to  $14\% - 12\% = 2\%$ . Compare with beta.

**Benchmark:** Index against which an investment fund's performance is measured. Also called a reference index.

**Beta:** A measure of risk that indicates an investment's sensitivity to fluctuations in the market, as represented by the relevant benchmark. For example, a beta of 1.2 tells us that the value of an investment fund can be expected to change by 12% if the market is forecast to move by 10%.

**Bonds:** Debt instruments with a fixed or variable rate of interest and generally with a fixed maturity and redemption date. The most common issuers are major companies, government bodies such as the federal government and the cantons, public institutions, and international organizations such as the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund.

**Commodities:** A tradeable item that can be further processed and sold. Industrial (metals), agricultural (wool, wheat, sugar) and bulk commodities (coal, iron ore) are examples. It is possible to invest in physical commodities or in derivatives based on commodity prices.

**Convertible bonds:** Bonds that feature a conversion right entitling the holder to convert the bond into shares of the company in question at a certain point in time and at a pre-defined conversion ratio.

**Corporate bonds:** Strictly speaking, corporate bonds are those issued by companies. Generally, however, the term is used to cover all bonds other than those issued by governments in their own currencies. Therefore the "credit" sector, as it is often known, includes issues by companies, supranational organizations and government agencies. The key feature that distinguishes corporate bonds from government bonds is the risk of default – see credit risk.

**Correlation:** A measure of the degree to which the price trends of various investment categories or instruments move in the same direction.

**Derivatives:** Investments whose value is linked to another investment, to the performance of a stock exchange or to some other variable factor, such as interest rates.

**Distribution:** Payment by an investment fund to distribute the income generated to its unit holders.

**Diversification:** Holding a variety of investments that typically perform differently from one another.

**Duration:** The duration represents the length of time for which capital is "tied up" in a bond investment. The concept of duration takes account of the time structure of returning cash flows (such as coupon repayments). The average duration of the portfolio is derived from the weighted average duration of the individual securities. The "modified duration" is derived from the duration and provides a measure of the sensitivity of bonds or bond portfolios to interest rate changes.

**Emerging economy or market:** Emerging markets or developing markets – mainly in Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America – that are growing quickly, but whose economies and stock markets have not yet reached Western standards.

**Equities:** Securities that represent an equity interest in a company. As a joint owner, the shareholder has rights of participation (voting right, right to information) and rights to assets (right to a share of profits, subscription rights).

**Exchange traded fund (ETF):** An investment fund that is traded like stocks on an exchange. Most ETFs are index funds: they hold the same securities in the same proportions as a certain index.

**Feeder fund:** An investment fund that invests the majority of its assets into a master fund.

**Flat fee:** UBS applies a so-called flat fee to most securities and money market funds. This fee is charged to the fund's assets and covers all expenses incurred in the management, administration and safekeeping of the fund's assets as well as costs incurred in the distribution of the fund (printing prospectuses, annual and semi-annual reports, costs for auditing and publication of prices, fees charged by the supervisory authority etc.). The only costs not covered are transaction costs incurred in the administration of the fund's assets (brokerage fees in line with the market, fees, duties etc. as well as any applicable taxes). UBS's flat fee is comprehensive and very client-friendly. It cannot be compared with similarly named fees from other fund providers, because these often only cover part of the investor's effective costs. Also refer to "management fee". The flat fee is not charged to the investor, but directly to the fund's assets. For example, UBS Funds domiciled in Luxembourg, Switzerland or Germany with the exception of UBS Real Estate Funds, charge a "Flat fee".

**Hedging:** Protecting investments against losses. UBS asset allocation funds and hedged UBS ETFs specifically hedge against exchange rate risks.

**High watermark:** The high watermark is used in connection with the performance fee. The fund manager calculates his or her share of the profits on the basis of the value increment over and above the last peak in the NAV. As a result, the performance fee does not become payable until all losses incurred have been completely recovered.

**High yield bonds:** Bonds issued by borrowers with lower credit ratings. Such bonds offer higher rates of interest, but at the same time there is also a higher risk of default, i.e. that interest payments will not be paid or that the face value will not be repaid.

**Illiquid:** Illiquid assets are those assets that cannot be easily bought, sold, or converted into cash. It may often be impossible to convert the asset to cash until the end of the life of the asset.

