

# Eastspring Investments Funds – Monthly Income Plan (“MIP” or the “Fund”) Class M Units (unless otherwise stated)

## Investment Objective

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The investment objective of the Eastspring Investments Funds – Monthly Income Plan is to seek to provide investors with regular income and long-term capital growth by investing: (i) 30% to 70% of its assets in US Bonds (such as investment grade bonds, high yield bonds, government bonds and/or fixed income collective investment schemes, including but not limited to Eastspring Investments – US High Yield Bond Fund); and (ii) 30% to 70% of its assets in Asian Bonds (such as investment grade bonds, high yield bonds, government bonds and/or fixed income collective investment schemes, including but not limited to Eastspring Investments – Asian Bond Fund). The scheme may in addition, at the Manager's absolute discretion, invest up to 20% of its assets in any other investments, such as other fixed income or debt securities, dividend yielding equities, real estate investment trusts and/or collective investment schemes.

## Market Update and Outlook

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Global equities continued to rise in March. The end of 2023 witnessed the US Federal Reserve (“Fed”) pivot towards an easier policy stance - signaling that rate cuts were due to happen in 2024 - a view that was reiterated at the March meeting. Policy rates have likely peaked for this cycle, with equities moving to all-time highs and credit spreads approaching their cycle highs. Emerging Markets (“EM”) equities posted modest gains in March, but continued to underperform Developed Markets equities amid a dovish Fed but a likely shallower trajectory. The likelihood of a soft landing has increased, with PMIs firming up and stickier inflation. China saw a pullback from February's robust performance as US-China tensions soared due to greater congressional scrutiny on US investments into China. Though AI optimism lifted Tech markets such as South Korea and Taiwan, the boost to US markets was stronger.

In the public fixed income arena, we saw yields fall, spreads compress and dollar prices tick up. Over the month, yields on 5-year and 10-year US Treasury notes fell by 3 bps and 5 bps to 4.21% and 4.20% respectively. Singapore government bond yields declined slightly at the start of March but recovered back up to end the month unchanged. Yields on 5-year and 10-year SGS bonds remained around 3.05% and 3.11% respectively. The Markit iBoxx ALBI Singapore Index returned 0.30%. The US high yield market (ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index) returned 1.19%, lifting its YTD number to 1.51%. Energy, Healthcare and Basic Industry were the leading contributors to performance, while the only sector to detract was Telecommunications. The Asian credit market (J.P. Morgan Asia Credit Index) also registered a positive return of 1.06%, supported by an outperformance in High Yield.

## Performance Drivers

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The Fund's Class M returned 0.94% (bid-bid basis) and -4.10% (offer-bid basis) in the month.

The official benchmark returned 0.98%.

### What contributed?

The Fund's tactical asset allocation (TAA) effect was marginally positive overall, led by positive contributions from various cross-asset trades (e.g., global equities vs. bonds).

### What detracted?

The Fund's security selection effect contributed negatively overall, as the allocations to the underlying US High Yield and Asian Credit active sleeves underperformed their respective underlying benchmarks.

