

Bond Explorer

Green bonds - Q3 2023

With rising commitments to climate action - and an increasingly firm hand from regulators - many investors are turning to 'green' bonds to fund pro-climate projects. In this report, we review the key features and drivers of the green bond market and examine their performance and diversification.

Key takeaways

- Green bond issuance remains strong: despite a slowdown in Q3, we observed a gross supply of USD 440bn YTD.
- Corporates still account for the majority primary issuances.
- Nevertheless, sovereign activity on the primary market remained strong with Germany and Italy amongst the top 10 issuers this year. India also entered the green bond market.
- Positive performance for green bond exposures YTD: led by carry and spread compression.

Bond 03-2023 -1.1% Green 0.6% YTD Green Bond 1-10Y 0.4% Q3-2023 1.7% YTD Green Bond 0.7% Q3-2023 Corp 2.1% YTD Green Bond Q3-2023 -5.3% Gov -2.3% YTD 0% -6%-4% -2% 2%

*Performance figures in local EUR. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Indices' full names on p.13. Data as at 29/09/2023. Sources: Bloomberg, Amundi.

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Performance overview Q3 2023*

Market & performance overview

In a nutshell: Green bond issuance slowed down in Q3 after a strong H1. Gross supply was down 35% compared to Q3 last year. Overall, green bond issuance represents around 1% of overall primary issuances. As the third largest issuer in 2023, the European Investment Bank took the lead as the largest issuer of green bonds per amount outstanding, ahead of France.

Green bond indices' performance was led by good carry levels as well as spread tightening.

Over USD 440bn of green bond issuance YTD

After a good start in H1, supply was low in Q3 with only USD 85bn of issuances. This represents a 35% decrease in gross supply compared to Q3. Green bonds have accounted for 1% of total bond issuances so far this year, a similar proportion compared to previous years.

The corporate sector has accounted for the bulk of issuances so far in 2023 (47%). Sovereigns accounted for just 10% of total issuance, well below the 56% of the global bond market that they account for. France remains the largest sovereign green bond issuer in terms of amount outstanding, which is currently over USD 62bn (Table 2).

The Hong Kong Government became the largest issuer of green bonds in H1 2023 with year-to-date issuances totalling USD 17bn. This facilitated their entry into the top 10 largest issuers with just below USD 30bn amount outstanding (Table 1).

The European Investment Bank has been the third largest issuer on the green bond primary market this year with USD 12bn (Table 1). It is now the largest issuer of green bonds by amount outstanding, ahead of France (Table 2).

We saw a few new issuances from sovereigns in H1.Germany and Italy featured amongst the top 10 largest issuers on the primary green bond market this year (Table 1). We also note new entrants in the sovereign green bond market such as India with two issuances totalling USD 2bn with another two bonds for a similar size expected in Q4 this year.

Green bonds issuance slowdown in Q3

Green bond issuance by issuers (\$bn)



Top 10 largest green bond issuers in H1 2023 By amount issued in H1 2023

Table 1 Name	Volume (\$ bn)	Issuer type
Hong Kong Government Intl	16.9	Gov-Related
KfW	12.0	Gov-Related
European Investment Bank	11.9	Gov-Related
Bundesrepublik	11.4	Treasury
Rep. of Italy	10.6	Treasury
Industrial Bank Co Ltd	6.8	Corporate
Engie SA	5.7	Corporate
Gaci First Investment Co	5.5	Gov-Related
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA	5.5	Corporate
Netherlands Government	5.2	Treasury

Top 10 largest green bond players By amount outstanding Table 2

Name	Volume (\$ bn)	Issuer type	% GB market ¹
European Investment Bank	66.8	Gov-Related	3.0%
French Republic	62.2	Treasury	2.8%
KfW	59.4	Gov-Related	2.7%
United Kingdom Gilt	50.7	Treasury	2.3%
European Union	46.7	Gov-Related	2.1%
Bundesrepublik	41.5	Treasury	1.9%
Rep. of Italy	37.5	Treasury	1.7%
Societe Du Grand Paris EPIC	27.8	Gov-Related	1.3%
Hong Kong Government	27.5	Gov-Related	1.2%
Netherlands Government Bond	21.8	Treasury	1.0%

Source: Bloomberg, Amundi as of 29/09/2023.

1) Percentage that the issuer amount outstanding represents of the overall Green bond market amount outstanding.



Performance review

Solactive Green Bond EUR USD IG Index

The Solactive Green Bond EUR USD IG Index recorded a positive performance YTD (0.6%). The main performance driver was the carry & income from both sovereign and spreads as well as the spread compression observed this year. Nevertheless, most of these positive impacts were offset by the negative impact of US and European rates increase.

