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# Inflation is spiking Is it really transitory ?

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# Inflation is spiking

# Inflation

Inflation at a 10-year high

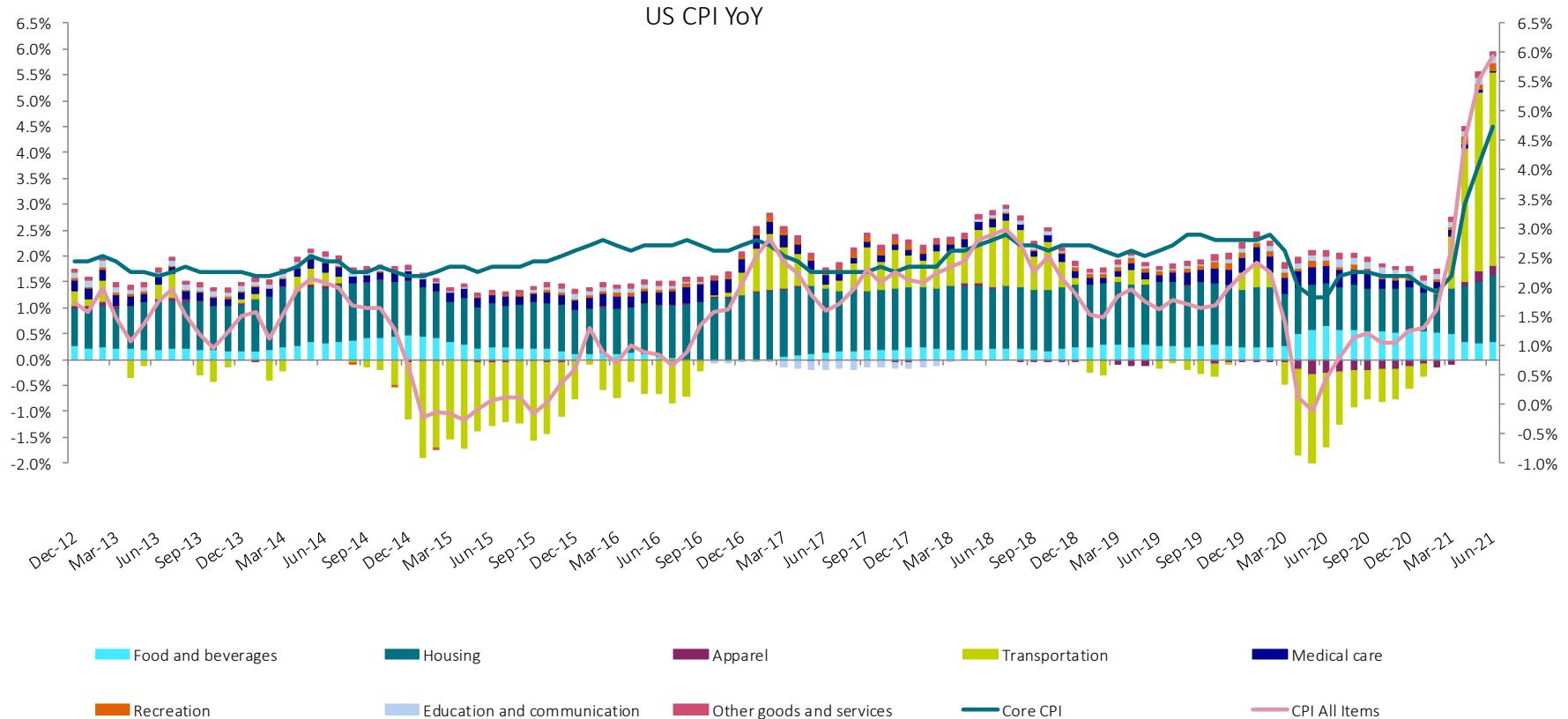


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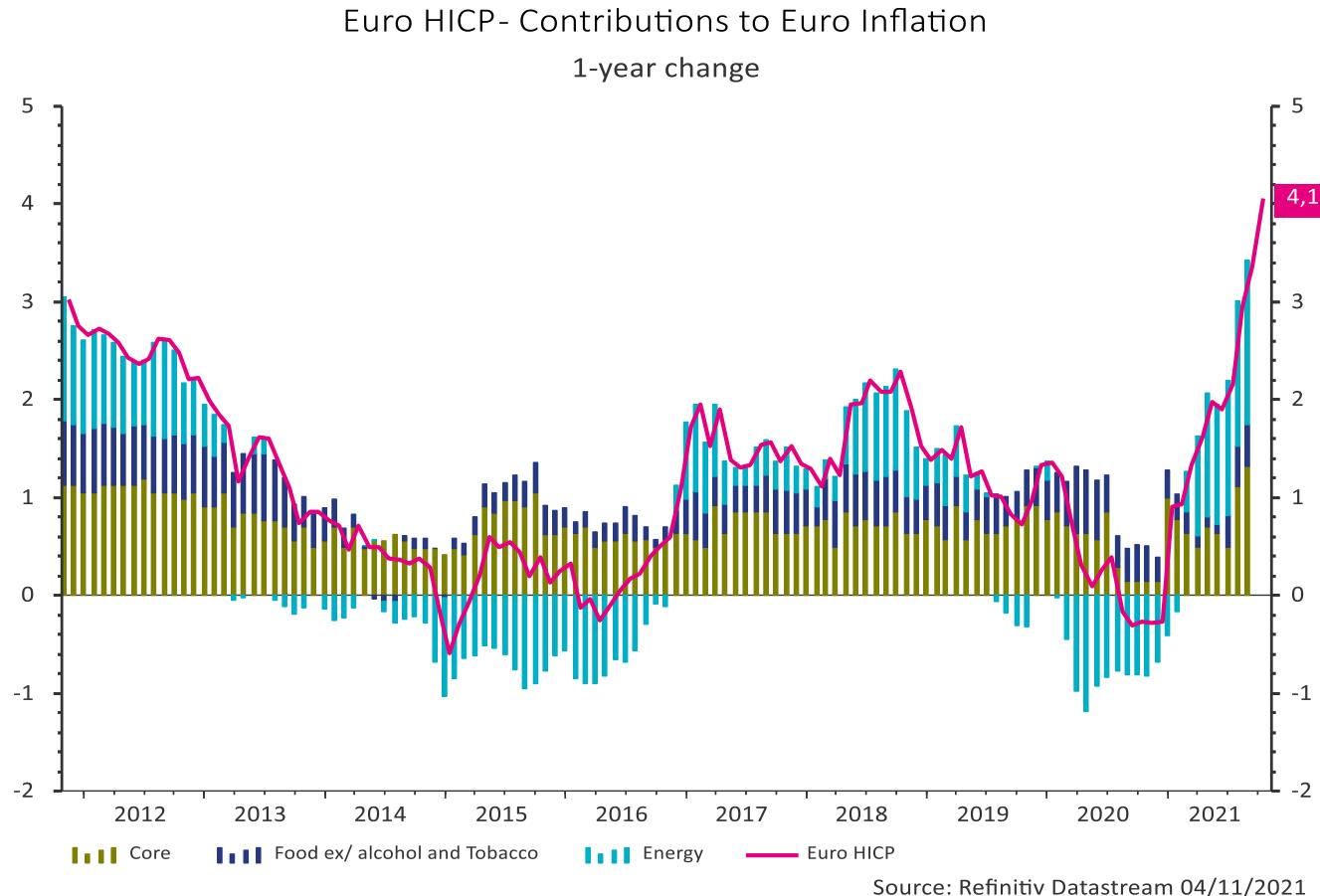
Most of the surge in US inflation has been driven by “Transportation”