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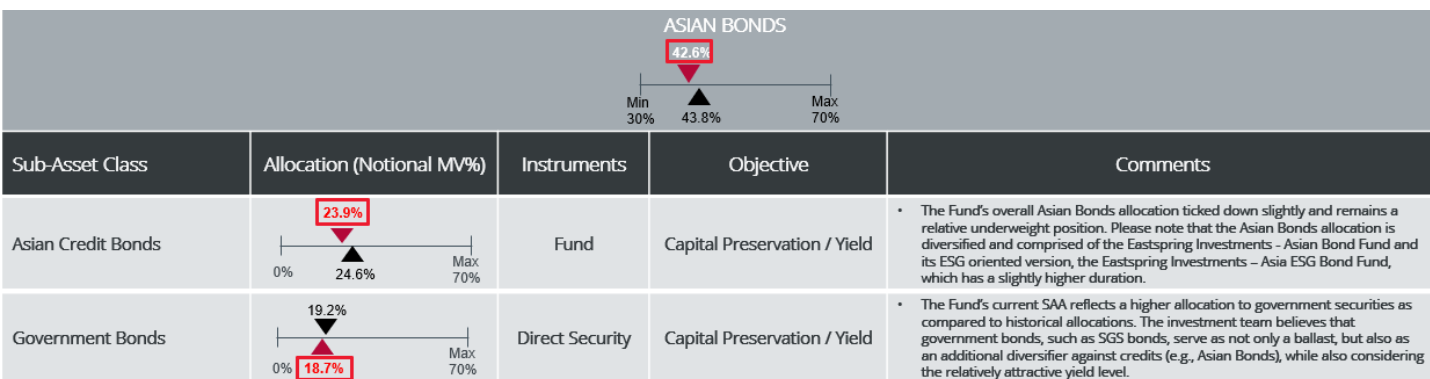
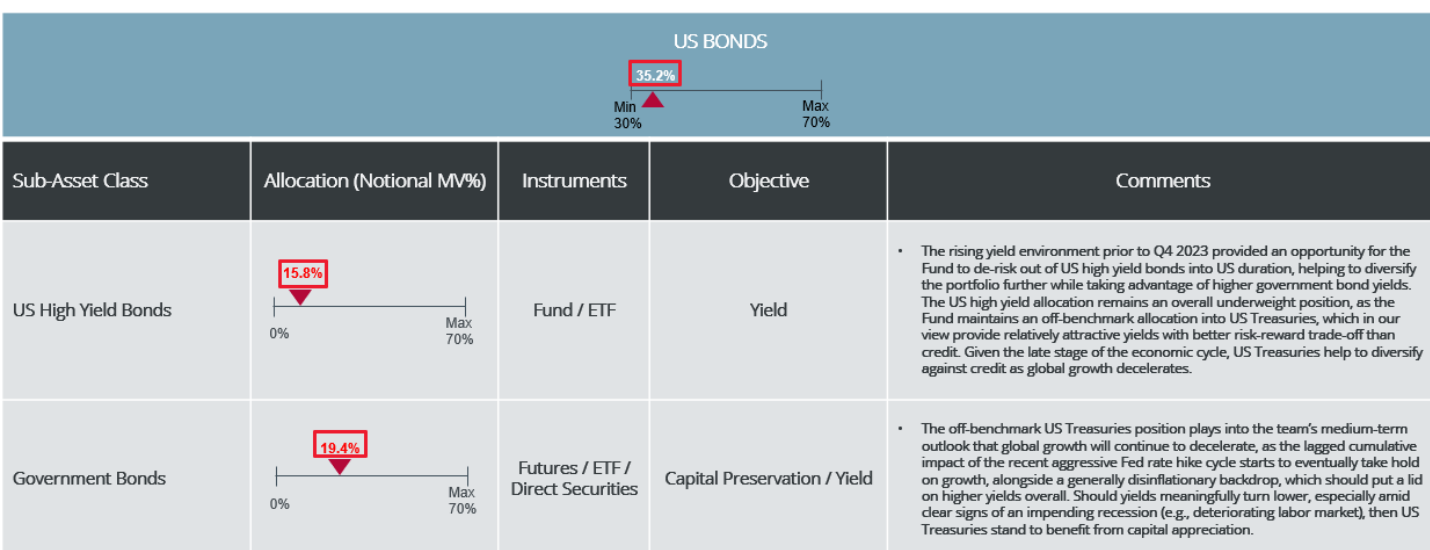


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MIP’s current positioning and views (as of 31 March 2024)

▲ **Current Weight (as of 31 March 2024)**

▲ **Previous Weight (as of 29 February 2024)**



### OTHER INVESTMENTS – OTHER BONDS, EQUITIES AND CASH

Sub-Asset Class	Allocation (Notional MV%)	Instruments	Objective	Comments
Emerging Markets (EM) Bonds	10.3%	Fund	Diversification / Capital Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fund maintains a tactical exposure to EM bonds as a credit diversifier within the overall portfolio, especially against developed markets (DM) exposures.</li> </ul>
Equities	8.1% <small>*Please note this figure represents the Fund’s net equity exposure (Notional MV%), which accounts for the Fund’s equity hedges and tactical trades, etc.</small>	Funds / Futures / Options	Diversification / Capital Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fund maintains an off-benchmark exposure to Global Equities as a key source of diversification and capital growth. Over the tactical horizon, we believe that there is still scope for potential upside in global equities if near-term resilience in US economic data can persist.</li> </ul>
Cash / Cash Equivalents	3.8%	Cash / Funds	Capital Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please note that the Fund’s cash and cash equivalents holdings balance is largely a by-product of the Fund’s pending trades (and their respective pending settlements, etc.). For example, the Fund may set aside cash for forward settling positions (e.g., futures).</li> </ul>

