

# EUR Investment Grade Credit Fund

## OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- Seeks total return, maximising investment income whilst preserving capital
- Invests at least two-thirds of its assets in investment grade euro-denominated credit debt securities
- Invests at least two-thirds of its total assets in issuers that have a proprietary overall ESGiQ score that is favourable by meeting the threshold specified in our methodology and will exclude issuers that have less favourable or those that do not have an ESGiQ score, such as sovereign issuers, cash, derivatives and investments in underlying funds
- Uses fundamental credit research combined with active top-down allocation decisions within a controlled risk framework, seeking to generate superior investment returns
- Uses a negative screen to exclude securities issued by companies based on their exposure to ESG risks
- Targets a carbon intensity that is lower than the benchmark
- May invest:
  - Up to one-third of its assets in currency-hedged non-euro-denominated debt securities and debt securities rated below investment grade
  - Up to 20% of its assets in asset-backed securities
  - In derivatives for hedging, efficient portfolio management or for investment purposes provided credit default swaps are covered

## 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.

**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. **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. **Derivatives risk:** the use of derivatives presents risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in traditional securities. The use of derivatives can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the underlying asset, index or rate, which may be magnified by certain features of the derivatives. **ESG risk:** applying an ESG screen for security selection may result in lost opportunity in a security or industry resulting in possible underperformance relative to peers, ESG screens are dependent on third party data and errors in the data may result in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security.

## Calendar-year performance (%)

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class I (EUR) (19 Jun 2017)*	8.32	-14.69	-1.00	3.48	7.12	-2.24
Class I Dist. (EUR) (19 Jun 2017)*	8.34	-14.68	-1.00	4.03	7.12	-2.25
Class I-Hedged (CHF) (19 Jun 2017)*	5.96	-15.23	-1.31	3.11	6.63	-2.76
ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index (EUR) <sup>1</sup>	8.09	-13.91	-1.02	2.65	6.25	-1.14

## Performance (%)

	Annualized							
	1 Month	3 Months	Year to date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since incep.
Class I (EUR) (19 Jun 2017)*	1.36	0.93	0.93	7.63	-2.42	-0.18	—	0.27
Class I Dist. (EUR) (19 Jun 2017)*	1.36	0.95	0.95	7.67	-2.41	-0.07	—	0.35
Class I-Hedged (CHF) (19 Jun 2017)*	1.14	0.29	0.29	5.14	-3.61	-1.08	—	-0.53
ICE BofA Euro Corp Index(Euro) NEW <sup>1</sup>	1.21	0.40	0.40	6.78	-2.38	-0.47	—	0.10

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance calculations are net of all applicable fees and are calculated on a NAV-to-NAV 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.

## Sector weights (%)

		Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Banks	36.21	+5.85
Telecommunication services	8.52	+3.45
Insurance	6.91	+2.67
Oil & gas	4.56	+1.31
Electric	4.50	-4.39
Commercial services	4.33	+1.42
Real estate	4.13	+1.44
Healthcare products	3.57	+1.16
Auto loan	2.84	-2.12
Pharmaceuticals	2.40	-0.10

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

Investors should note that, relative to the expectations of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, this fund presents disproportionate communication on the consideration of non-financial criteria in its investment policy.

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## FUND INFORMATION

**Fund managers:** Henrietta Pacquement, CFA; Alex Temple; Christopher Burrows, CFA  
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**Fund inception date:** 19 June 2017

**Asset class:** European fixed income

**Financial year-end:** 31 March

**Fund size:** 115.12m (EUR)

**Base currency:** EUR

**Benchmark:** ICE BofA Euro Corp Index(Euro) NEW<sup>1</sup>

**Minimum investment (or equivalent value):**  
Class I: €1,000,000 (EUR)

**Management approach:** Actively managed  
**Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:**  
Article 8<sup>2</sup>

## KEY STATISTICS

	Fund
Average credit rating	A-
Obligors	172
Yield to worst	3.89%
Credit Spread (bps)	109
Average Maturity (Years)	5.26
Interest Rate duration (yrs)	4.45
Credit-spread duration (yrs)	4.69
Ex-ante volatility (bps)	422
Beta Against Index	1.03
99% Monthly VaR	2.72%
Yield to maturity	3.94%

