Key Information Document



Purpose

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

Product

Name of product: ERSTE BOND USA CORPORATE, Tranche ERSTE BOND USA CORPORATE EUR IO1 (UCITS)

ISIN: ATOOOOA1Y349 A EUR IO1 ATOOOOA1Y372 VTIA EUR IO1

Name of the PRIIP manufacturer: Erste Asset Management GmbH (Management Company) <u>www.erste-am.com</u>

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The Austrian Financial Market Authority (FMA) is responsible for supervising the Management company in relation to this Key Information Document.

Erste Asset Management GmbH is a management company within the meaning of the InvFG 2011 that is authorised in Austria and an alternative investment fund manager within the meaning of the AIFMG and is regulated by the FMA.

This Fund is authorised in Austria.

Date of validity of the Key Information Document: from 27.09.2024

What is this product?

Type

The product is an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS, fund) in accordance with the Investment Fund Act 2011 (InvFG). The Fund is a portfolio of assets with no legal personality that is divided into equal units represented by securities and that is collectively owned by all unit-holders.

Term

The Fund was established for an indefinite period of time.

The Management Company may terminate the management of the Fund or merge the Fund with another fund, both in compliance with the applicable legal regulations (see the prospectus, section II, item 7). If the unit-holders redeem all units in the Fund, the Fund will also be terminated.

Objectives

ERSTE BOND USA CORPORATE is a bond fund. The Fund aims to achieve capital growth and/or continuous returns.

The unit category ERSTE BOND USA CORPORATE EUR IOI was issued for institutional investors. A minimum initial investment volume of EUR 1 million applies. In order to attain the investment objective, the Fund invests predominantly, in other words at least 51% of its assets, in USD-denominated corporate bonds from issuers that are primarily registered or engage in business in the USA in the form of directly purchased instruments, in other words not indirectly or directly through investment funds or derivatives; the bonds must be in the investment grade (or other comparable) segment in terms of ratings assigned by recognised rating agencies.

Within the framework of the hedging concept, the Investment Firm tries, among other things, to hedge the USD currency risk versus the EUR to the greatest extent possible using appropriate strategies.

In accordance with the Fund Rules that have been approved by the Austrian Financial Market Authority, the Fund intends to invest more than 35% of its assets in securities and/or money market instruments of Member States, regional authorities, or public international bodies. A detailed list can be found in Section II, item 12 of the prospectus.

Units in investment funds may comprise up to 10% per individual issue and up to 10% of the fund assets in aggregate total.

Derivative financial instruments can be used as part of the investment strategy and for hedging purposes, and may comprise up to 49% of the fund assets. The investment process incorporates the consideration of environmental, social, and corporate governance factors.

The Fund employs an active investment policy and is not oriented towards a benchmark. The assets are selected on a discretionary basis, and the Management Company's degree of freedom is not limited.

Detailed information on the eligible investments can be found in Article 3 of the Fund Rules or Section II, item 12 of the prospectus.

Intended retail investor

This product is intended for investors with basic knowledge and with no or only limited experience with investing in funds, who wish to increase the value of their investment over the recommended holding period and/or who are seeking regular returns, and who are also willing to accept a potential financial loss in terms of their originally invested capital.

Additional information

This Fund is divided into unit classes. Information on the other unit classes can be found in the prospectus (section II, item 7).

You can demand the redemption of your fund units on any Austrian exchange trading day with the exception of bank holidays.

The Management Company can suspend redemption if this is deemed prudent based on exceptional circumstances.

The income of the Fund can be distributed at the discretion of the Management Company for the unit class (A), and is retained in the Fund for the unit class (VTIA) and increases the value of the units. The taxation of income or capital gains from the Fund depends on your personal tax circumstances. If you have any questions, you should seek professional advice.

The issue and repurchase prices are published online at <u>http://www.erste-am.com/en/mandatory_publications</u> .

The prospectus including the fund rules, the Key Information Document, the annual and half-yearly reports, and other information can be obtained free of charge at any time from the Management Company and custodian bank of the Fund and its branches, as well as on the website of the Management Company at

http://www.erste-am.com/en/mandatory_publications in German (the Key Information Document may also be provided in other languages on this site). Other information for investors will be published on the Electronic Announcement and Information Platform of the Republic of Austria at https://www.evi.gv.at/. Information on any payment offices and distributors and on the depositary can be found in the prospectus, section II, item 17 and section III. In the event of authorisation

in non-German speaking countries, this information can be found in the respective official language of the country at <u>https://www.erste-am.com/en/map-private</u> and at the respective payment office and distributor.

Depositary (depositary bank of the Fund): Erste Group Bank AG

Any sales restrictions or other particulars about the Fund can be found in the prospectus.

What are the risks and what could I get in return?