Source: Eastspring Investments (Singapore), Aladdin Explore, as at 31 March 2024. “HY” stands for High Yield Bonds. “IG” stand for Investment Grade Bonds. The information provided herein are subject to change at the discretion of the Investment Manager without prior notice. Positions are provided in notional market value (%).

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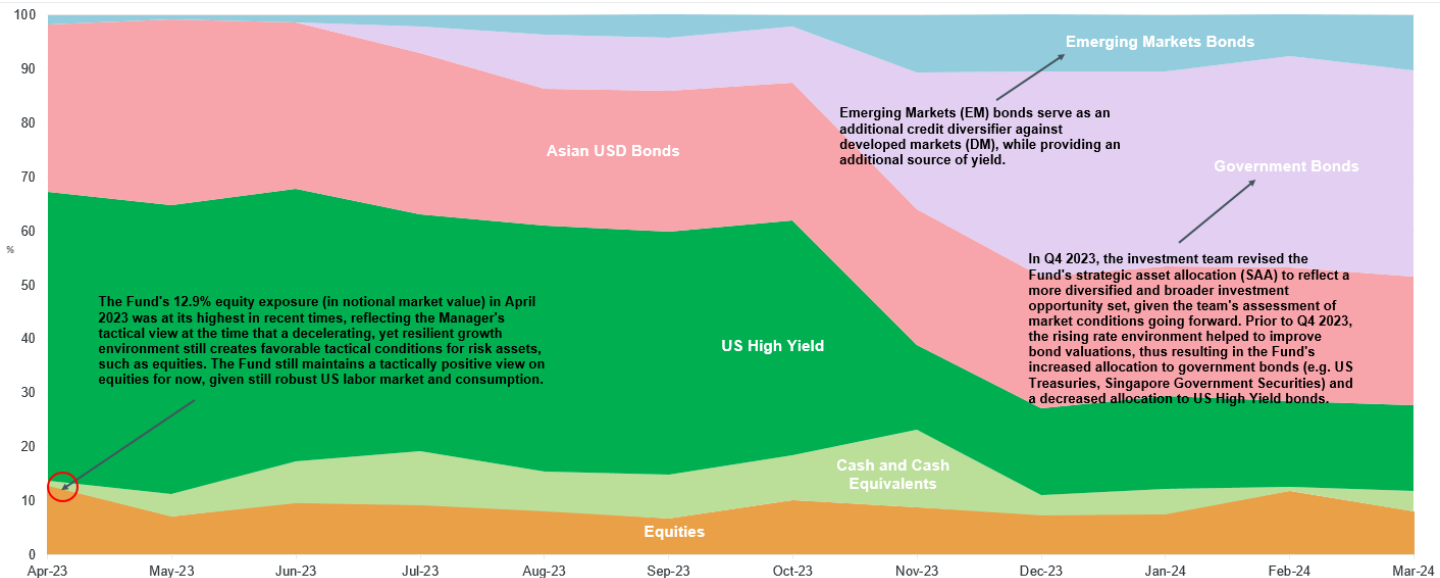
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## Tactical and Risk Management Positions

Investments	Instruments	Comments
Equity Derivatives Strategies	Equity Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fund employs various equity derivative strategies based on the relative attractiveness of implied volatility (vs. historical realized volatility), which serve as a protection strategy to hedge against a downside scenario in equities.</li> </ul>
Cybersecurity	ETF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With a strong and on-going growing demand for security services alongside increasing cyber threats, the industry stands to benefit over the medium to long-term.</li> </ul>

## Historical Positioning (last 12 months as of 31 March 2024)



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