

# **Avaron High Yield Bond Fund**

**April 2025** 

#### Investment objectives & Investor profile

Avaron High Yield Bond Fund invests in high yield corporate bonds in Europe, with focus on the Baltics and Emerging Europe. The portfolio is spread across different companies, sectors and countries. We aim to invest in bonds yielding 7%+ per annum. Avaron and Avaron group companies are the Fund's largest investors with over 3M euros.



The risk indicator assumes that you keep the Fund for 2 years

# Performance since launch 120 115 110 105 100 95 Oct-23 Jan-24 Apr-24 Jul-24 Oct-24 Jan-25 Apr-25 FUND NAV, A unit\*

#### Fund Manager's Comment, April 2025

The European Liquid High Yield Index rose by 0.2% in April and is up 0.8% year-to-date. The yield to maturity on the index's underlying portfolio with a 3.1-year maturity increased to 5.9%. Despite the index yield to maturity hovering around 5%, we are able to find instruments with reasonable credit risk for our portfolio that offer a significantly higher yield, around 8%.

The Fund unit value declined by 0.6% in April but remains up 1.8% year-to-date. Over the past 12 months, the unit price has increased by 9.6%. The Fund's bond portfolio (comprising 82 instruments from 68 different issuers) has a yield to maturity of 8.3% with an average maturity of 17.8 years, which we consider to be an attractive level. The portfolio's current yield stands at 8.1%. The Fund's assets have grown to €25.3 million, of which €3.4 million is invested by Avaron and its fund managers.

For the past six months, we have followed a consistent strategy in the Fund: selling bonds whose prices have risen, and thus offer lower yields, and reinvesting in bonds with higher yields. In April, the weighted average yield to maturity on the bonds sold was 5.0%, while the weighted average yield on the newly acquired investments was 9.2%.

Subordinated bonds 27%

Returns*	Fund	Index	Excess
1 month	-0.6%	0.2%	-0.8%
3 months	0.9%	0.2%	0.7%
6 months	3.5%	2.0%	1.5%
YTD	1.8%	0.8%	1.1%
1 year	9.6%	6.7%	2.9%
Since inception**	16.0%	13.5%	2.5%

<sup>\*</sup> Fund A unit, Index is Europe liquid high yield index (Markit iBoxx EUR Liquid High Yield Index TRI)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Fund performance since 16.10.2023

Bond portfolio statistics	30/04/2025
Maturity (years)	17.8
Maturity to call (years)	3.2
Yield to maturity (YTM)	8.3%
Cash adjusted yield to maturit	y 8.2%
Yield to worst (YTW)	7.0%
Portfolio current yield (CY)	8.1%
Share of perpetuals	22.0%
Current yield of perpetuals	8.7%
Modified duration (%)*	1.9

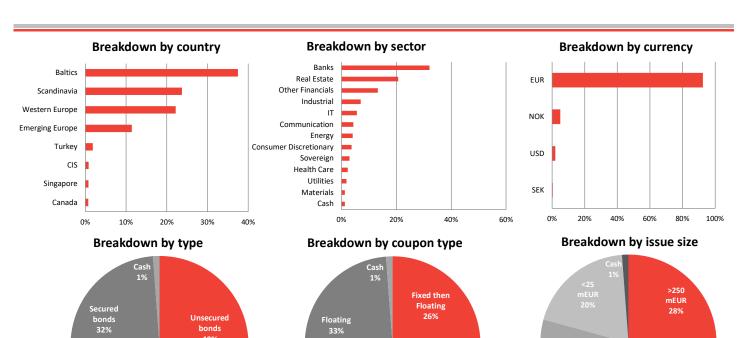
<sup>\*</sup> Duration is calculated based on the assumption that perpetual instruments are called at first call date.

2025 YTD	1.8%	0.8%	1.1%
2024	11.5%	6.9%	4.6%

**Fund Index Excess** 

Returns\*





Europe liquid high yield index (Markit iBoxx EUR Liquid High Yield Index TRI)\*

<sup>\*</sup>Rebased (October 2023 = 100)

Past performance is not a guarantee or indicative of future results.



