

BCGE SYNCHRONY MARKET FUND – BCGE Swiss Government Bonds

Finalisation of the debt swap deal that enabled Greece to avoid a default on its debt repayments restored some semblance of calm to the markets, but the atmosphere overall still remains very volatile. After embarking on a phase of reverting towards more normal levels in the opening fortnight of March, interest rates began to edge back lower. In the end, government bond yields closed March up by around 6 basis points, the notable exceptions being maturities of 9 and 10 years which posted increases of 14bp. Overall, yields on 10-year bonds climbed from 0.72% to 0.87%. In these circumstances, the sub-fund's return before expenses worked out at -0.69%, fully in line with the benchmark. In addition, the management fee was revised downwards to 0.2% p.a.

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