

# Fidelity Enhanced Reserve Fund\*

31 March 2024

For existing investors in the Fidelity Enhanced Reserve Fund ('the Fund') only. Thank you for investing in the Fund. We would like to use this opportunity to give you an update on the Fund's performance. Please note that this is not a product advertisement or solicitation for investment in the Fund.



## How has the Fund performed in March 2024?

- The Fund returned 0.6%<sup>1</sup> (for the A-ACC-USD share class in USD terms) and 0.4%<sup>1</sup> (for the A-MINCOME(G)-SGD (hedged) share class\* in SGD terms).



## Reasons for performance

- Global fixed income market had a strong month in March, led by high yield bonds. The US Federal Reserve (the Fed) maintained its dovish stance at the latest FOMC meeting and indicated plans for three rate cuts before the year's end.
- The Fund delivered positive performance for the month, with yield, credit and term structure all contributing positively to the performance. Credit spreads compressed strongly due to favourable supply-demand dynamics in Asia. Term structure also contributed as US treasury yields fell over the month.
- Short-dated US Treasury bills continue to deliver income and remain the main contributor to performance, as recent resilient economic data kept yields elevated.
- At a sector level, China and Hong Kong financials supported performance. High-quality short-dated US financials bonds also contributed.
- The only detractor over the month was from a China Oil & Gas player, which only detracted performance slightly.

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## Outlook / Expectations

- The Fund continues to prioritise liquidity and stability as interest rates may remain elevated for longer. A diversified portfolio of short-dated high-quality bonds gives the fund the ability to stay nimble and resilient amid market volatility.
- We see better risk-reward in the shorter-end of the yield curve due to the attractive yields, the potential capital gain when short-dated yields fall, and at a lower interest rate sensitivity at the same time.
- On the credit side, the Fund's focus on high-quality issues provides a good defensive mechanism against potential credit spread widening.
- For key positioning changes made in March, we added quality short-dated floating rate notes, mainly in Australia and China financials, given that the floating rates tend to lag rate cut.
- We trimmed some outperformers in South Korean semiconductor manufacturer & Hong Kong government owned entity and took profit in China financial floating rate notes.
- As at 29 March 2024, the Fund's yield to maturity<sup>2</sup> was 5.6%, running yield<sup>3</sup> was 3.4%, duration<sup>4</sup> was 0.8 years and average credit rating<sup>5</sup> was A.

We remain confident that the Fund could **continue to meet its objectives of providing liquidity, relatively lower volatility versus equity and potential yield pickup above cash positions** over the medium and long term.

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Source: Fidelity International, as at 31 March 2024.

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- <sup>2</sup> Yield to Maturity is the internal rate of return earned on a bond, assuming that the bond will be held until maturity and all coupon and principal payments will be made. It is an estimation of future return, as the rate at which coupon payments can be reinvested when received is unknown.
- <sup>3</sup> Running Yield describes the income investors get from their portfolio as a percentage of market value of the securities (incorporating the effect of derivatives) and does not include the impact of fees. It should not be relied on as a measure of expected fund return. The running yield does not reflect the total return over the life of the bond and takes no account of reinvestment risk or the fact that bonds usually mature at par value
- <sup>4</sup> Duration is a measure of sensitivity of the fund value to changes in interest rates and includes all investments in the fund including derivatives. It takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change and affect a bond's price.
- <sup>5</sup> Average Credit Rating is the weighted average of all the bond credit ratings in the fund. It takes into account all investments in the fund including derivatives. This measure gives an idea of how risky the fund's bonds are overall: the lower the average credit rating, the riskier the fund. With a Linear weighted average the weight assigned to each issue is equal to its market value weight.



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