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.t01.html> as at 30/09/2021

# Inflation

Energy & statistical effects have driven €-Area inflation higher

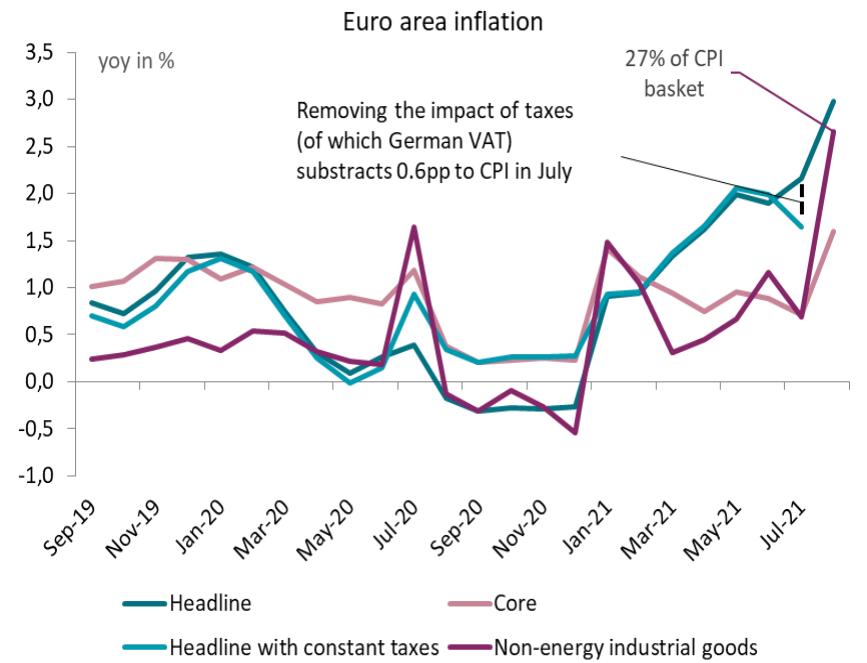
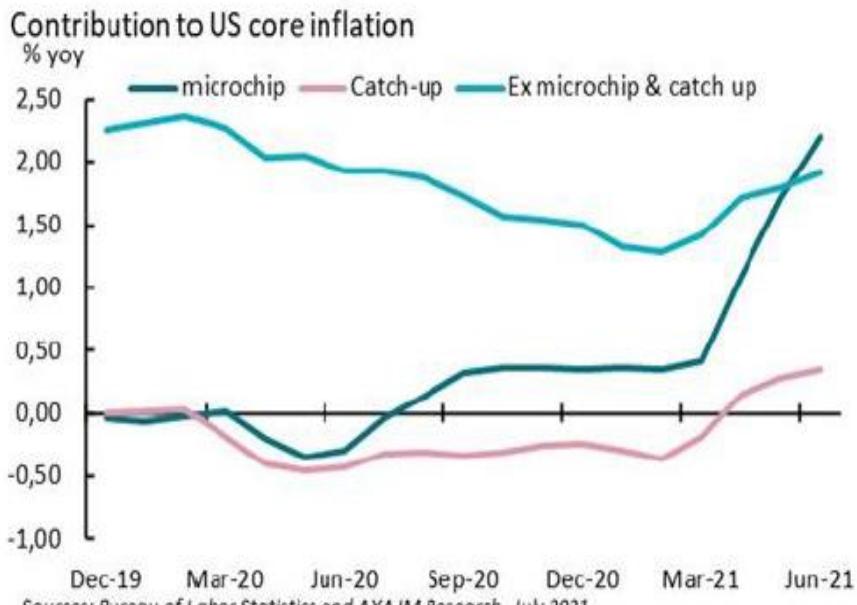


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# Is it transitory ?

# Evidence of transitory inflation

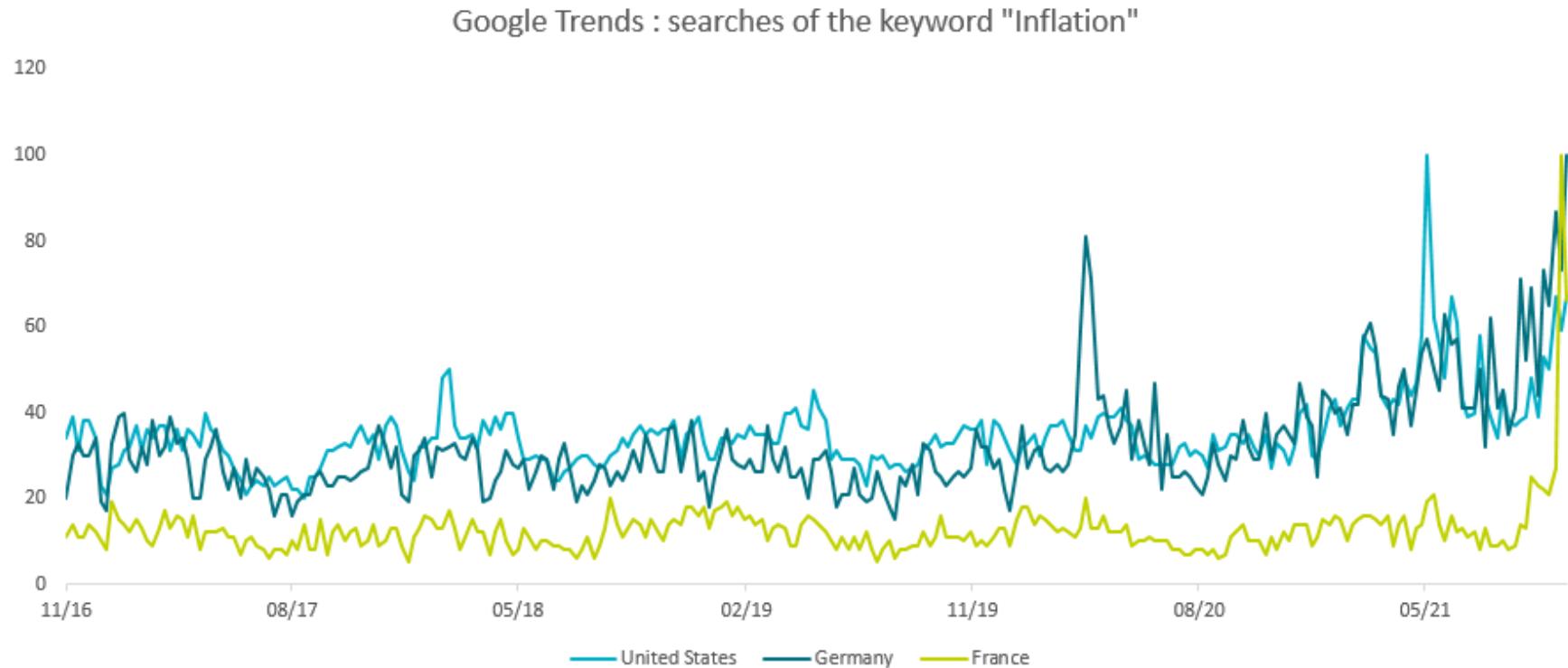
Most of the increase in inflation has been driven by Covid-related components



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# Inflation is in the spotlight

The “Reflation” trade follows years of “no inflation” trade



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## Are economists' forecasts reliable ?

