

# New Capital Global Value Credit Fund



Monthly Commentary | As of 30 April 2026

## Executive summary

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### Key events in market

April saw a constructive backdrop for credit, with macro data pointing to a resilient global economy and solid corporate fundamentals, despite continued uncertainty from geopolitics. Spreads turned tighter supported by healthy demand and attractive all-in yields even as large new issuance came to the market. Government yields moved somewhat higher, and curves steepened slightly. Risk sentiment was firm although dispersion between issuers and sectors remain elevated.

### Key performance & positioning updates

Carry and tighter credit spreads were the main drivers of performance in April, more than offsetting the drag from higher government bond yields. The Fund outperformed its benchmark, helped by active credit allocation and security selection. Exposure to non-USD credit and selective higher beta investment grade and high quality high yield contributed positively. Emphasis remains on diversified carry from fundamentally sound issuers rather than directional spread risk.

## House view

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Global equity markets rebounded strongly in April, as the concern about the impact of the war in the Persian Gulf on the economy receded. This was due to indirect talks between the US and Iran, which started thanks to the mediation of Pakistan.

The MSCI All Countries World Index rose 10.2%, bringing its year-to-date gains to 6.8%. Performance was led by the US (S&P 500 +10.5%) and emerging Asia (+13.8%), while other major equity markets underperformed despite posting strong gains for the month.

In the fixed income market, government bond yields rose slightly, returning close to recent highs, reflecting concerns about rising inflation and more hawkish comments from central banks. However, investors' increased risk appetite favoured a decline in corporate bond spreads.

In the currency market, the US dollar lost almost 2% for the month but remains within the trading range it has held since June last year. Finally, the price of oil and other commodities, including precious and industrial metals, rose as a result of the ongoing blockade of the Strait of Hormuz.

The apparent contradiction between commodity price trends and growing concerns about potential shortages of strategic inputs if the Strait of Hormuz remains closed to commercial shipping, versus the all-time highs reached by stock markets can be explained by examining corporate earnings. The earnings season for the first quarter of 2026 and the upward revision of analysts' estimates for the full year 2026, once again driven by the technology sector, helps to make sense of the markets' sudden recovery after the March sell-off.

Furthermore, stock markets have also found support in the progress toward the nomination of Kevin Warsh as the new Chairman of the Federal Reserve. Warsh is regarded as being more inclined to reduce interest rates based on the anticipated disinflationary effect of the spread of artificial intelligence, as he explained during the Senate Banking Committee hearing. Moreover, Warsh favours reducing the size of the Fed's balance sheet and simplifying its composition, factors that help explain the rise in Treasury yields.

## Fund performance and positioning

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The Fund delivered a positive return of 0.71% in April, as did most fixed income segments. Carry continues to contribute to core performance. Spreads turned tighter during the month with higher beta outperforming after a weak first quarter. During the month, US Treasuries moved wider as concerns about the Iran-US conflict persist, and although most investors believe this to be a temporary problem, the impact that will have in inflation and growth is still to be clear. Relative to the benchmark, the Fund outperformed, driven by rating selection and security selection, despite the small overweight in duration.

From an allocation perspective, the Fund's tilt towards diversified, higher quality spread risk was beneficial. Selective exposure to high quality high yield and parts of emerging markets supported returns as spreads tightened and carry remained

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attractive in our view. Bonds such as Aldar, Southern Copper, and Sasol outperformed. Investment grade credit remained the core of the portfolio, with higher beta segments within investment grade outperforming more defensive, long-dated high quality bonds, which had less room to tighten and were more sensitive to the move higher in yields. The Fund's interest rate positioning, including its overall duration profile and curve stance, was a modest headwind in the month.

FX positioning was a small positive contributor, with exposure away from US dollar credit on a hedged basis continuing to add value. Category allocation was supportive, reflecting a preference for sectors and rating buckets where we see resilient fundamentals and more attractive risk-adjusted carry. Security selection was incrementally positive, with outperformance in selected corporate hybrids and subordinated financials. Overall, the portfolio remains focused on diversified sources of yield from fundamentally robust issuers across developed markets, with measured exposure to emerging markets and high quality high yield where we see clear value, and a disciplined approach to interest rate risk given the current level of government bond yields.



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	New Capital Global Value Credit Fund	BofA Merrill Lynch 1-10 Year Global Corporate Index	Difference
1 Month	+0.71%	+0.64%	+0.07%
3 Months	-0.46%	-0.28%	-0.18%
6 Months	+0.16%	+0.58%	-0.42%
YTD	-0.03%	+0.20%	-0.23%
1 Year	+4.36%	+4.02%	+0.34%
3 Years	+18.02%	+16.28%	+1.74%
Since Inception Annualised	+0.70%	+1.28%	-0.58%
Since Inception (20/07/2021)	+3.39%	+6.24%	-2.85%

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## Outlook

Global growth remains resilient following a robust first quarter earnings season, though the increasingly prolonged Middle East conflict introduces downside risks should energy supply disruptions intensify. Markets seem confident a resolution can be found before more pronounced risks materialise. Credit spread tightness reflects expectations that the conflict will not result in an environment that undermines a positive, albeit perhaps more modest growth outlook or the availability of credit. Whilst stories circulate around private credit, software and some sectors such as chemicals continue to struggle, the

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contagion risks to the wider economy are limited. Equally, bank earnings show little signs of any credit stress or retrenchment. Against this backdrop, the credit outlook remains benign and spreads are likely to remain tight in our view. Economic and market volatility has increased dispersion and we continue to look for opportunities to optimise credit exposure across the globe.

Rates markets have remained more elevated relative to pre-war levels, particularly at the front end of yield curves, reflecting a view that central banks will be more cautious in evaluating their next steps given potentially higher short term inflation. What is notable is that globally, rates markets have moved in correlated fashion, but markets have been sensitive to idiosyncratic risks. We think this represents a source of potential diversification and opportunity. Whilst central bank rhetoric has remained “wait and see” in most instances, with the exception perhaps of the Reserve Bank of Australia who continued to hike rates, where arguably the conflict has simply accelerated tightening.

We think in many instances, long term bonds have largely been reflecting structurally neutral rates, and consequently yield curves have flattened, even in the face of apparent repricing of policy rates and inflation risks. Critically we think the flattening in the yield curve is informative of the level of yields, and the fact that there may be a ceiling within the current regime which reflects the point at which policy tightening becomes restrictive to growth. From a strategic perspective we believe this means that all in bond yields are attractive, especially for investors with longer term horizons. Downside risks from meaningfully higher yields are lower than perhaps are perceived by investors, whilst in our view any meaningful growth shock would likely illicit a response in monetary policy. Central bankers are likely to look through the short term oil price volatility, unless second round effects materialise. Investor surveys suggest portfolio bond weightings are at cyclical lows as a result of scars from 2022, inflation and fiscal profligacy. We continue to see room for volatility in rates markets as the inflation and growth implications of the Middle East crisis materialise, but ultimately should not pose a material risk to returns.

Our focus remains on maintaining a balanced risk profile, we are cognisant that credit spreads are tight, and consequently view yield as the main driver of returns. Given spreads can move wider quickly, our preference remains to keep focus on carry and roll down from lower quality echelons of the market, whilst allocating duration risk to higher quality tiers. In a steeper yield curve environment, we believe that the carry in longer maturity bonds is attractive, as is duration as a growth hedge.

However we aim to manage overall volatility, through the aggregate duration which remains conservative in comparison to many investment grade strategies. We continue to view the fund as offering an attractive risk return profile, with intermediate duration offering a balance between bond market sensitivity, a pick up in yield, and more modest downside risk profile.



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