Baillie Gifford™

Baillie Gifford Investment Grade Bond Fund

29 February 2024

Fund Objective

To outperform (after deduction of costs) the ICE BofA Sterling Non-Gilt Index by 0.75% per annum over rolling three-year periods.

The manager believes this is an appropriate target given the investment policy of the Fund and the approach taken by the manager when investing. In addition, the manager believes an appropriate performance comparison for this Fund is the Investment Association Sterling Corporate Bond Sector.

There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved over any time period and actual investment returns may differ from this objective, particularly over shorter time periods.

Investment Proposition

The Fund seeks to maximise total return relative to an index comprised of sterling investment grade bonds. Performance is driven by stock selection. Ideas are sourced primarily from investment grade bonds and are driven by fundamental, bottom-up stock analysis. Our portfolio is well diversified, with exposure to between 50-90 companies typically. Holdings are sized according to our level of conviction in their prospects and the risks they pose.

Performance Overview

Periodic Performance

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)
Class B-Inc (%)	5.8	5.2	-3.9	-0.2
Index (%)*	5.9	5.6	-3.9	-0.2
Target (%)**	6.3	6.4	-3.3	0.4
Sector Average (%)***	6.1	6.0	-2.9	0.5
Sector Ranking	58/98	73/97	63/93	64/88

Annual Discrete Performance

	31/12/18-31/12/19	31/12/19-31/12/20	31/12/20-31/12/21	31/12/21-31/12/22	31/12/22-31/12/23
Class B-Inc (%)	9.6	8.2	-2.5	-18.5	8.2
Index (%)*	9.5	8.0	-3.0	-17.8	8.6
Target (%)**	10.0	8.5	-2.5	-17.3	9.4
Sector Average (%)***	9.5	7.8	-1.9	-16.1	9.4

Source: FE, Revolution, ICE Data Indices. Total return net of charges, in sterling.
Share class returns calculated using 10am prices, while the Index is calculated close-to-close.
*ICE BofA sterling Non-Gilt Index.
**ICE BofA sterling Non-Gilt Index plus +0.50% to 16 September 2022; thereafter ICE BofA sterling Non-Gilt Index plus +0.75% per annum, over rolling three-year periods. The indices have been chain-linked for performance figures above.
***IA £ Corporate Bond Sector.

Portfolio Overview

Fund Facts

Launch Date	30 November 2001
Fund Size	£959.34m
IA Sector	£ Corporate Bond
Current Number of Issuers	82
Typical Number of Issuers	50-90
Duration	5.8
Average Credit Rating	A
Redemption Yield	5.4
Running Yield	4.6

Fund Managers

Name	Baillie Gifford years' experience	Industry years' experience
Paul Dilworth	5	18

Top Ten Physical Bond Holdings*

	Holdings	% of Total Assets
1	AT&T 7% 2040	1.9
2	UK Treasury 4.5% 07/12/2042	1.9
3	EIB 6% 2028	1.8
4	Blackstone Private Credit 4.875% 2026	1.7
5	UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2049	1.7
6	Santander UK 6.75% 2024 Perp AT1	1.5
7	IBRD 0.25% 2026	1.5
8	Kyndryl Holdings 6.35% 2034	1.4
9	AP Moller-Maersk A/S 4.125% 2036	1.4
10	DNB Bank 1.375% 2024/25	1.4
Total		16.4

*The Fund may also hold derivative positions for hedging purposes.

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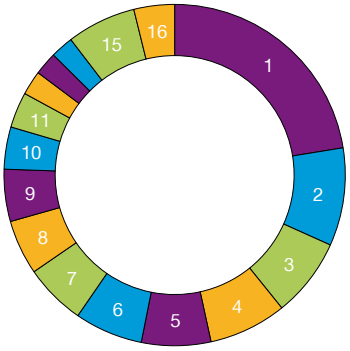

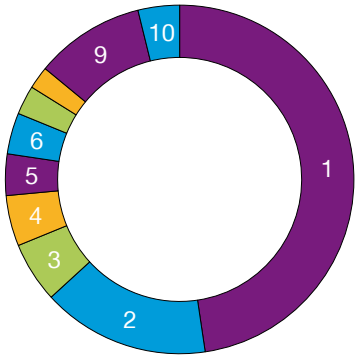

Asset allocation

		Fund (%)
1	Banking	22.6
2	Utility	9.4
3	Insurance	7.5
4	Real Estate	7.4
5	Supranational	6.6
6	Financial Services	6.5
7	Asset Backed	5.9
8	Government Guaranteed	5.2
9	Telecommunications	5.0
10	Sovereign	4.0
11	Commercial Mortgage Backed	3.4
12	Automotive	2.3
13	Capital Goods	2.2
14	Agency	2.2
15	Others	6.6
16	Cash & Derivatives	3.1

A negative cash position may sometimes occur due to obligations awaiting settlement.

Geographical allocation

		Fund (%)
1	UK	48.8
2	United States	15.7
3	Supranational	6.6
4	Germany	4.6
5	Spain	4.0
6	Norway	2.7
7	Netherlands	2.4
8	Italy	2.3
9	Others	9.9
10	Cash & Derivatives	3.1

Charges

Share Class	ISIN	SEDOL	Annual Management Charge (%)	Ongoing Charges Figure (%)	Distribution Yield (%)	Underlying Yield (%)
Class B-Inc	GB0030816481	3081648	0.25	0.27	5.30	5.00
Class B-Acc	GB00BYQCYS34	BYQCYS3	0.25	0.27	5.30	5.00

The table displays the primary share classes. Other share classes may be available for those investors who have a separate arrangement. Charges will reduce the value of your investment. Please refer to the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document for further details.

