



# Baillie Gifford Worldwide European High Yield Bond Fund

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## Investment Proposition

The Worldwide European High Yield Bond Fund seeks a high total return relative to an index comprised of sub-investment grade bonds denominated in European currencies. We aim to invest in companies that will weather economic fluctuations, rather than attempting to time markets. We emphasise detailed bottom-up research and invest according to the strength of our conviction in the prospects and risks of each holding. Our portfolio is well diversified, with exposure to between 50-90 companies typically. We aim to promote sustainability by excluding bonds operating in certain industries and investing only in companies which meet the principles embodied in the United Nations Global Compact. In addition, we aim to contribute to the objectives of the Paris Climate Agreement by maintaining a lower carbon footprint than the Index.

## Fund Facts

ISIN Code Class B EUR Acc	IE00BHTCM093
ISIN Code Class B EUR Inc	IE00BJCZ3L78
Bloomberg Code Class B EUR Acc	BGEYBEA ID
Bloomberg Code Class B EUR Inc	BGEYBEI ID
SEDOL Class B EUR Acc	BHTCM09
SEDOL Class B EUR Inc	BJCZ3L7
Fund Launch Date	19 February 2019
Fund Size	€14.1m
Index	ICE BofA ML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged)
Current number of issuers	71
Issuers (guideline range)	50-90
Duration	3.5
Average credit rating	BB
Redemption Yield	6.8
Fiscal year end	30 September
Structure	Irish UCITS
Base currency	EUR

## Key Decision Makers

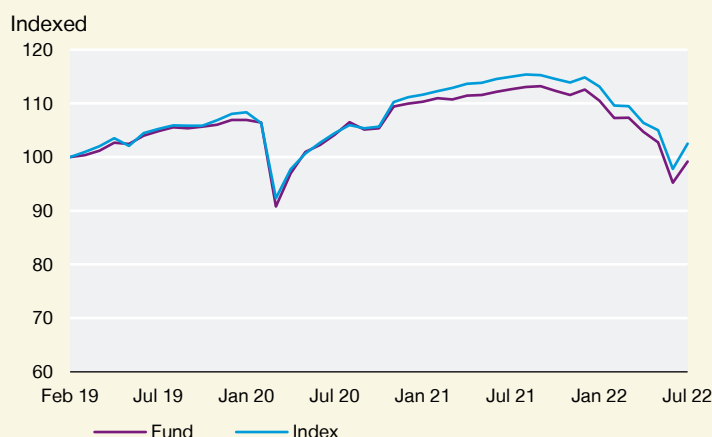
Name	Years' Experience
Robert Baltzer	21
Lucy Isles	10

## Charges

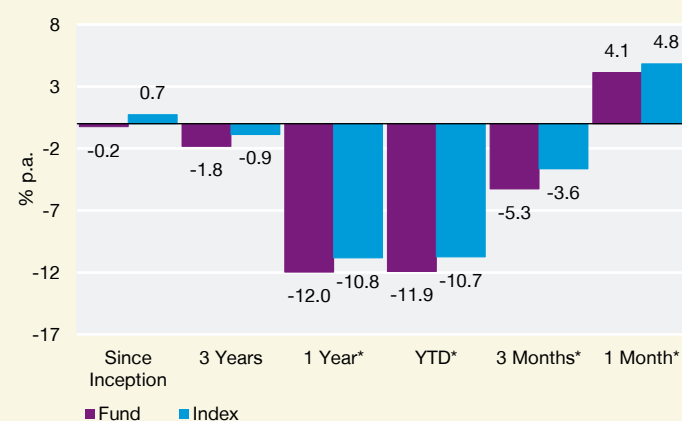
	Ongoing Charge (%)	Management Fee (%)
Class B EUR Acc	0.33	0.18
Class B EUR Inc	0.33	0.18

Our Worldwide funds allow us to offer multi-currency share classes. Share classes can be created on request. Please note that the management fee of the B Acc and Inc share classes is at a reduced rate as specified in the Prospectus, for a limited period of time. Please refer to the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document for further details. Until the expiry of this offer, the ongoing charges are also reduced.

