# Northern Trust | Asset Management THE NT EURO GOVERNMENT BOND INDEX FUND

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Key Facts				
Domicile	Ireland			
Inception	16 February 2004			
Legal Structure	ICVC			
Regulatory Structure	UCITS IV			
Fund Size	€70.78m			
Benchmark	Citigroup EMU Government Bond Index			
Dealing Frequency	Daily			
Cut Off	12.00pm Irish Time on the Dealing Day			
Minimum Initial Investment	€500,000			
Minimum Subsequent Investment	€100,000			
ISIN	IE00B02L3B22			
SEDOL	B02L3B2			
Bloomberg Ticker	NTEGVBB			
Base Currency	EUR			
Currencies Offered	EUR/USD/GBP			
Portfolio Manager	Chaitanya Mandavakuriti			
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## Portfolio Information

	Fund	Index
Modified Duration (years)	7.5	7.5
Yield to Maturity (%)	0.5	0.5

# INVESTMENT MANAGER

Northern Trust Global Investments Limited has been appointed Investment Manager for the NT Euro Government Bond Index Fund (The Fund).

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The objective of The NT Euro Government Bond Index Fund is to closely match the risk and return characteristics of the Citigroup EMU Government Bond Index. The fund will invest in freely transferable debt and debt related securities issued by the countries making up the index.

# **INVESTOR PROFILE**

Investors with a reasonable tolerance for volatility of net asset value seeking a medium to long term investment. Designed for institutional investors including: national and multi-national corporations, pension funds, insurance companies, sovereign wealth funds, charities and subadvisory.

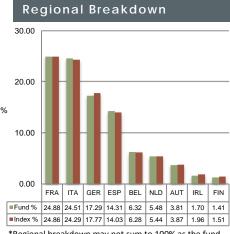


All performance is shown on a gross basis please refer to the Fund prospectus for pricing information.

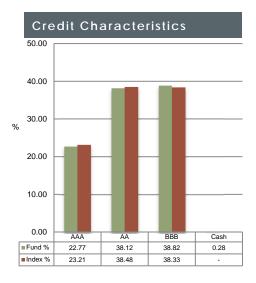
•Performance shown annualised



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\*Regional breakdown may not sum to 100% as the fund has a small allocation to cash.



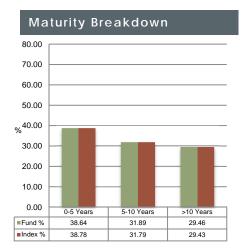
## PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Northern Trust has a team approach to portfolio management to ensure consistency of coverage and performance. Portfolio Management teams are located in London and Chicago, led by David Blake and David Alongi.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

With no Monetary Policy meeting (MPC) in November, the European Central Bank's (ECB) President, Mario Draghi warned in a speech in Frankfurt that although the European economy was 'robust', recovery was still heavily reliant on stimulus from the European Central Bank. Meanwhile, on the background of some criticism from banks for keeping interest rates too low for a long time, Draghi stated that "as regards bank profitability, ECB research finds little evidence that our monetary policy is currently doing harm" and also added that "net interest income has remained quite stable over the past two years". A preliminary estimate of GDP revealed that growth remained buoyant in the third quarter of 2017, on the back of solid activity in the region's major players. Separately, the ECB cautioned banks that some of their Brexit plans are inadequate as they involve setting up "empty shell" operations in the EU that are not properly staffed.

On the economy front, the Eurozone economy continued to perform robustly in the third quarter of 2017, according to a second preliminary estimate, wherein the GDP increased 0.6% q/q and on a year on year basis was 2.5% which was above second quarter's 2.3% y/y increase. The preliminary Composite PMI came in at 57.5 in November, up from October's 56.0. The ZEW assessment of current situation further eased to 88.8 in November from October's 87.0 reading, while the IFO business climate recorded 117.5 in November from 116.7 October's print. The unemployment rate fell to 8.8% in October from 8.9% the previous month. Meanwhile, due to higher energy prices, Eurozone inflation increased in November to 1.5% y/y following October's 1.4% y/y increase. The core inflation held steady at 0.9% in November.



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