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

## GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION (%)

	Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>	
France	16.35	-4.57
United States	14.59	-3.26
United Kingdom	12.80	+5.80
Germany	10.32	-4.01
Netherlands	6.58	+0.47
Sweden	5.59	+2.54
Switzerland	4.72	+2.08
Italy	4.48	-1.48
Spain	3.46	-2.36
Belgium	2.89	+0.73

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

## DEALER CUTOFF

Luxembourg: 5pm  
London: 4pm

## Largest holdings (%)

	Fund
DNB Bank ASA	1.48
BUNDESREPUB 2.2% 02/15/34/EUR/	1.31
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.05
Worldline SA	0.96
Bank of America Corporation	0.94
SVENSKA H 3.875% 05/10/27/EUR/	0.90
Mandatum Henkivakuutusosakeyhtio Oy	0.87
UBS AG London Branch	0.87
ING Groep NV	0.85
Zurcher Kantonalbank	0.83

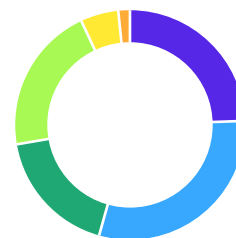
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## Credit rating allocation (%)

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
AAA/Aaa	1.93	0.57
AA/Aa	13.33	13.23
A/A	33.60	45.62
BBB/Baa	47.03	39.26
BB/Ba	1.54	0.16
B/B	0.17	—
Cash & equivalents	1.62	—

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

## Maturity distribution (%)



- 24.25 - 0–3 years
- 29.66 - 3–5 years
- 17.82 - 5–7 years
- 20.58 - 7–10 years
- 5.29 - 10+ years
- 1.62 - Cash & equivalents

Based on ending weights as of month-end.

## Credit asset class (%)

	Fund
Non-Financial corporates senior (IG)	49.13
Banks senior	9.47
Banks	8.21
Insurance sub	5.22
Banks IT2	3.31
Non-Financial corporates hybrid (IG)	2.24
Insurance senior	1.70
DM Sovereign	1.49
Non-Financial Corporates Hybrid (HY)	0.52
Emerging market (IG)	0.00
Financials senior	0.00
Cash & equivalents	1.62

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

## Distribution information

	12 Month Distribution yield	Last payment amount	Last paid date	Frequency
Class I (EUR) Distributing	1.21%	0.08	8 Mar 2024	Monthly

The distribution yield is based on the actual distributions paid by the fund. The distribution yield is calculated by summing the fund's distributions over the preceding 12 months and dividing that figure by the applicable share price at the end of the period.

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<sup>2</sup>Promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.



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

	Inception date	Type	ISIN	Bloomberg ID	NAV	Annual Mgmt Fee	Ongoing charges/TER (%)**
Class I (EUR)	19 Jun 2017	Accumulating	LU1576830803	WFEIGIE LX	101.86	0.30	0.450
Class I Dist. (EUR)	19 Jun 2017	Distributing	LU1576830985	WFEIIED LX	79.80	0.30	0.450
Class I-Hedged (CHF)	19 Jun 2017	Accum. hedged	LU1576831108	WFEIGIC LX	96.48	0.30	0.450

\*\*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.

## ESG metrics

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### MSCI ESG SCORE

	Fund		Benchmark	
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage
MSCI Overall Score	7.4	93%	7.3	94%

Data is sourced from MSCI ESG Research where companies are rated on a scale of 0 – 10 (0 - worst, 10 - best). Weighted average scores exclude effects of unrated securities.

### SUSTAINALYTICS ESG RISK SCORE

	Value	Coverage
Fund	20	92%
Benchmark	20	96%

ESG Risk Ratings measure exposure to and management of ESG risks. Lower risk scores reflect less ESG risk. Sustainalytics ESG Risk Scores measure ESG risks on a scale of 0 – 100 (0 - no ESG Risk, >40 - Severe ESG Risk).

### PRODUCT/ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Controversial Weapons	0.00	0.59
Oil Sands	0.00	0.00
Small Arms	0.00	0.18
Thermal Coal	0.00	0.74
Tobacco	0.00	0.73
UNGC violators	0.00	0.39

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### CARBON CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund		Benchmark		% above/ below benchmark
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage	
Carbon to value invested (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM invested)*	75	79%	101	82%	-26%
Weighted average carbon intensity (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM revenues)*	81	88%	144	95%	-44%

\*Carbon emissions includes operational and first-tier supply chain greenhouse gas emissions. Data sourced from S&P Trucost Limited.



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