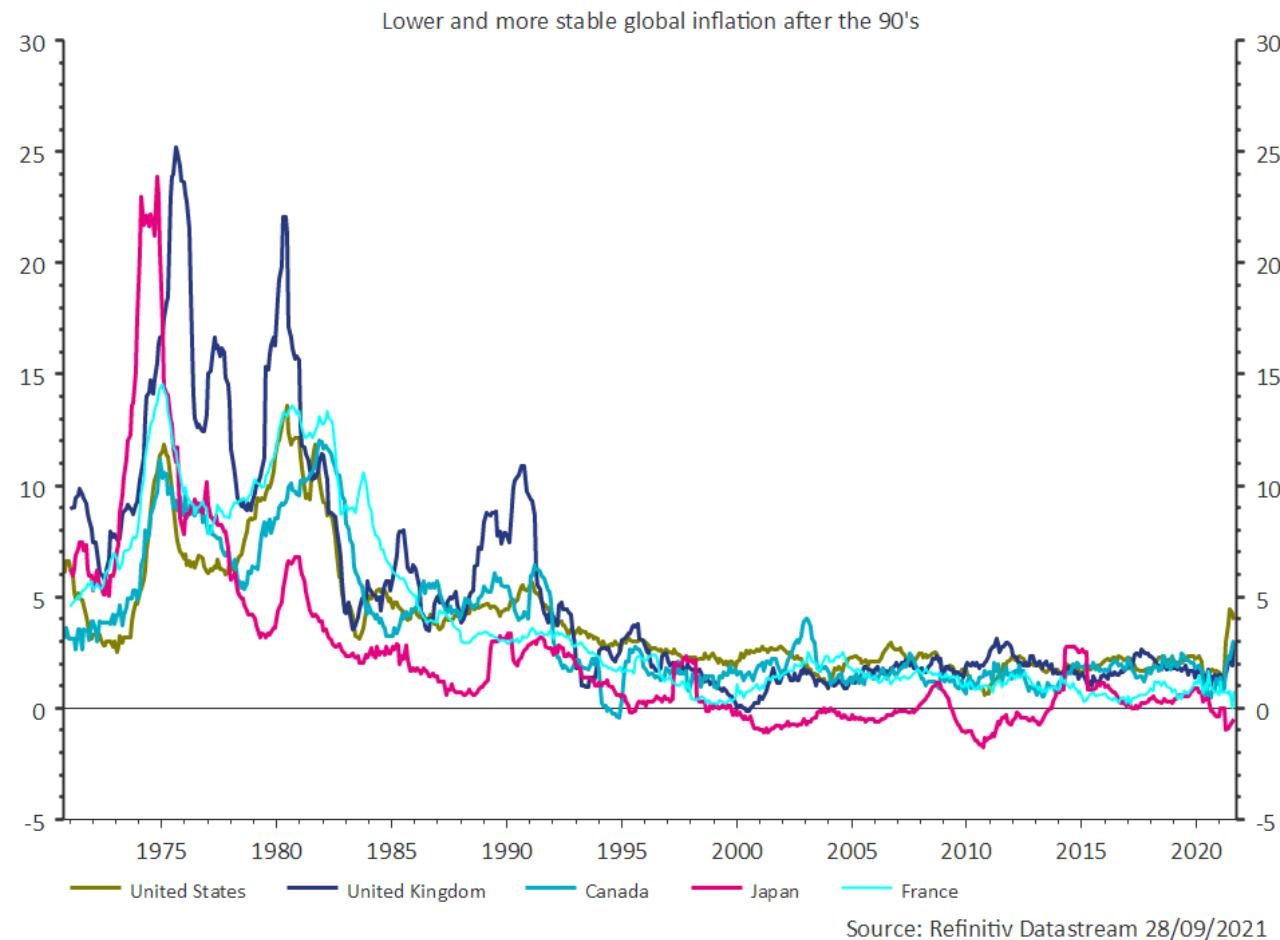
The market was expecting €-Area to peak at 1,2% in 2021 at the beginning of the year...



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# What are the risks ?

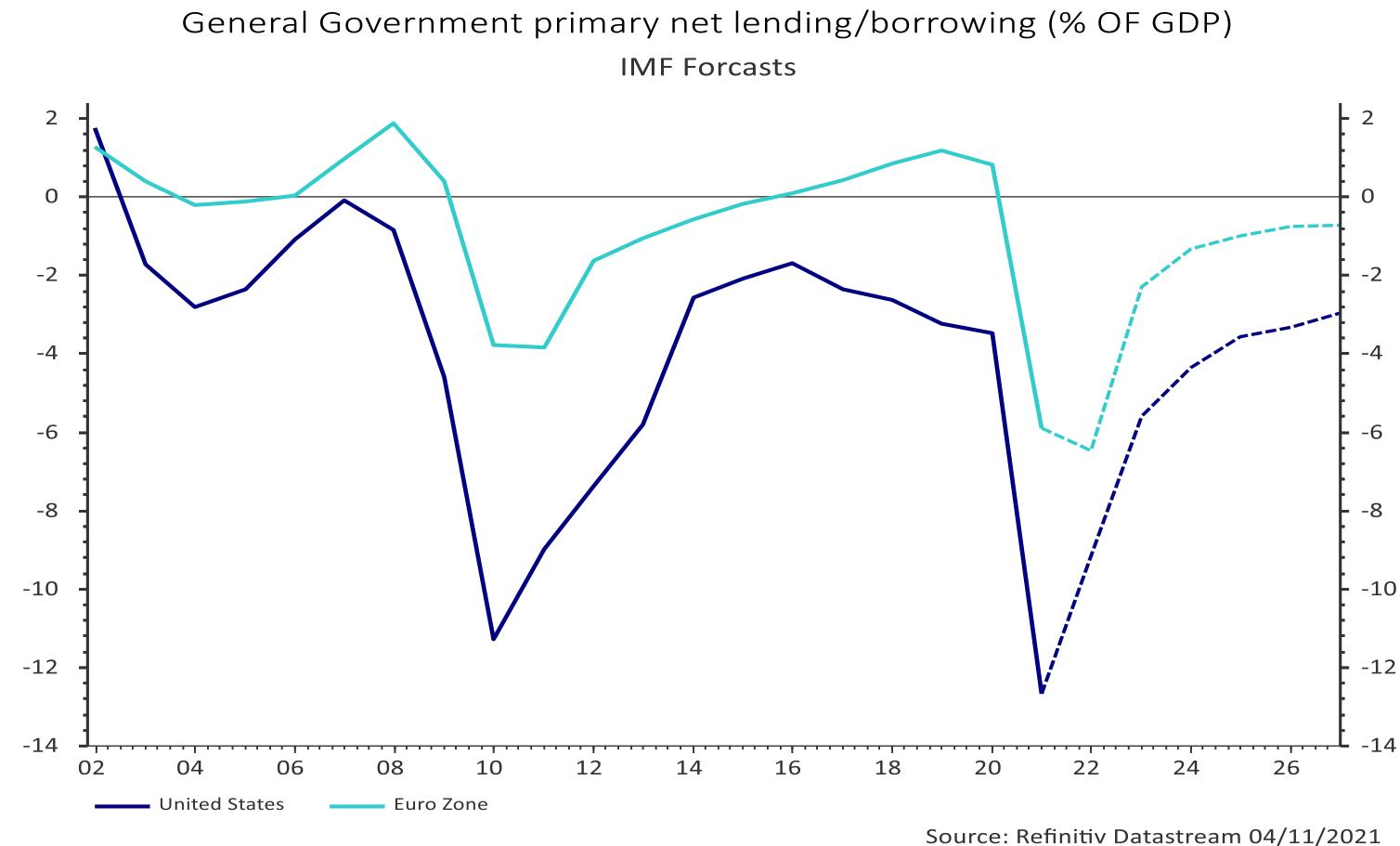
Globalisation and free trade has been a massive source of disinflation, will it last ?



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## What are the risks ?

A new era of fiscal expansion ?