Risk indicator

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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| Lower | risk | | | | Highe | er risk |
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The risk indicator assumes you will keep the product for at least 6 years.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-low level. Poor market conditions are unlikely to impact our capacity to pay you.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

Please note potential currency risk. If you receive payments in a different currency, the final return you will get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.

You do not have to make any further payments to cover losses.

In addition, there are material risks that are not taken into account in the summary risk indicator: credit, liquidity, operational, transfer, and custody risk as well as risk from the use of derivatives.

Comprehensive information on the risks of the Fund can be found in the prospectus, section II, item 12.

Performance scenarios

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted. The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the Fund or a suitable benchmark, if applicable, over the last 11 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.

| Recommended holding period Example investment: 10000 E | - | lf you exit after 1 year | lf you exit after 6 years | |
|--|--|---|---------------------------|--|
| Minimum | There is no minimum guaranteed return. You could | eturn. You could lose some or all of your investment. | | |
| Stress scenario | What you might get back after costs | 5,750 EUR | 5,750 EUR | |
| | Average return each year | -42.51 % | -8.81 % | |
| Unfavourable scenario This type of scenario occurred for an | What you might get back after costs | 7,660 EUR | 8,420 EUR | |
| investment between 12/2020 and 08/2024. | Average return each year | -23.37 % | -2.83 % | |
| Moderate scenario | What you might get back after costs | 9,720 EUR | 10,280 EUR | |
| investment between 03/2014 and 03/2020. | Average return each year | -2.81 % | 0.47 % | |
| Favourable scenario This type of scenario occurred for an | What you might get back after costs | 10,760 EUR | 11,420 EUR | |
| investment between 08/2013 and 08/2019. | Average return each year | 7.64 % | 2.24 % | |

The figures shown include all the costs of the Fund itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

What happens if Erste Asset Management GmbH is unable to pay out?

The Fund is a portfolio of assets that is segregated from the assets of the Management Company. There is thus no risk of default in terms of the Management Company (for example in the event that it becomes insolvent). The unit-holders are joint owners of the assets of the Fund. The Fund is not subject to any legal or other deposit guarantee scheme.

What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

Costs over time

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest and how long you hold the product. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods.

We have assumed:

- In the first year you would get back the amount that you invested (0% annual return). For the other holding periods we have assumed the product performs as shown in the moderate scenario.
- 10000 EUR is invested

Example investment: 10000 EURIf you exit after 1 yearIf you exit after 6 yearsTotal costs396 EUR732 EURAnnual cost impact*4.0 %1.2 % per year

* This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 1.62 % before costs and 0.47 % after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you.

These figures include the maximum distribution fee that the person selling you the product may charge (3.50 % of amount invested, 338 EUR). This person will inform you of the actual distribution fee.

| Composition of costs | | | | |
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| One-off costs upon entry or exit | If you ex | lf you exit after 1 year | | |
| Entry costs | 3.50 % of the amount you pay in when entering this investment. This is the most you will be charged. The Management Company does not charge an entry fee. | 338 EUR | | |
| Exit costs | The Management Company does not charge an exit fee. | 0 EUR | | |
| Ongoing costs taken each year | | | | |
| Management fees and other administrative or operating costs | 0.42 % of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year. | 41 EUR | | |
| Transaction costs | 0.16 % of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell. | 15 EUR | | |
| Incidental costs taken under specific | conditions | | | |
| Performance fees | There is no performance fee for this product. | 0 EUR | | |

How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

Recommended holding period: 6 years

You should be willing to hold your investment for at least 6 year/years. This recommended holding period is based on our assessment of the risk and reward characteristics and costs of the Fund. However, losses cannot be ruled out.

You can demand the redemption of your fund units on any Austrian exchange trading day with the exception of bank holidays. For further information, see the prospectus, section II, item 10.

The repurchase price is the unit value rounded down to the next cent. The unit value is calculated in EUR. The Management Company charges no redemption fee. The Management Company can suspend redemption if this is deemed prudent based on exceptional circumstances.

How can I complain?

Please address any complaints about Erste Asset Management GmbH or the Fund (the product) to Erste Asset Management GmbH, Am Belvedere 1, A-1100 Vienna, or to <u>kontakt@erste-am.com</u> or use the contact form available at <u>www.erste-am.com</u>. For complaints regarding the provided advice or sales process, please contact your contact person at your bank or the institution managing your securities account.

Other relevant information

Information about the past performance of the Fund for the last 6 years can be found on the website of the Management Company at https://www.erste-am.at/en/priip-historic-performance/AT0000A1Y349.

Information on past performance scenarios of the Fund on a monthly basis can be found on the website of the Management Company at https://www.erste-am.at/en/priip-performance-scenarios/ATOOOOA1Y349.

The information contained in this Key Information Document does not constitute a recommendation to buy or sell the product and is not a substitute for individual advice from your custodian bank or advisor.