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Hedge Fund Manager SilkInvest Launches Fixed Income Frontier Fund

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New York (HedgeCo.net) - In a move that shows that product innovation is still alive and well, Silk Invest, an asset management firm regulated by the FSA, has just announced the [launch](#) of its new UCITS Luxembourg domiciled fund.

Focused on [frontier markets](#), the new fund will be named The Silk Road Income Fund. Silk Invest also has previously launched equities [hedge funds](#) African Lions and Arab Falcons.

"The Silk Road markets are under-represented in investor's portfolios. The timing of our [launch](#) is perfect for investors as it enables them to take advantage of the re-pricing of risk in these markets." Daniel Broby, Chief Investment Officer of Silk Invest, said, "Recent history shows that the collective [Silk Route](#) countries have consistently grown GDP faster than developed economies."

As part of the fund development, Silk Invest conducted a survey of [fixed income](#) securities across the target regions, covering over 4,100 bonds and \$480bn in total debt volumes. From this list the firm was able to filter out the most lucrative and liquid target asset universe, using a combination of credit and market-oriented stress tests.

"We aim to manage 60-80 holdings across 25 countries in the fund and are currently showing portfolio yields of over 16.5% with duration of 3.4 years." John Bates, Head of [Fixed Income](#) at Silk Invest, said.

Baldwin Berges, Director of Business Development at Silk Invest, noted "Despite tough market conditions, we are seeing strong investor appetite for [fixed income](#) in these frontier regions as investors seek reliable returns from a diversified pool of assets. With Daniel Broby's longstanding investment [management track](#) record, John Bates' experience as a credit analyst and Patrick Landi's experience in origination, we have put together a formidable team of people, all with hands-on experience in [frontier markets](#)."

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