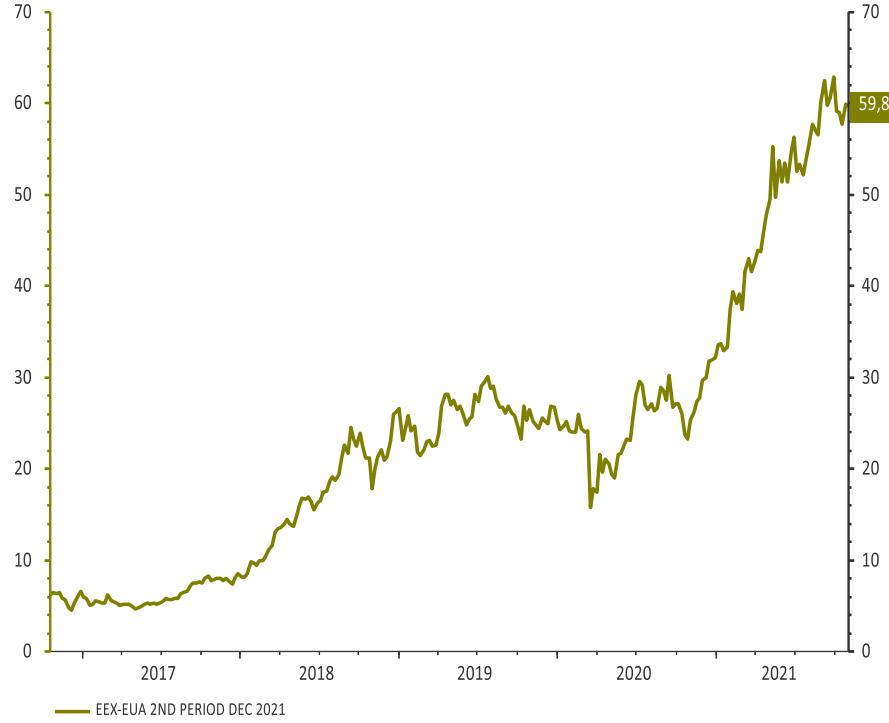


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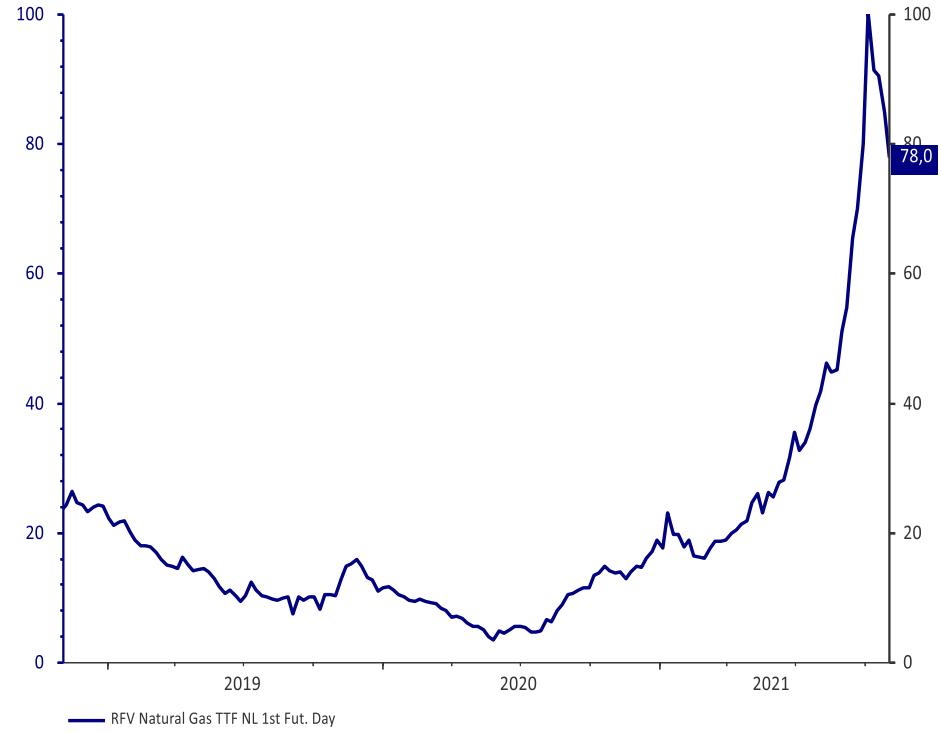
# What are the risks ?

## The green revolution

EU Carbon price  
UJLA Comdty



Natural Gas price

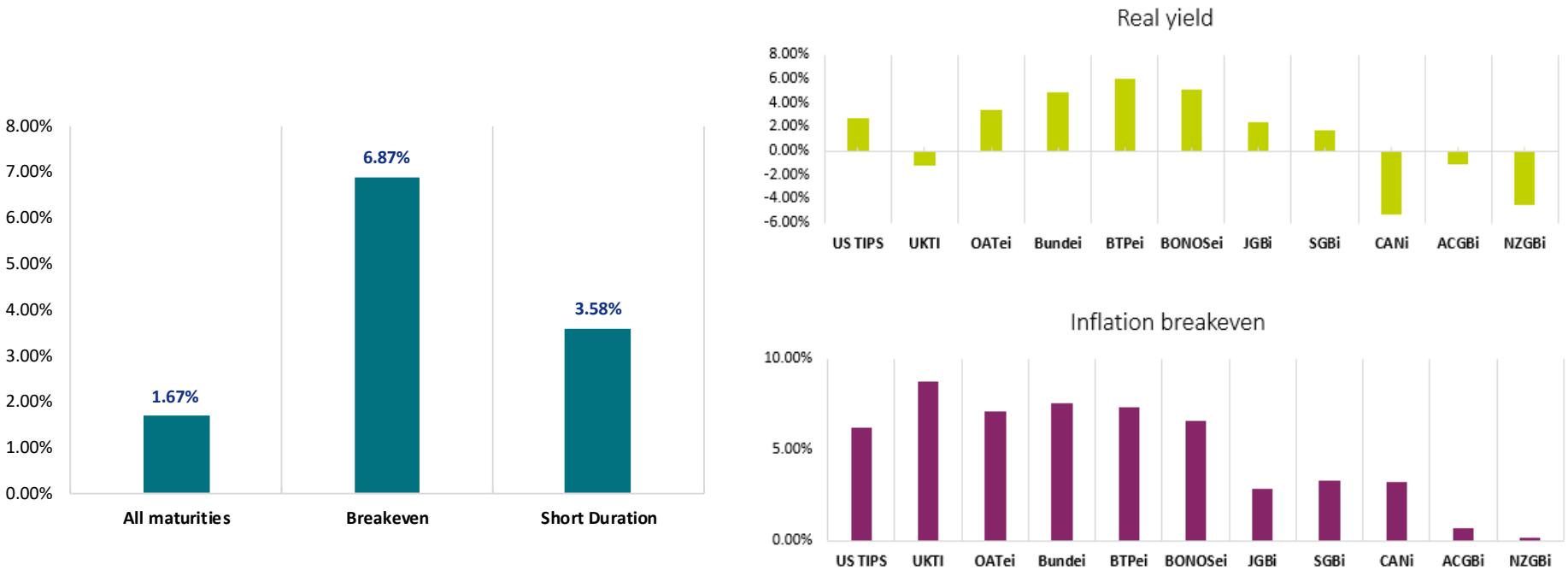


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# Inflation linked bonds in 2021

# Inflation-Linked bonds market performance in 2021 so far

## The comeback of inflation breakevens

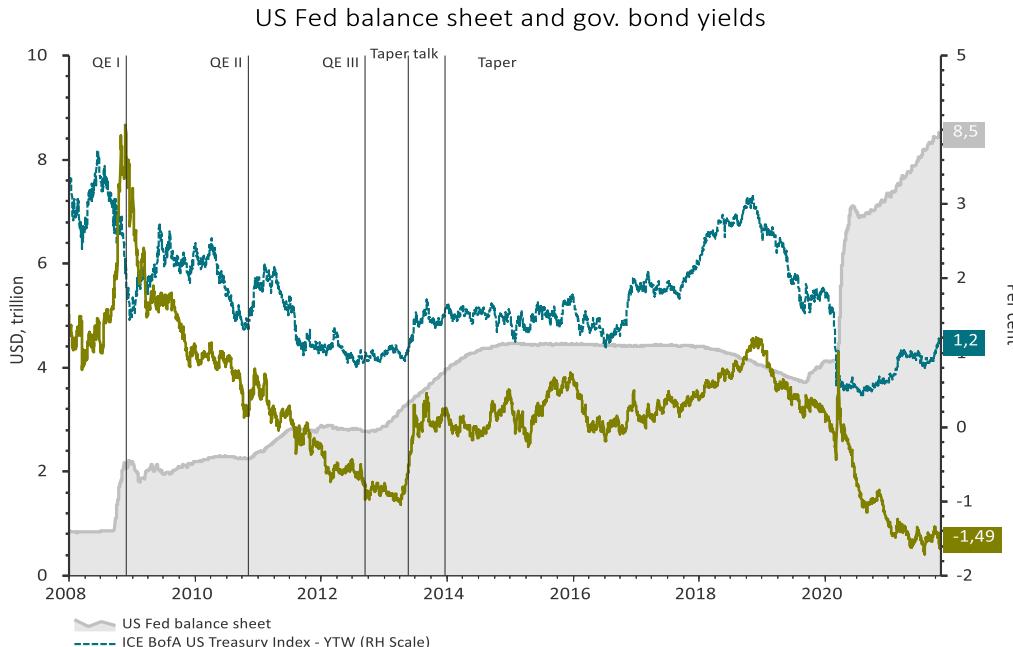


Recovery optimism driven by the rollout of vaccination campaigns as well as increasing oil prices have been the key factors for the outperformance of linkers relative to their nominal counterparts. With extremely accommodative monetary and fiscal policies, fears around inflationary pressures have supported the spike in inflation breakevens around the globe.

