### **Key Investor Information**

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

## PIMCO

# **Emerging Markets Bond ESG Fund**

a sub-fund of PIMCO Funds: Global Investors Series plc PIMCO Global Advisors (Ireland) Limited, part of Allianz, manages this fund

ISIN: IE00BK5WVY16

Share class: Institutional GBP (Hedged) Income

#### **Objectives and Investment Policy**

Objective The fund aims to maximise the total return on your investment by primarily investing in a range of fixed income securities and instruments, issued by companies or governments from emerging market countries using prudent investment management, consistent with the preservation of capital and sustainable investing (by explicitly integrating environmental, social and governance factors into the investment process as further outlined herein).

**Investment Policy** The fund's approach to sustainable investing is through the promotion of environmental and social characteristics (while the fund does not have sustainable investment as its objective, it seeks to invest a portion of its assets in sustainable investments).

The fund aims to achieve this objective by investing primarily in a range of fixed income securities and instruments (which are loans that pay a fixed or variable rate of interest) issued by companies or governments from emerging markets around the world (which in investment terms are those economies that are not as developed).

those economies that are not as developed). The fund will make meaningful allocations to ESG fixed income securities (as further described in the section of the prospectus entitled "ESG Fixed Income Securities"). The investment advisor will choose securities based on a sustainability screening process which incorporates environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors. In addition, the fund will seek to reduce the carbon footprint, including intensity and emissions of the portfolio's corporate holdings. The fund will also promote environmental and social characteristics through the use of an exclusion strategy. However, the fund may invest in index derivatives, such as credit default swap indices, which may provide indirect exposure to excluded issuers as outlined herein. The investment advisor will seek to invest in issuers that it believes have strong ESG practices and the exclusion strategy applied by the investment advisor may exclude issuers on the basis of the industry in which they participate e.g. issuers engaged principally in Fossil Fuel related sectors (including issuers engaged principally in the oil industry, including extraction, production, refining, transportation, or the mining and sale of coal and coal-fired generation). However, ESG fixed income securities from issuers involved in Fossil Fuel related sectors, as described above, may be permitted.

The fund will not invest in the securities of any sovereigns scoring weakest on transparency and corruption indices and the fund will not invest in any issuer determined to be engaged principally in the manufacture and distribution of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products, the manufacture of military weapons, the operation of gambling activities, or the production or trade of pornographic materials. Finally, the fund will promote environmental and social characteristics through active engagement with certain issuers as applicable (examples of such engagement may include material climate and biodiversity

related matters), including for example, by encouraging issuers to align to the Paris Agreement, adopt science-based targets for carbon emissions reduction and/or broadly advance their sustainability commitments. The fund may retain securities from such issuers if the investment advisor deems this engagement is in the best interests of the fund and its shareholders.

The fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the JPMorgan ESG Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified (the "Index") by virtue of the fact that the Index is used for duration measurement, calculating the global exposure of the fund using the relative VaR methodology and for performance comparison purposes. Certain of the fund's securities may be components of and may have similar weightings to the Index. However, the Index is not used to define the portfolio composition of the fund or as a performance target and the fund may be wholly invested in securities which are not constituents of the Index.

The average portfolio duration of the fund varies based on the investment advisor's forecast for interest rates and will normally be within two years (plus or minus) of the duration of the Index. Duration measures the sensitivity of the assets to interest rate risk. The longer the duration, the higher the sensitivity of the funds' assets to changes in interest rates.

The securities will be both "investment grade" and "non-investment grade" securities. Non-investment grade securities are considered to be more risky, but typically produce a higher level of income.

The fund may invest in derivative instruments (such as futures, options and swaps) rather than directly in the underlying securities themselves. The derivatives return is linked to movements in the underlying assets.

The assets held by the fund may be denominated in a wide variety of currencies. The investment advisor may use foreign exchange and related derivative instruments to hedge or implement currency positions.

For full investment objectives and policy details please refer to the fund's prospectus.

**Distribution Policy** This share class pays out a distribution of any investment income generated by the fund. You may elect for this to be reinvested into the fund.

Share Class Currency Hedging This share class seeks to limit the shareholder's currency risk by reducing the effect of exchange rate fluctuations between the share class currency and any non-active currency exposures of the fund.

**Dealing Day** You can buy and sell shares on most working days in Dublin, exceptions to this are more fully described in the fund holiday calendar available from the Administrator.

#### **Risk and Reward Profile**



< Lower risk
Typically lower rewards

Higher risk > Typically higher rewards

The indicator above is not a measure of the risk of capital loss, but a measure of the fund's price movement over time.

