

# New Capital Global Value Credit Fund



Monthly Commentary | As of 31 May 2026

## Executive summary

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### Key events in market

Global fixed income markets delivered solid returns in May, supported by carry and a generally constructive backdrop for credit. Investment grade spreads were broadly stable to slightly tighter, despite continued heavy primary issuance. Government bond markets were highly volatile, with an initial sharp sell-off followed by a large rally after expectations of a US-Iran deal increased. Macro data continued to point to a resilient developed market growth backdrop.

### Key performance & positioning updates

All sources of return were positive during the month. The Fund modestly outperformed its benchmark, helped by its longer duration whilst underweight in BBB mid-long end detracted from asset allocation perspective. In May the fund actively added duration via futures and direct bond holding in different currencies at the correct time, which helped results. Emphasis remains on diversified carry from fundamentally sound issuers rather than directional spread risk.

## House view

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The stock market rally continued in May, buoyed by growing confidence in a de-escalation in the Persian Gulf and rising corporate profits, particularly in the tech and artificial intelligence (AI) related sectors. The MSCI All Countries World Index rose more than 5.2% in the month, bringing its year-to-date gain to 12.4% in US dollar terms. Amongst developed markets, the US and Japan delivered the strongest returns, although once again emerging markets outperformed their developed peers, especially driven by Asia.

Credit markets in May were characterised by a continuation of the supportive tone seen earlier in the year. Investment grade spreads remained well anchored, with investors comfortable to absorb a steady stream of new issuance across currencies. Higher quality credit continued to benefit from the combination of attractive all-in yields and a still-benign default environment, while pockets of weakness emerged in specific issuers facing rating pressure or negative fundamental news. In the US, long-term bond yields rose following positive economic data and upward pressure on consumer prices. Conversely, yields fell in Europe, reflecting worse-than-expected economic growth data and expectations that the overall rise in inflation will be contained. The divergence in bond yields impacted the currency market, where the US dollar gained ground, although it remained within the trading range that has prevailed over the past twelve months. Finally, among commodities, oil prices declined and industrial metals prices rose.

These latest developments reflect the perception that the peak of tensions in the Persian Gulf is behind us and that maritime trade through the Strait of Hormuz will normalise in the coming months, albeit not quickly or in a linear fashion. Another factor supporting the markets was the outcome of the meeting between President Trump and Xi in mid-May. Another meeting between the two heads of state is scheduled for the end of September.

Finally, market sentiment benefited from the further upward revision of corporate earnings for 2026 and 2027, with expectations of more than 20% for this year and double-digit growth next year. The increase in expected profitability makes current multiples more sustainable and reduces the bubble risk evoked by some commentators, especially in the technology sector. However, it does not eliminate the possibility that stock market performance going forward may be more moderate than in recent months.

## Fund performance and positioning

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The Fund's return in May was driven by a combination of carry and successful yield curve positioning, particularly in longer-dated USD and GBP government bonds. Yield curve effects contributed to outperformance. Overweights in the 20- and 30-year segments of the US curve were especially beneficial, as yields declined and the Fund's higher duration profile versus the benchmark was rewarded. GBP government bond tactical positioning also added meaningfully. In contrast, asset allocation detracted from relative returns: the fund's underweight in long dated BBB rated credit generated a small negative allocation effect as spreads tightened during May. The overweight in AA-rated credit produced negative pure allocation but positive further allocation effects, reflecting the benefit of specific curve and sector choices within that rating bucket. The Fund's preference for longer-dated A and AA-rated bonds, including positions with no benchmark equivalent in the 15+ year segment,

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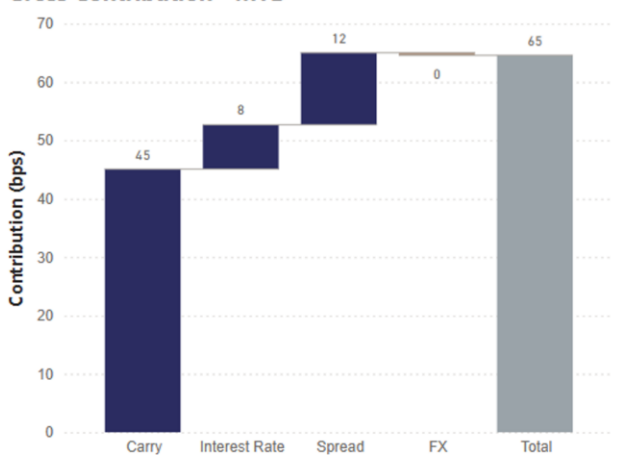


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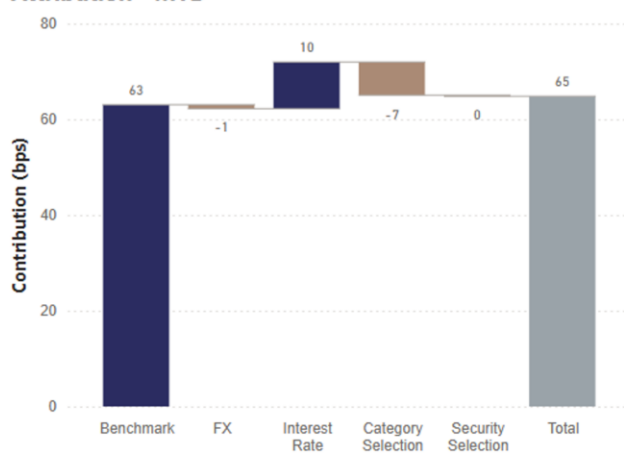
was a net positive from a curve perspective. At the issuer level, higher beta issuers outperformed, namely subordinated credit and high yield. The fund's exposure to hybrid such as VW, Verizon and BP was positive from a credit selection. Off-benchmark exposure to short duration high yield also added to performance. On the negative side, mid-duration BBB bonds in emerging market lagged, with bonds such as Southern Copper 2035, CFE 2034 and Chile Electric 2033 at the bottom of the table. The recent downgrade of Mexico to Baa3 by Moody's could have been a trigger for the former.