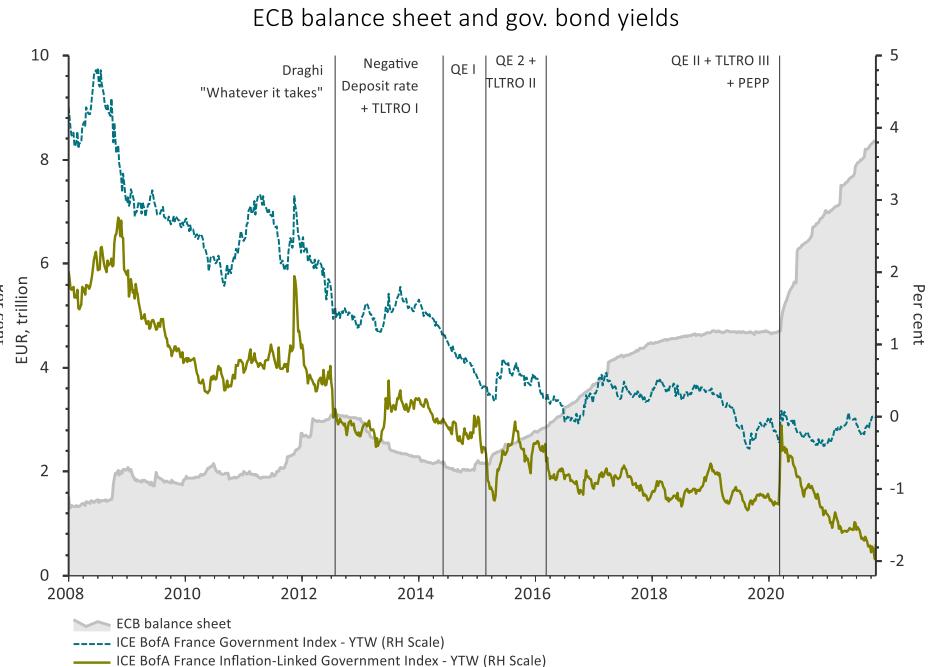
Source: AXA IM, Bloomberg au 30/09/2021.

# Central Banks massive footprint

Balance sheet expansion has been a major source of support



Source: Refinitiv Datastream 04/11/2021



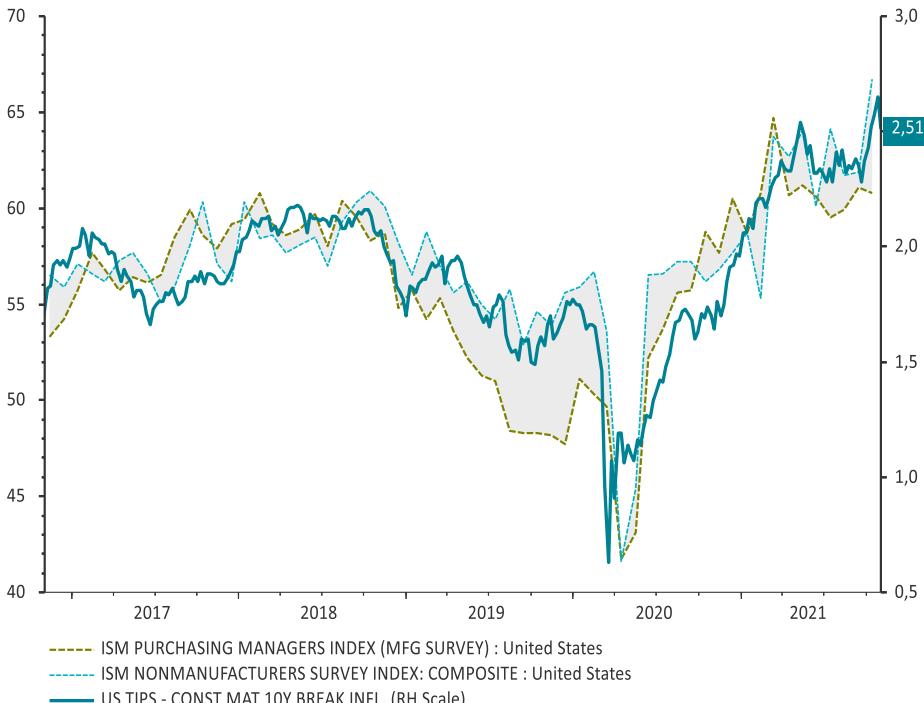
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# Economic growth and inflation expectations remain firmly correlated

Inflation breakevens are not in a “bubble”

ISM index / US 10-year Breakeven



Citi Inflation surprise Index / EUR 10-year Breakeven

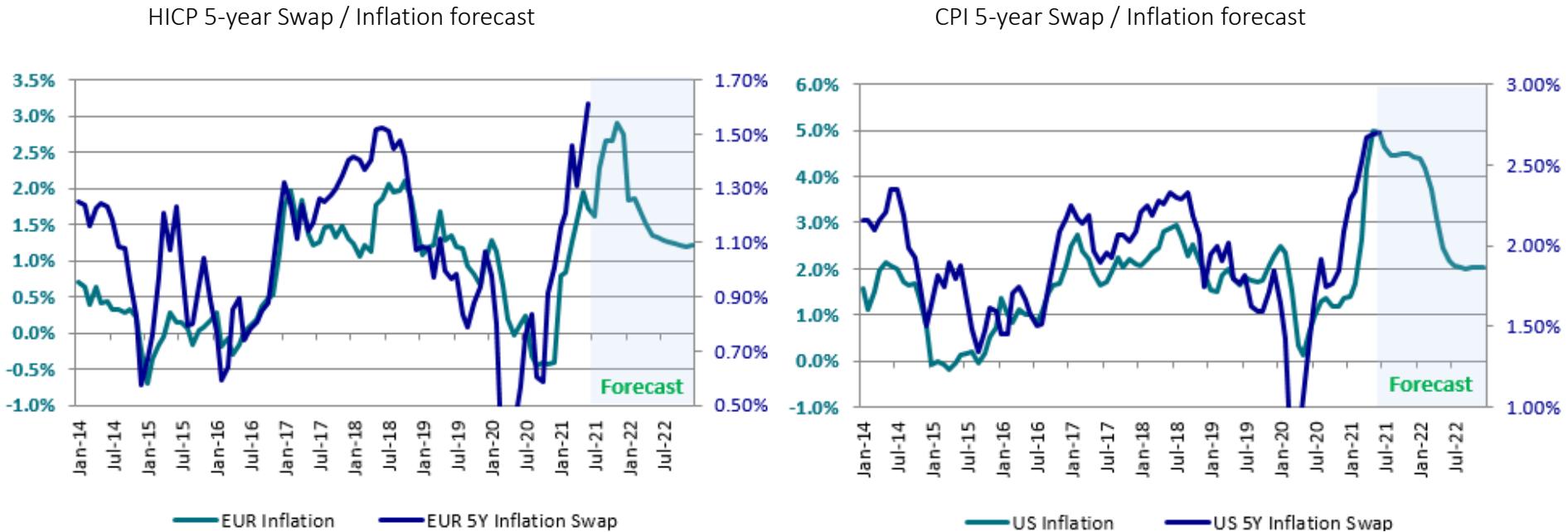


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# How to position in inflation linked bonds ?

