# U.S. Short-Term High Yield Bond Fund

## OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- Seeks total return consisting of a high level of current income and capital appreciation.
- Invests at least two-thirds of its assets in corporate debt securities that are below investment grade or, if unrated, of comparable quality, principally invested in below-investment grade-debt rated BB or B or equivalent.
- Uses bottom-up fundamental credit analysis to generate new ideas and identify individual securities with good income and/or capital appreciation prospects.
- The fund may invest:
  - up to 25% of its assets in US\$-denominated debt securities of non-US issuers
  - up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities
  - using futures/derivatives for hedging, efficient portfolio management or for investment purposes

#### **KEY RISKS**

Debt securities risk: debt securities are subject to credit risk and interest rate risk and are affected by an issuer's ability to make interest payments or repay principal when due. High yield securities risk: high yield securities are rated below investment grade, are predominantly speculative, have a much greater risk of default and may be more volatile than higher-rated securities of similar maturity. Geographic concentration risk: investments concentrated in specific geographic regions and markets may be subject to greater volatility due to economic downturns and other factors affecting the specific geographic regions. Asset-backed securities risk: asset-backed securities may be more sensitive to changes in interest rates and may exhibit added volatility, known as extension risk, and are subject to prepayment risk.

# Calendar-year performance (%)

Past performance is not indicative of future results.										
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class A (USD) (29 Jun 2012)*	7.00	-4.08	3.64	5.90	5.72	0.38	1.59	3.20	0.74	-0.33

# Performance (%)

				Annualized				
	1 Month	3 Months	Year to date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since incep.
Class A (USD) (29 Jun 2012)*	-0.20	0.87	0.99	5.25	1.78	3.11	2.33	2.50
Class A Dist. (USD) (31 Jan 2024)*	-0.20	0.86	-	_	_	_	_	0.86
Class A Dist. hedged (SGD) (31 Jan 2024)*	-0.33	0.47	_	_	_	_	_	0.47

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance calculations are net of all applicable fees and are calculated on an offer-to-bid basis (with income re-invested). Performance shown is for class and currency indicated and returns may increase/decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. \*Share class inception date. Does not include sales charges and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If sales charges were included, returns would be lower.

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### FUND INFORMATION

Fund managers: Michael J. Schueller, CFA; Chris Lee, CFA CFA® and Chartered Financial Analyst® are trademarks owned by CFA Institute. Fund inception date: 29 June 2012 Asset class: US fixed income Financial year-end: 31 March Fund size: \$50.65m (USD) Base currency: USD Minimum investment (or equivalent value): Class A: \$1,000 (USD) Management approach: Actively managed Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation: Article 6'

#### **KEY STATISTICS**

	Fund
Duration (years)	1.84
Average credit rating	BB-
Weighted average coupon	6.12%
Weighted average maturity (yrs)	3.24
Yield to worst	6.75%
Yield to maturity	6.88%

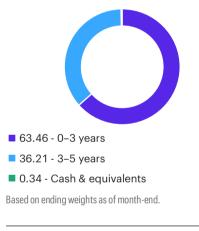
Source: Allspring Global Investments.

## Sector weights (%)

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Consumer discretionary	28.66	
Energy	17.39	
Industrials	13.42	
Financials	11.99	
Information technology	8.95	
Utilities	6.63	
Communication Services	4.89	
Consumer staples	4.47	
Real estate	3.27	
Cash & equivalents	0.34	

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

## Maturity distribution (%)



### Distribution information

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The distribution yield is based on the actual income distributions paid by the fund. The distribution yield is calculated by annualising the fund's most recent income distribution and dividing that figure by the applicable share price.

#### The Fund is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

<sup>+</sup>While the Sub-Funds listed above have access to both internal and external ESG research and integrate financially material sustainability risks into their investment decision-making processes, ESG-related factors are considered but not determinative, permitting the relevant Sub-Investment Managers to invest in issuers that do not embrace ESG; as such, sustainability risks may have a more material impact on the value of the Sub-Fund's investments in the medium to long term. The investments underlying these Sub-Funds do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### Largest holdings (%)

	Fund
Sirius XM Radio Inc.	1.98
Magnum Management Corp.	1.95
Vistra Operations Co. LLC	1.88
CCO Holdings, LLC	1.70
Northriver Midstream Finance LP	1.66
Churchill Downs Incorporated	1.64
Enact Holdings, Inc.	1.63
FTAI Aviation Ltd.	1.54
Dave & Buster's, Inc.	1.53
Royal Caribbean Group	1.43

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## Credit rating allocation (%)

	Fund
BBB/Baa	8.03
BB/Ba	62.44
B/B	29.20
Cash & equivalents	0.34

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## Share class information (Share class and currency availability varies by jurisdiction)

	Inception date	Distribution type	ISIN code	Bloomberg ID	NAV	Annual Mgmt Fee	Ongoing charges/ TER (%)**
Class A (USD)	29 Jun 2012	Accumulating	LU0791592800	WFUSSUA LX	134.02	1.00	1.150
Class A Dist. (USD)	31 Jan 2024	Gross dist.	LU2742506236	WFIUSHA LX	99.78	1.00	1.150
Class A Dist. hedged (SGD)	31 Jan 2024	Gross dist. hedged	LU2742506319	ALSHYLA LX	99.38	1.00	1.150

\*\*The ongoing charges/total expense ratio (TER) reflects annual total operating expenses for the class, excludes transaction costs and is expressed as a percentage of net asset value. The figure shown is from current KID. The investment manager has committed to reimburse the Sub-Fund when the ongoing charges exceed the agreed upon TER. Ongoing charges may vary over time.

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