#### How to invest:

### https://avaron.com/investor-assistance/

Fund facts - Avaron High	Yield Bond Fund	Fund Fees	A Unit	B Unit	C Unit	D Unit
Investment Manager	AS Avaron Asset Management	ISIN	EE3600001855	EE3600001863	EE3600001897	EE3600001905
Fund type UCITS (launch October 2023) Asset class Bonds	Min. initial investment	100 EUR	100 EUR	250 000 EUR	1 000 000 EUR	
Currency and domicile	EUR, Estonia	Front-end load*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Dividends Fund size	reinvested 25.3 MEUR	Management fee	0.90%	0.30%	0.75%	0.55%
Avaron's ownership Total AUM	3.4 MEUR 250+ MEUR	Performance fee	-	9% of return, high-water mark	-	-
Supervised by Custodian	Estonian FSA Swedbank AS	Back-end load	-	-	-	-
Transfer Agent	Swedbank AS	Bloomberg	AVHYBFA ET	AVHYBFB ET	AVHYBFC ET	AVHYBFD ET
NAV calculation	Swedbank AS	RIC	LP68855624	LP68855625	LP68855626	LP68855627
External auditor Internal auditor	KPMG PWC	NAV as of 30-Apr-2025	11.5964 EUR	11.5135 EUR	10.3187 EUR	10.3284 EUR

<sup>\*</sup>A subscription fee of 1% of the subscription amount is applied to unit subscriptions. The subscription fee is transferred to the Fund and is the income of the Fund.

Subscription of units

Daily, cut-off 10am CET

Redemptions <50 000 EUR Daily, cut-off 10am CET

Redemptions 50k-250k EUR notice period 10 business days, cut-off 10am CET

Redemptions 250k-1M EUR at month-end NAV with 1 month notice, cut-off 1st business day 10am CET Redemptions > 1M EUR at month-end NAV with 2 months notice, cut-off 1st business day 10am CET

Public offering Fund documents & prospectus

**NAV** frequency

Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania www.avaron.com/documents/

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## **About Avaron Asset Management**

Avaron is an independent asset management boutique founded in 2007 by Kristel Kivinurm-Priisalm, Valdur Jaht and Peter Priisalm. We invest the assets of private individuals, companies and institutional investors. We have experience in investing in high yield corporate bonds since 2008. Avaron manages the Avaron Flexible Strategies Fund, which invests in European bonds and stocks, and the Avaron Emerging Europe Fund, which invests in stocks in the Eastern European region. Over 500 investors have trusted our team to manage over 250 million euros of their assets. Avaron has one of the largest teams investing in the stock and bond markets in Estonia. We employ 16 dedicated professionals, including three investment managers and four analysts. we have integrated ESG analysis into our investment process and adhere to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI).

We are supervised by the Estonian Financial Supervision Authority.



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# **Important Legal Information**

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An investment in the fund entails various risks that may affect the return on the investment. A more detailed overview of the risks associated with investing in the fund is provided in the fund's prospectus. The investor should accept that the preservation or growth of the investment placed in the fund is not guaranteed. The net asset value of a unit can fluctuate significantly, and investing can result in profit or loss. If the risks materialize, the investor may lose a significant part of his or her investment. The fund's past performance is not a guarantee and does not indicate the fund's performance in subsequent periods.

The fund's assets are mainly invested in high yield bonds in the European region. The Fund should be considered an investment product with medium risk level. It is suitable for an investor with a moderate risk tolerance whose investment horizon is at least two years and who has previous experience with investing in financial products. The investor should tolerate and his or her financial situation should allow for a significant fluctuation in the net asset value of the unit. The investor should also take into account that there is a waiting period for redemption of fund units. Each investor should independently consider the risks associated with investing in the fund and evaluate their impact and possible consequences, taking into account their own investment experience and knowledge, financial condition, investment time horizon and goals.