**Index:** Indicator of performance on one or more markets. The oldest and best-known stock market index is the Dow Jones. Indexes make it possible to compare the performance of a fund invested in a specific market with the development of that market.

**Index fund:** An investment fund that replicates a chosen stock market index in its stock selection and weightings as exactly as possible.

**Inflation-linked bonds:** An inflation-linked bond provides investors with protection from inflation by linking its principal amount or interest payments to a specific inflation index.

**Investment grade:** Term used to denote securities with ratings of between BBB and AAA, indicating that their credit quality is satisfactory or good.

**Leverage:** With derivative instruments, greater returns can be earned with a comparatively lower capital investment than

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with an investment in the actual underlying instrument. This effect is called leverage.

**Management fee:** The charge levied by the management company for the administration of an investment fund. The amount of the fee is expressed in percentage or tenth of a percentage of the fund assets or in basis points. Less comprehensive than UBS's all-in fee and covers only part of the costs due.

**Management style:** Manner in which investment decisions are made to achieve the investment objective (see also active management and passive management).

**Master fund:** Funds invested in respective feeder funds that are then invested into the master fund. The master fund holds the portfolio investments and conducts all trading activity.

**Maturity:** Period from the issue of a bond to its due date or to the premature repayment of the bond. Not to be confused with duration.

**Net asset value (NAV):** Used to describe the value of a company's assets less the value of their liabilities.

Ø – Average.

**Over the counter (OTC):** An over-the-counter financial contract is one that is not traded on an exchange but is "tailor-made" for a client by a financial institution.

**Passive management:** Passive management seeks to attain performance equal to market or index returns.

**Performance fee:** For non-classical investment funds such as hedge funds, the investor must often pay, in addition to the conventional management fee, a supplementary performance fee in the form of a percentage (e.g. 20%) of the fund's annual increase in value.

**Physical replication:** In physical replication, an ETF invests directly in securities held in the benchmark it is tracking. To do so, the ETF can buy some or all of the securities that make up the replicated index – this method is called full replication and is suitable for liquid indexes.

**Rating:** The measure of a borrower's creditworthiness by special rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's or Moody's. As a rule, UBS bond funds principally invest in bonds issued by prime borrowers.

**Reinvestment:** The possibility of reinvesting the distribution in the same fund. Certain funds offer investors a special reinvestment discount on the issuing price if the annual distribution is reinvested.

**Risk-free rate:** An investment with no chance of default and a known or certain rate of return.

**Share class:** An investment fund can issue several types of share certificates with different criteria. The share certificate classes may differ in the amount of fees, the appropriation of income or the currency of the share certificate class.

**Sharpe ratio:** A measure that expresses how much higher (or lower) a return an investor can expect compared to the risk-free rate of interest (e.g., interest rates on savings accounts) per unit of risk (volatility). The risk-free rate of interest varies from currency to currency.

**Standard deviation:** Statistical measure of the degree to which an individual value in a probability distribution tends to vary from the mean of the distribution. The greater the degree of dispersion the greater the risk.

**Swing pricing:** Method used to calculate the net asset values of investment funds. This method allows transaction costs arising from subscriptions made by incoming investors and redemptions made by outgoing investors to be borne by the incoming and outgoing investors, rather than existing investors.

**Switching costs:** The costs of buying and selling investments in order to implement a change in investment strategy.

**Synthetic replication:** In contrast to physical replication, synthetic replication means that an ETF does not invest directly in the securities held in the benchmark. Instead, it enters into a swap agreement with a counterparty that promises to pay the return on the replicated index to the ETF.

**Total expense ratio (TER):** The ratio of total expense to a fund's average size over an annualized accounting period. Expenses are considered to include all expenses shown in the income account, including management, administration, custody, audit, legal and professional fees. For ETFs, the term TER may be used interchangeably for the flat fee (current).

**Tracking error:** Measure of the deviation of a fund's return compared to the return of a benchmark over a fixed period, expressed as a percentage. The more passively the investment fund is managed, the smaller the tracking error.

**UCITS:** Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities. A UCITS fund is an authorized fund that may be sold across all EU countries.

**Volatility:** A measure of the size of short-term changes in the value of an investment.

**Yield to maturity:** Weighted average rate earned by an investor who buys the bond portfolio today at the market price and holds the bond portfolio until maturity, also assuming that all coupon and principal payments will be made on schedule.