# The « goldilockeans »: not too hot not too cold

The upcoming shock is transitory

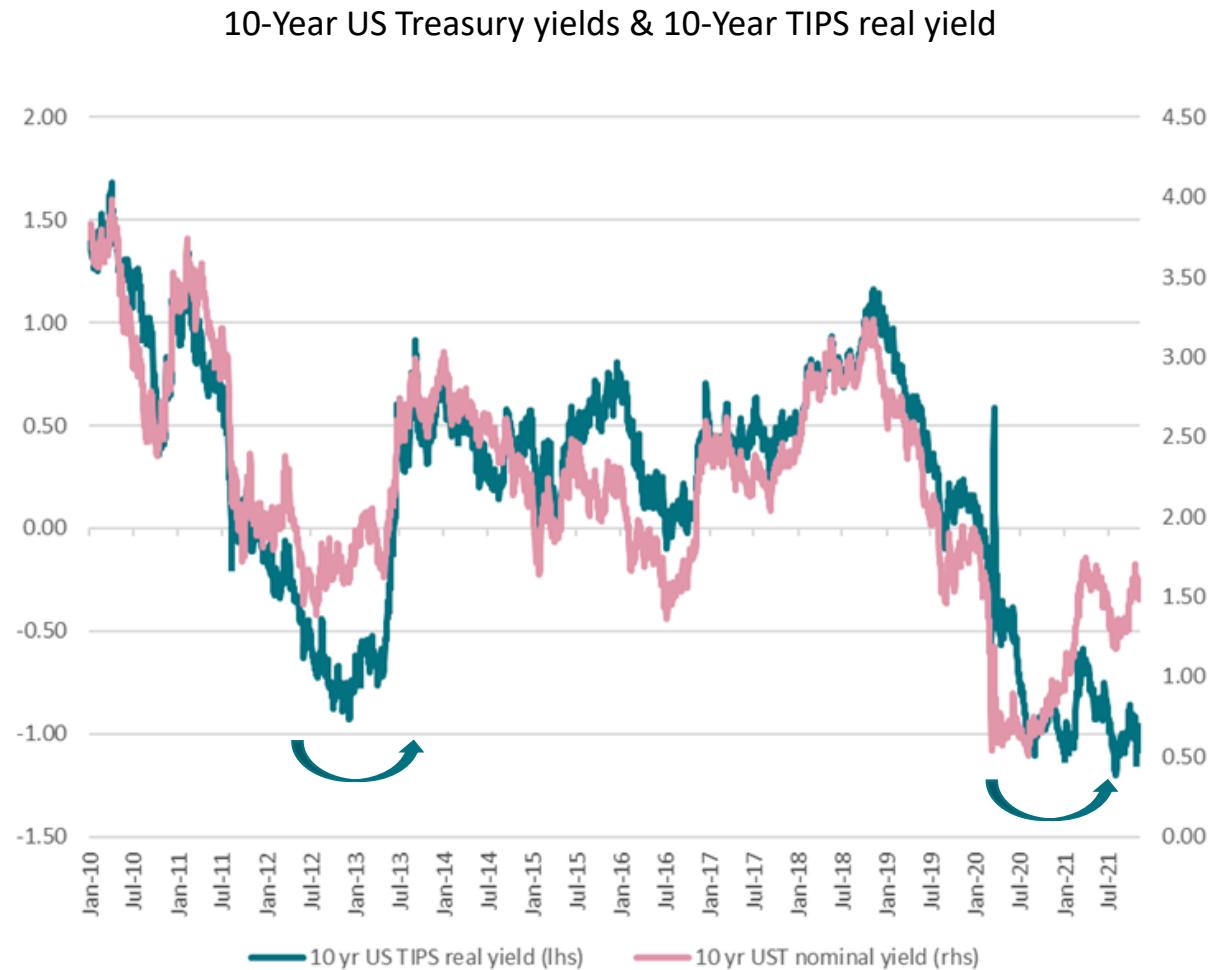


Realized inflation has been driving inflation breakevens. However, upside pressures on inflation are expected to be temporary.

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## Risk of higher interest rates

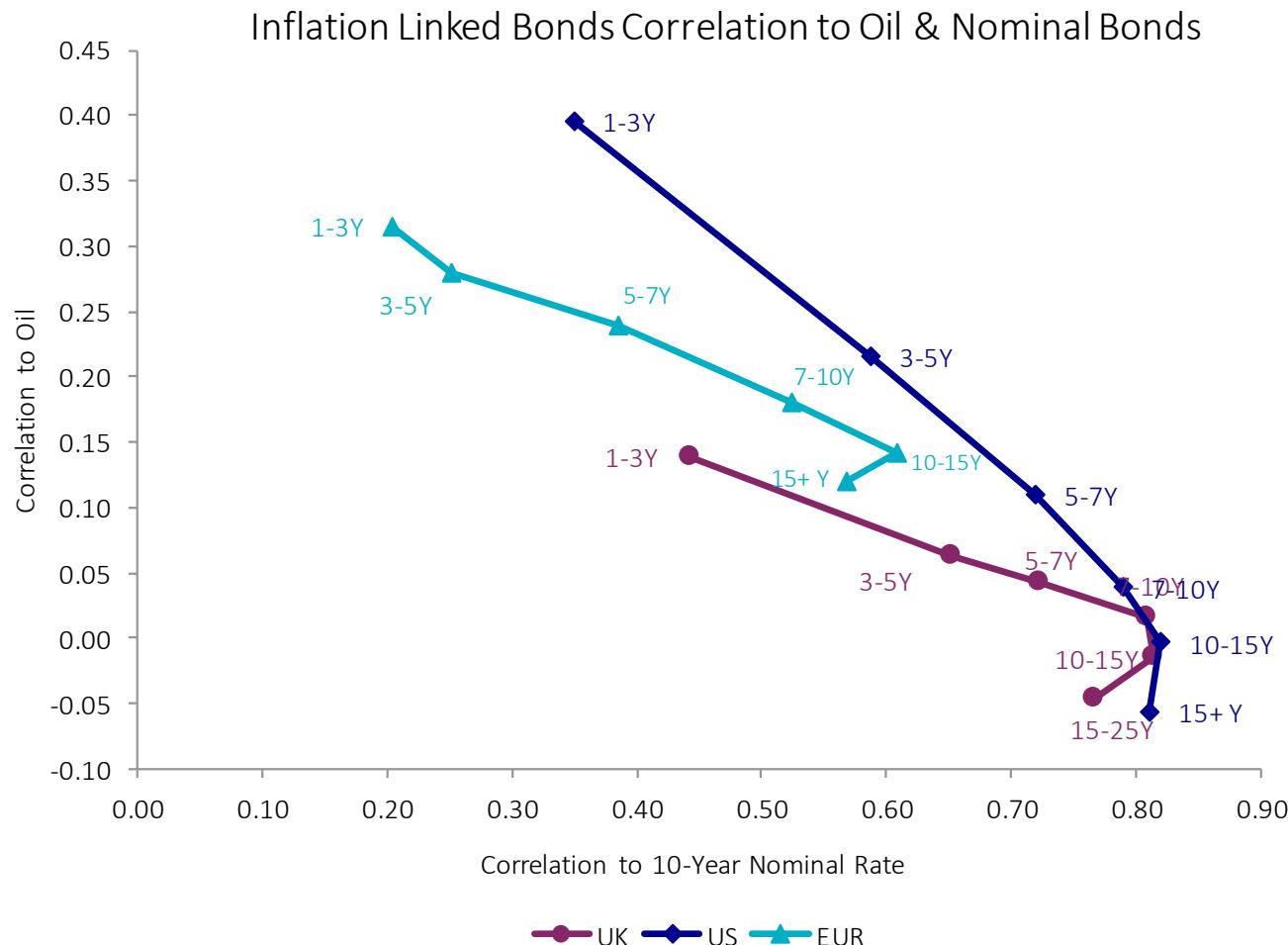
Real interest rates remain at rock-bottom levels



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# Making a difference between long and short maturities inflation linked bonds

We hold a preference for short maturities inflation linked bonds



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# What and When?