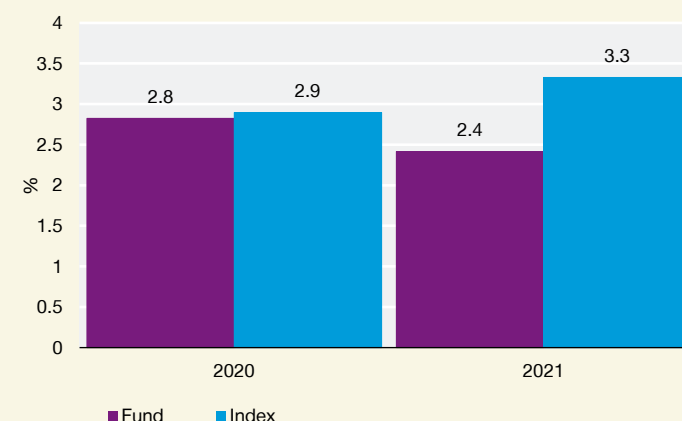
## Performance



## Periodic Performance

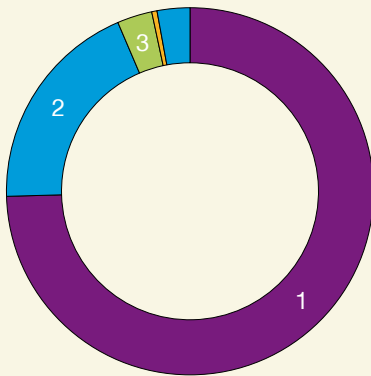


## Calendar Year Performance



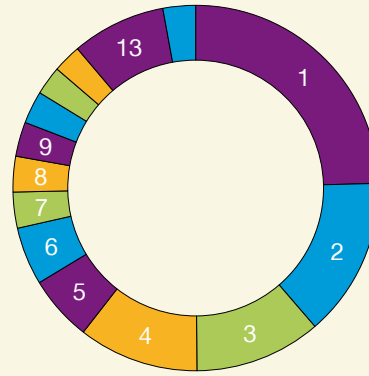
Source: StatPro, ICE Data Indices. As at 31 July 2022. euro. Net of fees. Class B EUR Acc, 10am prices. Index: ICE BofA ML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged) ICE BofA ML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged), calculated using close to close. \*Not annualised. Share Class Inception date: 19 February 2019.s Charges will reduce the value of your investment. Costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.

**Sector Exposure**



	%
1 Industrials	74.6
2 Financial	19.0
3 Utility	3.1
4 Securitized	0.5
5 Cash & Derivatives	2.9

**Geographical Location**



	%
1 UK	24.6
2 France	14.1
3 United States	11.2
4 Netherlands	10.7
5 Spain	5.8
6 Luxembourg	5.1
7 Italy	3.2
8 Poland	3.1
9 Germany	3.1
10 Sweden	2.9
11 Japan	2.6
12 Austria	2.5
13 Others	8.3
14 Cash & Derivatives	2.9

**Top Ten Issuers**

Holdings	% of Total Assets
1 Burford Capital	3.1
2 EDF	3.1
3 Grifols	2.7
4 Banco Santander	2.5
5 Virgin Media Holdings Inc.	2.3
6 LeasePlan Corporation N.V.	2.3
7 ProGroup	2.2
8 B&M European Value Retail S.A.	2.2
9 Victoria	2.1
10 PaymentSense	2.1

**Discrete Performance**

	30/06/17- 30/06/18	30/06/18- 30/06/19	30/06/19- 30/06/20	30/06/20- 30/06/21	30/06/21- 30/06/22
Fund Net (%)	N/A	N/A	-1.7	9.7	-15.1
Index (%)	N/A	N/A	-1.7	11.5	-14.6

**Distribution of Portfolio by Credit Rating Band**

	Fund Weight (%)	Benchmark Weight (%)
Investment Grade	5.4	0.0
BB	57.1	69.0
B	31.0	25.9
CCC and Lower	3.6	5.1
Cash & Derivatives	2.9	0.0

**Awards and Ratings**

As at 30 June 2022



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The Fund's concentrated portfolio relative to similar funds may result in large movements in the share price in the short term.

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