Key Terms

Periodic Performance is a method of evaluating how a fund is doing over time. It compares a fund's performance in each period to its performance in past periods. It also looks at the performance of the fund to the performance of an index or its peers.
Discrete Performance is a method of evaluating the degree to which a fund performs compared against its benchmark on a given date.
Hedging is a strategy used to reduce or limit investment exposure to a particular risk. It involves taking an offsetting position in another asset to balance the risk associated with the original investment.
Distribution Yield reflects the annualised income of the Fund (calculated in accordance with relevant accounting standards) as a percentage of the mid-market share price of the Fund (excluding tax) as at the date shown. It is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day.
Underlying Yield reflects the annualised income net of expenses of the Fund (calculated in accordance with relevant accounting standards) as a percentage of the mid-market share price of the Fund (excluding tax) as at the date shown. It is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day.
Duration is a measure of how sensitive the price of a bond (or other debt instrument) is to a change in interest rates. In general, the higher the duration, the more a bond's price will drop in response to a rise in interest rates.

Additional Fund Information

The Distribution yield is higher than the Underlying Yield because the Fund's expenses are charged to capital. This has the effect of increasing distributions and constraining the Fund's capital performance.
The ongoing charges figure is based on the expenses for the financial year and may vary from year to year. It excludes the cost of buying and selling assets for the Fund although custodian transaction costs are included. The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) is at the latest annual or interim period. The OCF may be lower than previous declarations as a result of a revision to how the indirect fees associated with closed-ended investment companies need to be shown. This does not necessarily mean that fund expenses have gone down rather that we have reverted to how they have been calculated until 30 June 2022 to reflect the revised Investment Association's Guidance on Disclosure of Fund Charges and Costs (July 2020, updated January 2022, revised November 2023). Further explanation of all the charges and costs relating to this Fund can be found in the Enhanced Disclosure of Fund Charges and Costs document which is available through our website, bailliegifford.com. Where the share class has been launched during the financial period and / or expenses during the period are not representative, an estimate of expenses may have been used instead. Baillie Gifford operates a single swinging price for the Fund and, therefore, may apply a dilution adjustment to the price to protect long-term investors from the costs associated with buying and selling underlying investments that result from other investors joining or leaving the Fund. This adjustment will affect relative performance, either positively or negatively.
All figures are rounded, so any totals may not sum.

Further Information

Any comments expressed in this factsheet should not be taken as a recommendation or advice.

This factsheet does not provide you with all the facts that you need to make an informed decision about investing in the Fund. You need to read the associated Key Investor Information Document and Supplementary Information Document and decide whether to contact an authorised intermediary.

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Target Market

This Fund is suitable for all investors seeking a Fund that aims to deliver income over a medium-or-long-term investment horizon. The investor should be prepared to bear losses. This Fund is compatible for mass market distribution. This Fund may not be suitable for investors seeking capital growth, capital protection and investing for less than three years.

Risk Warnings

Investment markets can go down as well as up and market conditions can change rapidly. The value of an investment in the Fund, and any income from it, can fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount invested.

The specific risks associated with the Fund include:

- Market values for illiquid securities which are difficult to trade may not be readily available and there can be no assurance that any value assigned to such securities will accurately reflect the price the Fund might receive upon their sale. In certain circumstances it can be difficult to buy or sell the Fund's holdings and even small purchases or sales can cause their prices to move significantly, affecting the value of the Fund and the price of shares in the Fund.
- Custody of assets involves a risk of loss if a custodian becomes insolvent or breaches duties of care.
- Bonds issued by companies and governments may be adversely affected by changes in interest rates, expectations of inflation and a decline in the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. The issuers of bonds in which the Fund invests may not be able to pay the bond income as promised or could fail to repay the capital amount.
- The Fund's concentrated portfolio relative to similar funds may result in large movements in the share price in the short term.
- Derivatives may be used to obtain, increase or reduce exposure to assets and may result in the Fund being leveraged. This may result in greater movements (down or up) in the price of shares in the Fund. It is not our intention that the use of derivatives will significantly alter the overall risk profile of the Fund.
- The Fund's share price can be volatile due to movements in the prices of the underlying holdings and the basis on which the Fund is priced.
- The manager can charge some, or all, expenses to the Fund’s capital, reducing its value. This amount can vary from year to year.
- More than 35% of scheme property may be invested in securities issued or guaranteed by Governments and / or other organisations worldwide. For further details please see the Prospectus.

Further details of the risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the Key Investor Information Document or the Prospectus, copies of which are available at bailliegifford.com.

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Important Information Peru

The Fund has not and will not be registered in the Public Registry of the Capital Market (Registro Público del Mercado de Valores) regulated by the Superintendency of the Capital Market (Superintendencia del Mercado de Valores – "SMV"). Therefore, neither this document, nor any other document related to the program has been submitted to or reviewed by the SMV. The Fund will be placed through a private offer aimed exclusively at institutional investors. Persons and/or entities that do not qualify as institutional investors should refrain from participating in the private offering of the Fund.

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