## Understanding our Global inflation strategies

	Global Inflation Bonds	Global Inflation Bonds REDEX <sup>1</sup>	Global Inflation Short Duration Bonds
 MATURITY	All Maturities	All Maturities	Short Maturities
 DURATION EXPOSURE	<b>HIGH</b> (~ 13 years)	<b>REDUCED</b> by selling 10yr interest rate futures (~ 2 years)	<b>LOW</b> (~ 3 years)
 PERFORMANCE ENGINE	1. Rates & Duration 2. Inflation indexation (residual)	Inflation breakeven (expectations)	1. Realized Inflation 2. Duration
 WHEN?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real Interest rates ↓ or =</li> <li>Positive Inflation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest rates ↑</li> <li>Rising inflation breakevens</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive realized Inflation</li> <li>Residual interest rate impact</li> </ul>
 SPECIFIC RISKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest rates risk</li> <li>Falling / Low inflation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest rates risk</li> <li>Potentially negative carry</li> <li>Falling / Low inflation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest rates risk</li> <li>Falling / Low inflation</li> </ul>

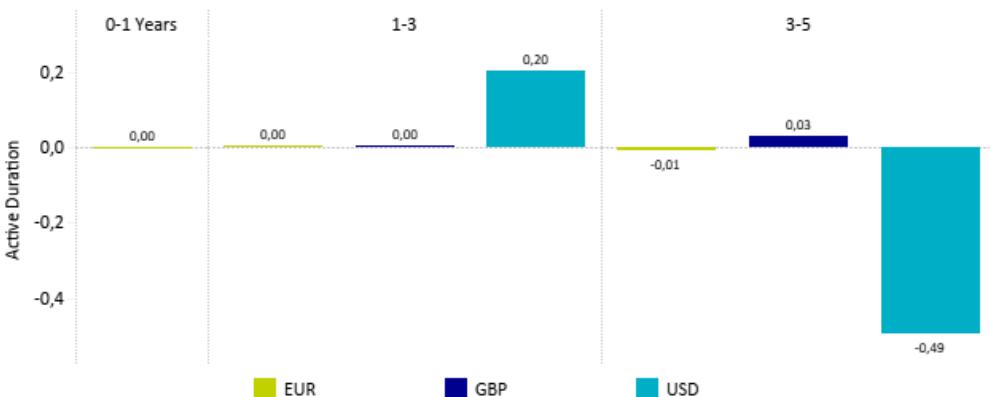
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# AXA World Funds Global Inflation Short Duration Bonds

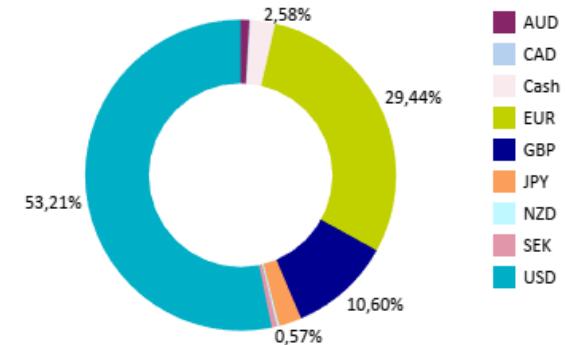
## Portfolio overview

	Fund	Index	Breakdown by Country (Bonds & Futures in active duration, years)	Rating	Fund	Index
AUM	2 696	-	France 0,07 United Kingdom 0,03 Italy 0,01 Canada 0,01	AAA	11,3%	5,8%
Average Years to Maturity	2,52	2,99	Australia -0,01 Sweden -0,01 Spain -0,01 New Zealand -0,01 Denmark -0,01 Japan -0,02 Germany -0,08	AA+	53,0%	62,7%
Modified Duration	2,69	3,00	United States -0,29	AA	9,3%	7,1%
Standard Share Class Duration	2,66	2,96		AA-	10,6%	10,5%
Number of Positions <sup>1</sup>	42	43		A	2,4%	4,4%
Average Rating (worst)	AA	AA		BBB+	1,9%	2,2%
				BBB-	8,5%	7,4%
				Not Rated	2,9%	

Active duration positions by markets



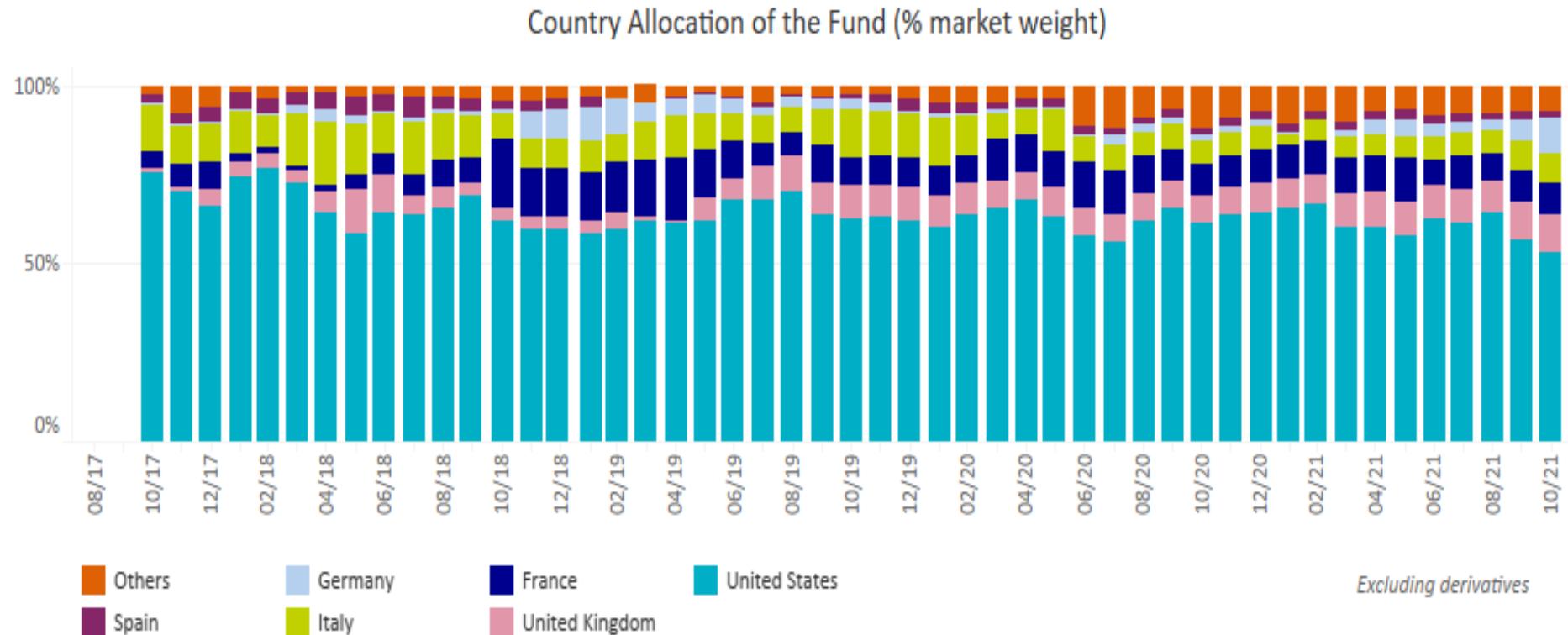
Market allocation



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## Evolution of the country allocation