Green bond indices performance (base 100 = 31/07/2017)



- Green Bond Corp

Base 100 = 31/07/2017. Sources: Amundi, Bloomberg, Solactive. Data as at 29/09/2023, in EUR. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

	Duration	Yield to Worst	OAS	QTD perf	YTD perf	Last year perf	FX hedging costs
Green Bond				-1.14%	0.57%	-17.70%	-
Green Bond (EUR Hedged)	6.9	4.4%	105.2	-1.89%	0.03%	-19.40%	0.34%
Green Bond 1-10				0.44%	1.70%	-11.71%	-
Green Bond 1-10 (EUR Hedged)				-0.34%	1.25%	-13.44%	0.42%
Green Bond 1-10 (CHF Hedged) Green Bond 1-10 (GBP Hedged)	4.8	4.5%	% 102.9	-0.88%	-0.21%	-12.38%	2.78%
				0.02%	2.37%	-13.88%	-0.85%
Green Bond 1-10 (USD Hedged)				0.13%	2.99%	-11.43%	-1.08%
Green Bond Corp	4.8	5.0%	147.2	0.68%	2.13%	-12.72%	-
Green Bond Euro Gov	11.8	3.5%	65.3	-5.27%	-2.26%	-30.28%	-

OAS: Option Adjusted Spread. Sources: Amundi, Bloomberg, Solactive. Data as at 29/09/2023. Performance is stated in local currency and in gross total return. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.



YTD Performance analysis: Broad Green Bond

Performance analysis overview

Period 30/12/2022 – 29/09/2023, (in respective currency)

	Solactive Green Bond EUR USD IG Index
YTD Performance	0.57%
YTD Performance explained	0.61%
Residual performance	-0.04%

Solactive Green Bond EUR USD IG Index performance explanation

Period 30/12/2022 – 29/09/2023, in EUR, using Bloomberg sector breakdown

	YTD perf	Avg wgt	Carry & Income impact	Curve change impact	Spread change impact	Currency impact	Total contribution
Total	0.61	100.00	2.72	-2.58	0.51	-0.04	0.61
Financial Institutions (EUR)	3.23	15.59	0.48	-0.17	0.19	0.00	0.50
Agency	1.39	19.74	0.51	-0.50	0.24	0.04	0.28
Utility (EUR)	1.41	7.37	0.20	-0.10	0.02	0.00	0.12
Other Gov-Related	4.58	8.14	0.23	-0.17	0.04	0.00	0.10
Financial Institutions (USD)	2.42	4.77	0.18	-0.08	0.00	-0.02	0.08
Industrial (EUR)	2.05	3.70	0.10	-0.07	0.03	0.00	0.06
Industrial (USD)	2.47	3.90	0.14	-0.08	0.02	-0.02	0.06
Securitized	0.73	4.85	0.11	-0.06	-0.01	0.00	0.04
Utility (USD)	-1.07	3.56	0.13	-0.13	-0.04	-0.03	-0.07
Supranational	-1.69	10.42	0.25	-0.46	0.02	-0.02	-0.21
Treasury	-2.20	17.96	0.41	-0.76	0.00	0.00	-0.35

Sources: Amundi, Bloomberg, Solactive. Data as at 29/09/2023. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. See p.11 for glossary and definitions



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Aggregate Green Bond exposures overview

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Index breakdown by currency



Sector breakdown

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Green Bond Bbg Global Agg

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Bloomberg sector classification, in % of market value

Bbg Euro Agg

Green Bond 1-10



Country breakdown

Country of risk, in % of market value



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Key statistics

	Green Bond	Green Bond 1-10	Bbg Global Agg	Bbg Euro Agg
Key metrics				
# Constituents	1,003	1,008	29,317	6,987
Mod. Duration	6.9	4.8	6.5	6.3
Yield to Worst	4.4%	4.5%	4.2%	3.8%
Credit Spread	105.2	102.9	49.7	84.5
Spread duration	6.7	4.8	6.4	6.2





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Key performance data

	Green Bond	Green Bond 1-10	Bbg Global Agg (EUR unhedged)	Bbg Euro Agg
YTD perf	0.57%	1.70%	-1.42%	0.59%
1Y perf	-1.38%	-0.45%	-5.40%	-0.63%
3Y perf (ann.)	-6.51%	-3.22%	-3.71%	-6.42%
1Y vol	5.90%	4.07%	4.93%	6.36%
Sharpe 1Y	-0.23	-0.11	-1.09	-0.10
Max Drawdown	-19.90%	-12.40%	-14.95%	-20.24%
(drawdown date)	04/11/2020 to 02/03/2023	17/12/2021 to 30/12/2022	07/05/2020 to 21/08/2023	11/12/2020 to 21/10/2022

Sources: Amundi, Bloomberg, Solactive. Data as at 29/09/2023, in EUR.