Overall, the Fund's modest outperformance was achieved through effective duration and curve management, particularly in longer-dated USD and GBP government bonds, while credit selection was more challenging given the concentration of detractors in a handful of issuers. Looking ahead, the portfolio remains focused on maintaining diversified sources of yield across developed market credit, with selective exposure to emerging markets and high quality high yield where valuations remain compelling, while continuing to emphasise fundamental resilience and prudent risk management.

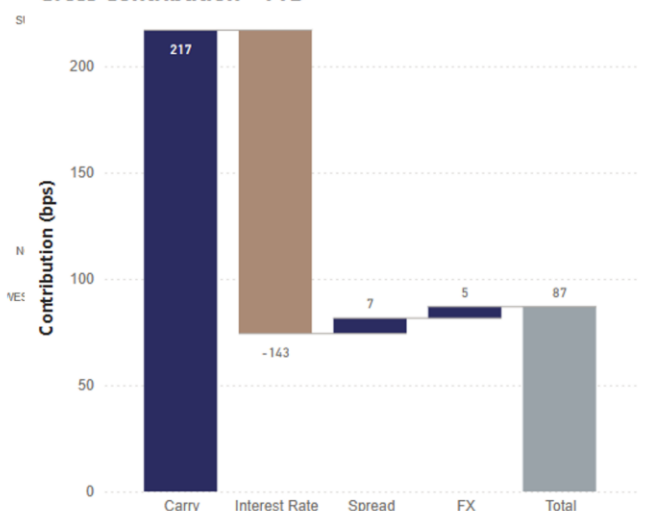
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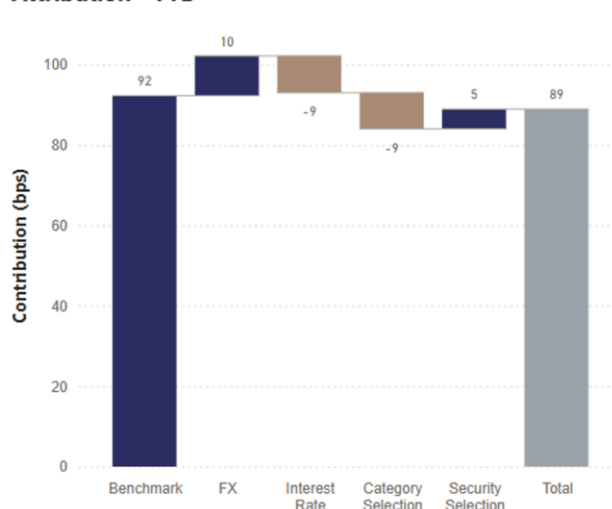
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	New Capital Global Value Credit Fund	BofA Merrill Lynch 1-10 Year Global Corporate Index	Difference
1 Month	+0.58%	+0.56%	+0.02%
3 Months	-0.98%	-0.47%	-0.51%
6 Months	+0.48%	+0.82%	-0.34%
YTD	+0.55%	+0.76%	-0.21%
1 Year	+4.63%	+4.29%	+0.34%
3 Years	+19.62%	+17.42%	+2.20%
Since Inception Annualised	+0.81%	+1.37%	-0.56%
Since Inception (20/07/2021)	+3.99%	+6.84%	-2.85%

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## Outlook

Global growth has so far proved more resilient than many expected, supported by healthy corporate balance sheets, market liquidity and high earnings expectations. The key risk remains that Middle East conflict introduce real downside risks to the economy should energy supply disruptions continue for a prolonged time. For now, markets are still pricing these as temporary and that growth should remain positive, albeit more modest, for the foreseeable future. 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 remain elevated relative to the pre-2022 regime, particularly at the front end of curves, reflecting a world of moderately higher equilibrium policy rates, central banks that are cautious about declaring victory on inflation, and ongoing uncertainty around the inflationary impact of geopolitics and supply-side shocks. Most major central banks are in a "data-dependent" phase, with a bias to ease gradually if inflation resumes its lower trend and growth remains positive. The risk of renewed aggressive tightening appears low unless there is a clear second-round inflation shock. Yield curves in many markets have flattened as long-term yields increasingly reflect a more "neutral" structural rate rather than the peak of the hiking cycle. We interpret this flattening as a signal that there is a practical ceiling to yields within the current regime: beyond a certain point, higher rates would likely trigger a more forceful growth slowdown and policy response.

From a strategic perspective we believe this means that all in bond yields are attractive, especially for investors with longer  
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term horizons. With spreads already tight, we expect the bulk of returns to come from carry and roll-down rather than further spread tightening. We remain selective in adding spread risk, focusing on issuers and structures where we are well compensated for fundamental and liquidity risks. We continue to allocate duration risk primarily to higher-quality issuers and sovereigns, while using carefully sized positions in high-quality, high yield and select emerging markets to enhance portfolio yield. We are cautious on lower-quality segments where refinancing risk could rise if volatility returns. Overall, we see the remainder of 2026 as an environment where carry and careful curve positioning are likely to be rewarded, while security selection and diversification will be key to managing idiosyncratic risks. Our focus remains on maintaining a balanced risk profile, emphasising fundamental resilience, and using volatility as an opportunity to optimise credit exposure rather than as a reason to de-risk structurally. We continue to view the Fund's intermediate-duration, globally diversified profile as offering an attractive balance between income, downside protection and participation in any further improvement in market conditions.



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