# Flossbach von Storch -Bond Defensive - R<sup>2</sup>

### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

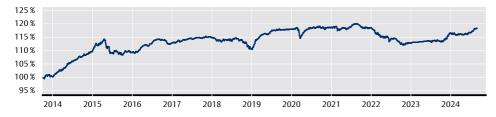
Flossbach von Storch - Bond Defensive is a globally diversified bond fund. The objective of the Fund Management is to generate the most stable possible returns for investors over time. The focus of the Fund is on government bonds, covered bonds, and investment-grade corporate bonds. The Fund flexibly takes advantage of the opportunities in the entire bond market; this distinguishes it from pure corporate bond or government bond funds. Foreign currency risks are largely hedged. Securities are selected within the framework of a fundamental analysis process. The Fund Management relies on research instruments and valuation models developed in-house. The Sub-Fund is actively managed and not benchmarked against an index. The portfolio is composed by the fund manager exclusively in accordance with the criteria defined in the investment policy, reviewed regularly and adjusted if necessary. The Sub-Fund is classified as an Article 8 product within the meaning of the Disclosure Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (SFDR). For detailed information on the objectives and investment policy, please refer to the most recent sales prospectus and the Key Information Document (PRIIP-KID).

## **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE IN EUR (IN %)**



Share class (net) in consideration with the maximum issue surcharge of 1 %Share class (gross)

## PERFORMANCE IN EUR SINCE 1 OCTOBER 2013 (GROSS, IN %)



## ACCUMULATED AND ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE IN EUR (GROSS, IN %)

	1 month	2024 YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	inception 01.10.13
Accumulated	+0.56%	+1.47 %	+3.99%	-1.35%	+0.52%	+9.83 %	+18.34%
Annualised			+3.99%	-0.45 %	+0.10%	+0.94%	

Source: Depositary and SIX Financial Information, status: 31.08.24

# **EXPLANATORY NOTES REGARDING PERFORMANCE**

Gross fund performance (BVI method) takes into account all costs incurred at fund level (for example, management fees), net fund performance also takes into account the subscription fee. Further costs may be charged individually at customer level (e.g. custody fees, commissions and other charges). Example calculation (net method): An investor wishes to buy shares with capital of €1,000. Based on a maximum subscription fee of 5 %, € 50 will be deducted from their investment as a one-off initial charge. In addition, custody fees may also be applied, which will further reduce the investor's return. The level of custody fees can be found in your bank's schedule of fees and services. Please refer to the cost details presented in this document to determine the maximum subscription fee for the share class of the sub-fund. The reference index is merely informative. It does not constitute any obligation from the fund manager to track the index or achieve the same performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

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Securities ID No. (WKN)	A1W17W
ISIN	LU0952573136
Valor number	21968021
Domicile	Luxembourg
SFDR Classification	Article 8
Share class	R
Fund currency	EUR
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Launch date	1 October 2013
Financial year end	30 September
Income utilisation	Distribution
Authorised for distribution	AT, CH, DE, ES, LI, LU, PT
Fund type	UCITS / FCP
Fund assets	EUR 582.84 million
Redemption price	EUR 109.01
Minimum initial investment	none
Minimum subsequent investment	none
Costs <sup>1</sup>	
Ongoing charges	0.92 % p.a.
which includes a management fee of	0.78 % p.a.
Transaction costs	0.12 % p.a.
Performance fee	none
	0.00%
Redemption fee	
Redemption fee Exchange commission (based on the unit value of t the benefit of the relevant d	•

# MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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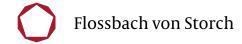
## DEPOSITARY

DZ PRIVATBANK S.A.

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¹ In addition to the management fee, the fund is charged further costs such as transfer agent fees, transaction costs, and various other charges. Further information about ongoing and one-off costs can be found in the key information document (PRIIP-RID), the sales prospectus, and the most recent annual report.

<sup>2</sup>The performance until 23th January 2018 refers to the investment strategy of the subfund "Flossbach von Storch - Bond Total Return". As of 24 January 2018, the sub-fund "Flossbach von Storch - Bond Total Return" has been renamed "Flossbach von Storch - Der erste Schritt". Simultaneously, the investment strategy has changed. As of 23 June 2023, the sub-fund "Flossbach von Storch - Der erste Schritt" has been renamed "Flossbach von Storch - Bond Defensive". The investment strategy was changed as of 30 September 2023.



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## TOP 10 GUARANTORS OVERALL FUND LEVEL (IN %)

1.	European Union	10.29%
2.	Kingdom of the Netherlands	4.87 %
3.	Republic of France	4.60 %
4.	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau	4.13 %
5.	Europäischer Stabilitätsmechanismus	4.00%
6.	Kingdom of Belgium	3.91%
7.	United States of America	3.14%
8.	Porsche Automobil Holding SE	3.13 %
9.	Republic of Germany	3.11%
10.	Deutsche Bank AG	2.89%
Tota	I	44.07 %

Source: Depositary and Flossbach von Storch,

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## The portfolio currently contains 118 securities.

