

## Kempen Euro High Yield Strategy

# Active management of Euro-denominated, High Yield corporate bond portfolio

Strategy Overview 2025  
For professional  
investors only

## Why Van Lanschot Kempen?

- **An experienced team:** Van Lanschot Kempen has been managing European credit portfolios since 2008. We channel this expertise towards excellence for our clients.
- **Area of market with strong relative value:** Our focus is on BB-rated corporate credits, which offer a compelling risk-return profile.
- **Integrating sustainability:** Sustainability is one of the key elements of our approach with an emphasis on exclusion, ESG risk, climate, and engagement.

## Our Sustainability Framework



### Exclusion

Strict exclusion policy: product involvement, business conduct, Paris Aligned Benchmark.<sup>1</sup>



### ESG Integration

Proprietary VLK ESG Risk Score.



### Climate

Targeting CO<sub>2</sub> footprint 30% lower than benchmark<sup>2</sup>.



### Engagement

Defined engagement process, focusing on companies with higher ESG risk.

## Our approach: Alpha by Control

- **Active management:** Diligent analysis to exploit mispricing and market inefficiencies.
- **Top-down:** Holistic evaluation of market and sectors to set risk limits.
- **Bottom-up:** Fundamental analysis of individual company credit risk.
- **Risk control:** Defensive approach within strict risk framework which aims for lower downside risk.
- **Duration neutral:** No active interest rate risk vs benchmark<sup>2</sup>; we aim to generate outperformance via effective credit risk management.
- **ESG Integration:** we believe sustainability can contribute to long-term value creation.

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We call our approach ‘Alpha by Control’. This is a team-based approach based on active top-down and bottom-up analysis (combined with ESG integration) within a strict risk framework. Our defensive, risk-focused approach is implemented across the interest rate and macroeconomic cycle but, we believe, performs best during ‘risk-off’ periods of market volatility.



**Joost de Graaf**  
Co-head Fixed Income

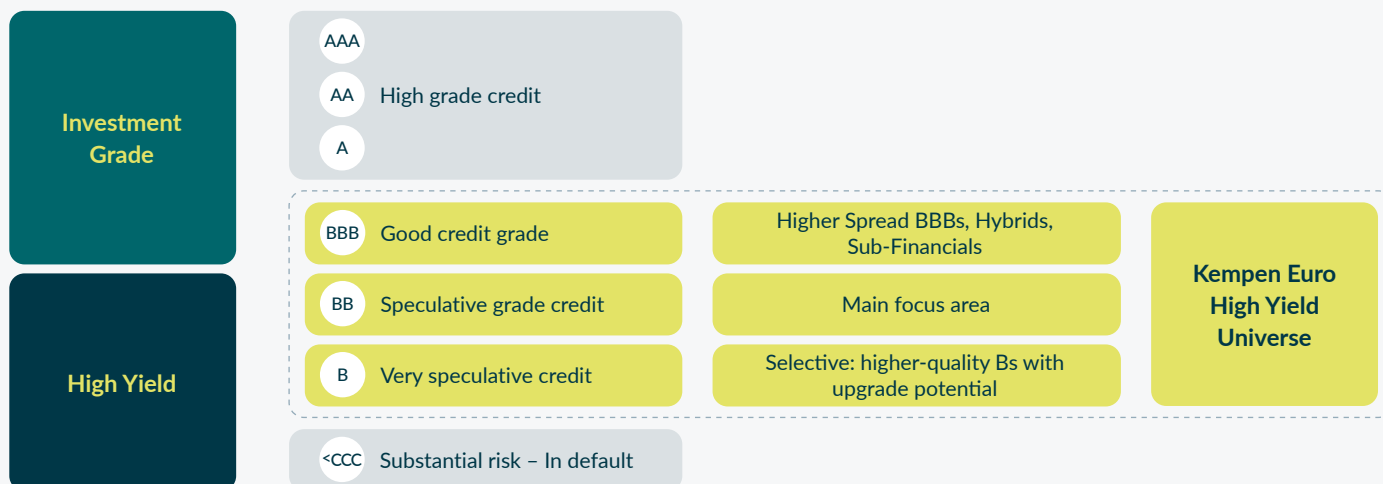
<sup>1</sup> As of May 21, 2025

<sup>2</sup> Benchmark: ICE BofA Q964 Custom Index. The benchmark is for performance comparison purposely only.









## Focus on BB-rated corporate bonds

- The Strategy invests in Euro-denominated, sub-investment-grade corporate bonds.
- It focuses on BB-rated bonds – the largest portion of the Euro high yield market, providing ample investment opportunities and high liquidity.
- Opportunistic positions taken in B-rated bonds based on risk-adjusted returns and rating upgrade potential.
- Actively invest in subordinated bonds of investment-grade issuers, primarily in corporate hybrids and lower tier-two debt from banks and insurers.

## Investment Universe



## Euro Credit Team

							
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