

New Capital USD Shield Fund



Monthly Commentary | As of 30 April 2026

Executive summary

Key events in market

The Short Term US Credit bond market delivered a positive performance in April: more specifically, the Fund's reference market (ICE BofA 1-3 Years US Corporate excluding 144A Index) gained +0.38% in the month, with the 0-1 year maturity bucket posting a return of +0.41% and the 3-5 year maturity posting a return of +0.51%.

Key performance & positioning updates

In April the Fund delivered +0.30% in terms of absolute return, slightly below the reference index (+0.38%). The Fund ended the month with an A credit rating (vs A- of the reference index), 4.53% yield, and a modified duration of 1.83 years (in line with the reference index).

House view

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

In April, the portfolio returned +0.30%, compared to +0.38% for the benchmark, resulting in a relative underperformance of 8 basis points. The slight underperformance was due to security selection within Financials (lack of exposure to regional or subordinate banks).

The Fund maintained a neutral stance on duration (1.8y vs 1.8y of the reference market), with a slight underweight in the 1-3y bucket (-0.09y) which was compensated by an overweight in the 0-1y (+0.05y) and 3-5y (+0.08y) buckets respectively. Throughout the month, the underweight in the 1-3y bucket was gradually reduced.

From a sector point of view, the Fund continues to hold higher relative exposure to financials (58% vs 44%). A key differentiator is the Fund's broader country and issuer diversification compared to the benchmark with a 20% underweight to

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US names. There is no exposure to subordinated debt or US regional banks. Overall, the Fund is invested across 18 countries, 11 of which are included in the benchmark. Significant exposure outside US (33%) includes UK/ Canada (8%), France/Japan (7%), and Germany/Spain (6%). The largest underweight by geography is the US (-48%), mainly driven by underweight financials (-20%), utilities (-5%) and technology (-4%).

The Fund remains over exposed to the higher quality credit ratings: AAA/AA (+5.4% vs benchmark), A (+10%) and underweight BBB (- 15.4%). The portfolio currently holds 85 positions (1,646 in the reference index). In terms of trading activity, we participated in the primary market with allocations to TD '29, PM '29 and WMT '29. On the back of new inflows, we also added new positions in AVY '28, ENIM '29 and LUV '28. In addition, we implemented several switches within the 2–3 year segment, reducing exposure to very short-dated bonds (less than one year to maturity). All transactions were executed in line with our established investment process, underpinned by a disciplined risk-framework analysis.

The Fund continues to avoid more volatile market segments such as high yield and subordinated bonds, delivering a cautious approach within the investment grade universe. Better risk-adjusted returns remain the Fund's primary investment objective. We invest exclusively in USD-denominated issuers, eliminating foreign exchange risk, and do not use derivative instruments. It is classified as Article 8+ and maintains a green bond exposure of 2%, compared to 1% in the reference index.



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	New Capital USD Shield Fund	ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Corporate Excluding 144a Index	Difference
1 Month	+0.30%	+0.38%	-0.08%
3 Months	+0.21%	+0.30%	-0.09%
6 Months	+1.41%	+1.57%	-0.16%
YTD	+0.57%	+0.70%	-0.13%
1 Year	+3.98%	+4.29%	-0.31%
Since Inception Annualised	+5.19%	+5.37%	-0.18%
Since Inception (13/07/2023)	+15.21%	+15.75%	-0.54%

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Outlook

The US Federal Reserve maintained its policy rate at 3.5% during the month of April. Meeting minutes emphasised greater caution regarding inflation risks from rising energy prices and indicated that potential rate cuts may be delayed. As a result, market pricing currently implies the first rate cuts around 2027. The Senate is expected to vote on Kevin Warsh's nomination as chair before the June meeting. His pledge to lower rates may face resistance within the committee, given ongoing inflation pressures.

The IMF's April 2026 World Economic Outlook cut its global growth forecast to 3.1% for 2026, attributing the downgrade to the economic consequences of the Middle East conflict and elevated energy prices. Inflation estimates were revised higher for both developed and emerging markets, driven by increased oil, gas, and shipping costs, with core inflation also edging higher as cost pass through broadened. Several forecasters warned that downside risks now dominate the outlook should the conflict intensify or persist beyond mid 2026. The ongoing conflict between Iran, the US, and Israel continues to be the main geopolitical factor influencing markets. Although there have been occasional ceasefire talks, no lasting agreement has been reached. Markets remain concerned about the potential for further escalation and disruptions to supply. In the US, domestic political strains intensified as courts began hearing challenges to the administration's trade and tariff policies, adding another layer of policy uncertainty for global markets.

Credit markets have absorbed the oil-driven shock with limited dislocation. IG spreads have retraced to the low-mid 80bp range, indicating that markets are not pricing in lasting macro or inflation spillovers. Higher all-in yields continue to anchor demand and reinforce confidence in balance-sheet resilience. At current levels, current spread levels suggest markets view growth headwinds as manageable and that carry may provide some buffer against volatility. We believe it remains important to be selective, given ongoing geopolitical risks and the increased role of private credit in parts of the US financial system, which some financial institutions view as a potential vulnerability if valuations weaken or defaults rise. For reference, we have never held investments in regional banks.

Our investment strategy aims to maximize diversification through a robust, repeatable process centered on risk management. Using our proprietary risk tool, we identify and avoid numerous small, idiosyncratic risks within the investment universe, ensuring broader diversification across key risk factors. We consistently steer clear of subordinated bonds, high yield, regional banks, the real estate sector, issuers and bonds with low liquidity, and countries like China and Brazil. While these exclusions may mean missing out on potential gains in risk-on markets, they are integral to our disciplined process and support a prudent investment approach. We remain cautious, recognizing the ongoing concerns about geopolitical risks, and consequently macro developments (inflation, growth, fiscal deficits, etc.) in the coming months. In this context, short-term credit bonds are expected to be less impacted by volatility. Our process continuously scans the market, including the primary market, with a view to enhancing diversification and minimizing risk.

We combine quantitative and qualitative expertise, with qualitative analysis ultimately guiding decisions aiming to deliver the best risk adjusted returns. By focusing on short-term and high-quality investment-grade assets, we offer a product that fully integrates risk analysis—setting us apart from competitors, including ETFs. Additionally, the Fund can provide a means to de-risk asset allocations, ensuring a strong, repeatable, and cautious approach.



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