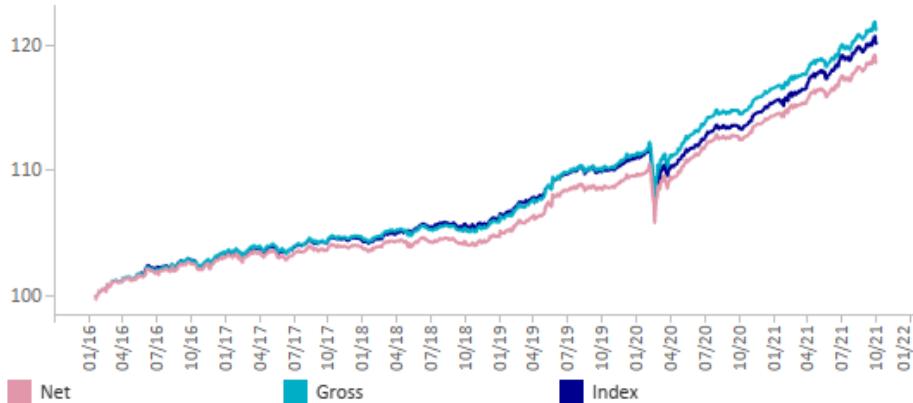


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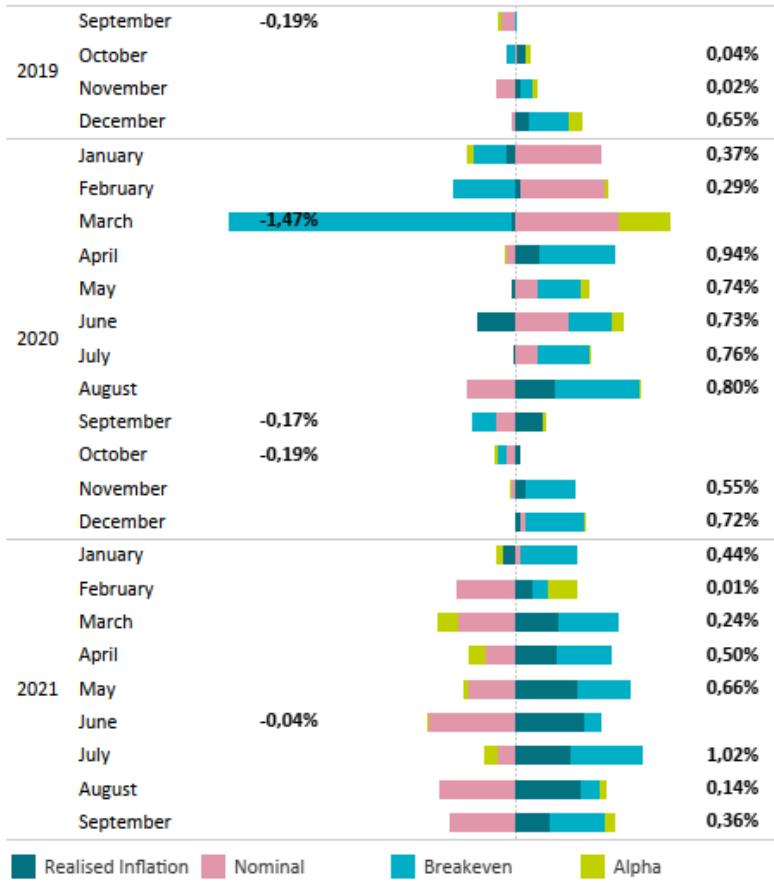
## Performance

Gross and Net cumulative performance (index=100, Feb 2016)



Cumulative Performance	YTD	1M	3M	1Y	SL
Net Performance	4,13%	0,37%	0,87%	5,45%	18,59%
Gross Performance	4,46%	0,40%	0,97%	5,86%	21,22%
Performance Indicator <sup>1</sup>	4,64%	0,44%	0,80%	6,04%	20,17%
Excess Return (Gross)	-0,18%	-0,04%	0,17%	-0,18%	1,05%
Tracking error	0,54%	0,67%	0,62%	0,42%	0,36%
Fund's Volatility	1,53%	2,14%	1,56%	1,39%	1,42%
Information ratio	-0,41	-0,67	1,10	-0,43	0,44
Annualised Performance	1Y	3Y	5Y		
Net Performance	5,47%	4,41%	2,95%		
Gross Performance	5,88%	4,82%	3,35%		
Performance Indicator	6,06%	4,41%	3,16%		
Excess Return (Gross)	-0,18%	0,41%	0,19%		

AXAWF Global Inflation SD I USD Perf Engine



Realised Inflation Nominal Breakeven Alpha

Source: AXA IM/UBS Delta Paris as at 29/10/2021. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. No assurances can be made that profits will be achieved or that substantial losses will not be incurred. The portfolio first NAV date was on 16/02/2016. (1) The fund is managed in reference to Barclays Capital World Government Inflation-Linked 1-5 yr Bond Hedged USD index. The fund was launched on 16/02/2016. Performance analysis is relative estimated performance based on unaudited data sourced from UBS Delta. The chart includes gross and net performance. For net, the deduction of fees reduces the level of returns.

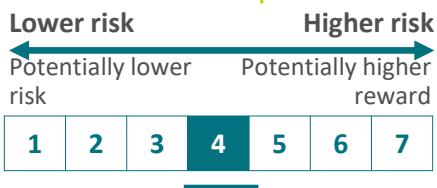
# AXA World Funds Global Inflation Bonds

## Fund Overview

## Main Characteristics

<b>Investment Objective</b>	Seek performance through dynamic exposure mainly to inflation-linked bonds issued in the OECD
<b>Investment Horizon</b>	5 years
<b>Investment Zone</b>	Global
<b>Investment Universe</b>	Inflation-linked bonds and of any other related debt securities issued by OECD governments, corporations or public institutions worldwide
<b>Inception Date</b>	13 September 2005
<b>Legal Form</b>	Sub-fund of AXA World Funds, a Luxembourg-based SICAV
<b>Reference Currency</b>	EUR
<b>Type of Share</b>	Capitalisation and Distribution
<b>Valuation</b>	Daily
<b>Subscription / Redemption</b>	Forward price, daily (D) before 3:00 pm (CET)
<b>Settlement</b>	D+3 working days
<b>Management Company</b>	AXA Funds Management S.A. (Luxembourg)
<b>Investment Manager</b>	AXA Investment Managers Paris
<b>Custodian</b>	State Street Bank Luxembourg S.A.

## Risk and Reward profile



- The capital of the Sub-Fund is not guaranteed.
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- The risk category is calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Sub-Fund's future risk profile.
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## Fee details

SHARE CLASS*	A	F	I
Investor Type	All investors	All investors	For Institutional Investors only
ISIN Code Capitalisation	EUR	LU0266009793	LU1002648381
	CHF (H)	LU0397279430	LU1002649199
	GBP (H)	LU0420068156	LU1002649512
	USD (H)	LU0266009959	LU1002649942
ISIN Code Distribution	EUR	LU0451400831	LU1005224032
	GBP (H)		LU0814370507
	USD (H)		LU0266010379
Minimum initial Subscription	None	None	100 000
Minimum Subsequent Investment	None	None	10 000
Maximum Subscription Fees	3.00%	2.00%	None
Maximum Redemption Fees	None	None	None
Maximum Annual Management Fees	0.60%	0.45%	0.30%
Real Annual Management Fees	0.60%	0.35%	0.30%
Maximum Distribution Fees	None	None	None

\* Not Exhaustive



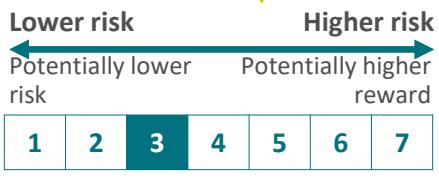
# AXA World Funds Global Inflation Short Duration Bonds

## Fund Overview

### Main Characteristics

<b>Investment Objective</b>	seek performance by investing mainly in short duration inflation-linked bonds issued in OECD countries, over a medium term period.
<b>Investment Horizon</b>	5 years
<b>Investment Zone</b>	Global
<b>Investment Universe</b>	Inflation-linked bonds and of any other related debt securities issued by OECD governments, corporations or public institutions worldwide
<b>Inception Date</b>	16 February 2016
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	CHF (H)	LU1353951020	LU1353951889
ISIN Code Distribution	USD	LU1353950642	LU1353951616
	EUR (H)	LU1353950998	LU1567432593
	CHF (H)	LU1353951962	LU1353952424
Minimum initial Subscription	None	None	5 000 000
Minimum Subsequent Investment	None	None	1 000 000
Maximum Subscription Fees	3.00%	2.00%	None
Maximum Redemption Fees	None	None	None
Maximum Annual Management Fees	0.50%	0.30%	0.25%
Real Annual Management Fees	0.50%	0.30%	0.25%
Maximum Distribution Fees	None	None	None

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# Q & A

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