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Corporate Green Bond exposure overview









Sector breakdown

Bloomberg sector classification, in % of market value



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Key statistics

	Green Bond Corp	Bbg Euro Corp ESG Sust SRI	Bbg USD Corp ESG Sust SRI	Bbg Global Corp
Key metrics				
# Constituents	488	2,649	5,249	15,744
Mod. Duration	4.8	4.4	6.7	6.0
Yield to Worst	5.0%	4.4%	6.0%	5.6%
Credit Spread	147.2	146.2	115.7	133.1
Spread duration	4.6	4.5	6.5	5.9



Historical performance (base date = 31/07/2017)

 Green Bond Corp - Bbg Global Corp (EUR unhedged) - Bbg USD Corp ESG Sust SRI (EUR unhedged)

- Bbg Euro Corp ESG Sust SRI

Sources: Amundi, Bloomberg, Solactive. Data as at 29/09/2023, in local currency. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

Key performance data

	Green Bond Corp	Bbg Euro Corp ESG Sust SRI	Bbg USD Corp ESG Sust SRI (EUR unhedged)	Bbg Global Corp (EUR unhedged)
YTD perf	2.13%	2.40%	0.85%	1.51%
1Y perf	1.06%	3.45%	-4.19%	-1.80%
3Y perf	-3.51%	-3.69%	-1.60%	-2.02%
1Y vol	4.08%	4.66%	6.05%	5.22%
Sharpe 1Y	0.26	0.74	-0.69	-0.34
Max Drawdown	-14.37%	-17.10%	-12.51%	-12.69%
(drawdown date)	20/08/2021 to 20/10/2022	05/08/2021 to 21/10/2022	03/12/2021 to 14/07/2023	07/12/2021 to 14/07/2023

Sources: Amundi, Bloomberg, Solactive. Data as at 29/09/2023, in EUR. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.



Euro Government Green Bond exposure overview

Country breakdown

Country of risk, in % of market value



Sources: Amundi, Bloomberg, Solactive. Data as at 29/09/2023. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

Key statistics

	Green Bond Euro Gov	Bbg Euro Treasury	Euro Treasury 10- 15Y	Euro Treasury 15Y+
Key metrics				
# Constituents	19	508	43	98
Mod. Duration	11.8	7.1	10.3	16.8
Yield to Worst	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%	3.9%
Credit Spread	65.3	62.6	91.1	91.4
Spread duration	11.6	7.0	10.2	16.5

Historical performance (base date = 30/11/2020)



Green Bond Euro Gov — Bbg Euro Treasury — Euro Treasury 10-15Y
Euro Treasury 15Y+

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Glossary

Performance attribution methodology

In this publication we use the Bloomberg **Spread return model** for our performance attributions and explanations. In this model, yield curve related performance is managed separately from credit related one (spread return). The allocation and selection effect described below aim to explain the credit related component of the performance analysis.

<u>Yield curve total impact</u>: is the return that can be attributed to the sovereign yield curve (sum of carry, change and convexity effects). This is split into the following:

- <u>Yield curve carry</u>: is the curve return due only to the passage of time. This is isolated as the return of an instrument with exactly the same key rate profile as the instrument in question and zero OAS.
- <u>Yield curve change:</u> is the return due to the first and second order effects of the curve change. It is computed as the sum of the products of key rate durations and the corresponding rate changes plus the product of half the convexity and the square of the average rate change across the curve.

<u>Spread total impact</u>: is the return that can be attributed to the credit spread component. This is split into the following:

- <u>Spread carry</u>: is the spread return due only to the passage of time.
- <u>Spread change:</u> is the spread return that can be attributed to changes in credit spreads.

Currency effect: is the return that can be attributed to currency allocation.

<u>Allocation effect</u>: is the active return that can be attributed to asset allocation bets (e.g. under or overweighting a specific sector). In this model, it relates only to the spread component part of the performance.

<u>Selection effect</u>: is the active return that can be attributed to security selection within a specific sector (e.g. choosing different securities within a grouping from those in the benchmark). In this model, it relates only to the spread component part of the performance.

Interaction effect: is the active return that can be attributed to simultaneously making both an allocation and security selection bet. In this analysis, this term is added to allocation effect for simplicity purposes.

<u>Residual:</u> the unexplained segment of the relative excess return between the index and the benchmark (e.g. not explained by the attribution performance).

Total attribution: is the total active return. It is equal to the sum of the allocation, selection, intersection, yield curve and currency effects.



Index definition

Index Exposure	Index name	Bloomberg ticker
Green Bond	Solactive Green Bond EUR USD IG Index	SGREENIG Index
Green Bond 1-10	Bloomberg MSCI Green Bond 1-10Y Index	I31602EU Index
Green Bond Corp	Solactive EUR USD IG Corporate Green Bond TR Index	SOLCGBIG Index
Green Bond Euro Gov	Solactive Euro Government Green Bond Index	SOLEGGB Index
Bbg Global Agg	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	LEGATRUU Index
Bbg Euro Agg	Bloomberg Euro-Aggregate Index	LBEATREU Index
Bbg Global Corp	Bloomberg Global Aggregate - Corporate Index	LGCPTRUU Index
EUR Corporate ESG Sust SRI	Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate ESG Sustainability SRI Index	I35570EU Index
USD Corporate ESG Sust SRI	Bloomberg MSCI USD Corporate ESG Sustainability SRI Index	I35571US Index
Bbg EUR Treasury	Bloomberg Euro Treasury 50bn Bond Index	I35205EU Index
Bbg EUR Treasury 10-15Y	Bloomberg Euro Treasury 50bn 10-15 Year Bond Index	I35200EU Index
Bbg EUR Treasury 15+	Bloomberg Euro Treasury 50bn 15+ Year Bond Index	I35201EU Index
Source: Bloomberg, Solactive, Amundi		

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