## **CREDIT RATING FOR BONDS (IN %)**

AAA	51.92%
AA	17.81%
A	20.32 %
BBB	9.95 %

Source: Depositary and Flossbach von Storch,

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A simplified ratings scorecard is used when determining the rating. Trends (+/-) are not taken into account in this process. Convertibles are not considered.

# **KEY FUND FIGURES**

Average Yield to Maturity	3.51 %
	2.08 years

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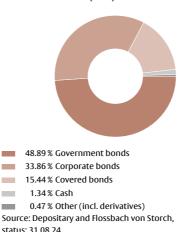
TOP 10 SECTORS (IN %)\*

1.	Consumer Discretionary	28.60%
2.	Health Care	17.70%
3.	Consumer Staples	15.74%
4.	Financials	9.51 %
5.	Information Technology	9.25 %
6.	Utilities	7.15 %
7.	Energy	5.04%
8.	Materials	4.56 %
9.	Industrials	2.45 %
Tota		100.00%

Source: Depositary and Flossbach von Storch, status: 31.08.24

\* refer to corporate bonds

## **ASSET ALLOCATION (IN %)**



# MONTHLY COMMENTARY

The rally on the global bond markets continued at the start of the month, driven by the turbulence in Japan and the noticeable weakness on the US labour market. The unemployment rate in the USA rose to 4.3%, reaching an upward momentum that has regularly been observed in the run-up to recessions in the past. The US Federal Reserve (Fed) also appears to be increasingly focussing on this development and was addressed accordingly by Fed Chair Jerome Powell at the annual central bank meeting in Jackson Hole. Against this backdrop, yields on US Treasuries have since reached new lows for the year (yields and prices move in opposite directions), with the inversion of the US yield curve being significantly reversed. In the eurozone, German Bunds with short and medium maturities also benefited from this development. However, part of the interest-rate movement from the first half of the month dissipated again at the end of the month, meaning that the change in European bonds was not particularly pronounced when compared to the previous month. The risk premiums on corporate bonds did increase sharply at times during the turbulence in Japan amid thin summer liquidity. During the subsequent recovery, however, higher-quality bonds lagged behind their lower-rated counterparts. In the portfolio, we took advantage of the pronounced rally in US Treasuries to reduce the proportion of US dollar-denominated bonds and swap them for Spanish government bonds and high-quality corporate bonds in the eurozone.

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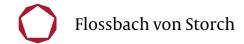
### **FUND MANAGEMENT**



Marcel Bross Fund manager at Flossbach von Storch since 2021.

## **Team Fixed Income**

Deputy and operational collaboration is conducted through our Fixed Income Team.



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### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- + Participate in global bond market growth.
- + Income can be generated from regular interest payments.
- + Active interest rate, currency and risk management (e.g. from the use of derivatives).
- + Risk is broadly diversified by investing in a range of asset classes (e.g. equities, bonds, convertible bonds etc.) Market potential can be exploited by investing across a wide range.

#### RISKS

- The securities in which the Management Company invests the sub-fund assets present opportunities for gain but also the possibility of risk. ESG criteria can restrict the selection of target investments in terms of category and number, sometimes considerably. If a sub-fund invests directly or indirectly in securities and other assets, it is subject to many general trends and tendencies, which are sometimes attributable to irrational factors on the markets particularly on the securities markets. Losses can occur when the market value of the assets decreases as against the cost price. If a unitholder sells units of the sub-fund at a time at which the value of assets in the sub-fund has decreased compared with the time of the unit purchase, he will not receive the full amount he has invested in the sub-fund. Despite the fact that each sub-fund aspires constant growth, this cannot be guaranteed.
- Country, credit and issuer liquidity risk. Also potential exchange rate risks. If securities are illiquid (i.e. thinly traded), there is a risk that it may either not be possible to sell the assets at all or only by accepting a significant discount on the sale price.
- Investing in bonds may entail price risks, especially in case of rising interest rates on the capital markets.
- Where used, derivatives can have a greater negative impact on the fund value than would be the case if the assets were acquired directly. This can affect the fund's risk profile and volatility (tendency for the price to fluctuate).

Please read the Prospectus and particularly the RISK WARNINGS section and the specific annex of the subfund to understand the risks and benefits of this product.

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#### INVESTOR PROFILE

## **CONSERVATIVE:**

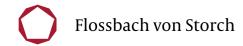
The fund is appropriate for conservative investors. Due to the composition of the net sub-fund assets, there is a moderate degree of risk but also a moderate degree of profit potential. The risks may consist in particular of currency risk, credit risk and price risk, as well as market interest rate risks.

## **INVESTMENT HORIZON:**

Medium-term: 3 to 5 years

#### RISK INDICATOR

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 3 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less. The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you. We have classified this product as 2 out of 7, which is a low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a low level, and poor market conditions are very unlikely to impact our capacity to pay you.



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