- It is based on historical data and thus may not be a reliable indication for the future.
- The indicated risk category is not guaranteed and may shift over time.
- The indicator is designed to help investors understand the uncertainties both for loss and for growth that may affect their investment. In this context, the lowest category does not mean "risk free".
- The risk indicator is based on the volatility of the fund's performance over the last 5 years. Where 5 years' performance history is not available the data is supplemented by benchmark data or simulated historical series as appropriate.
- The fund does not provide its investors with any guarantee on performance, nor on the monies invested in it.

In addition to the risk captured by the indicator, the overall fund value may be considerably affected by:

Credit and Default Risk A decline in the financial health of an issuer of a fixed income security can lead to an inability or unwillingness to repay a loan or meet a contractual obligation. This could cause the value of its bonds to fall or become worthless. Funds with high exposures to non-investment grade securities have a higher exposure to this risk.

Currency Risk Changes in exchange rates may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase.

**Derivatives and Counterparty Risk** The use of certain derivatives could result in the fund having a greater or more volatile exposure to the underlying assets and an increased exposure to counterparty risk. This may expose the fund to larger gains or losses associated with market movements or in relation to a trade counterparty being unable to meet its obligations.

**Emerging Markets Risk** Emerging markets, and especially frontier markets, generally carry greater political, legal, counterparty and operational risk. Investments in these markets may expose the fund to larger gains or losses.

Interest Rate Risk Changes in interest rates will usually result in the values of bond and other debt instruments moving in the opposite direction (e.g. a rise in interest rates likely leads to fall in bond prices).

**High Yield Risk** High yield securities are deemed to be more at risk of the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security or derivative failing to meet its payment obligations. This may affect the performance of the fund.

**Liquidity Risk** Difficult market conditions could result in certain securities becoming hard to sell at a desired time and price.

Mortgage Related and Other Asset Backed Securities Risks Mortgage or asset backed securities are subject to similar risks as other fixed income securities, and may also be subject to prepayment risk and higher levels of credit and liquidity risk.

#### **Charges**

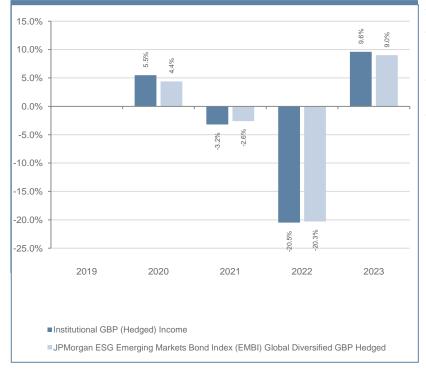
The charges you pay are used to pay for the costs of running the fund, which include the marketing and distributing costs. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested / before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.	
Charges taken from the fund over a year	
Ongoing charges	0.82%
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	None

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the year ending 2023. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the fund when buying or selling units in another collective investment undertaking.

For more information about charges, please see the section of the prospectus entitled "Fees and Expenses", which is available at www.europe.pimco-funds.com.

#### **Past Performance**



- Past performance is not an indicator of future returns.
- Past performance does not take into account any entry, exit or switching charges but does take into account the ongoing charge, as shown in the Charges section.
- The performance of the class is calculated in British Pounds.
- The fund launched in April 2010. This class started to issue shares in December 2019.

#### **Practical Information**

Depositary State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited.

Prospectus and further information Further information on the fund or other share classes or sub-funds of the Company, including the prospectus, the most recent annual report and subsequent semi-annual reports of the Company, may be obtained from the Administrator, as are the latest share prices. The documents are available in local languages and free of charge on request. Details of PIMCO Global Advisors (Ireland) Limited's remuneration policy is available at www.pimco.com and a paper copy will also be available free of charge upon request.

**Share prices/NAV** Prices of shares and other information can be obtained at www.europe.pimco-funds.com.

**Tax treatment** The tax legislation of the Republic of Ireland may have an impact on the personal tax position of the shareholder. You are advised to seek professional advice on the tax treatment of your investment in the fund.

Responsibility for information The Company may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus.

**Switching** Investors may switch between funds of PIMCO Funds: Global Investors Series plc. Please see the prospectus or contact your financial adviser for details.

**Umbrella UCITS** This document describes a share class of a subfund of the Company and the prospectus and periodic reports are prepared for the entire Company. The assets and liabilities of each sub-fund are segregated subject to the provisions of Irish law. However, these provisions have not been tested in other jurisdictions.

This fund is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. PIMCO Global Advisors (Ireland) Limited is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. This key investor information is accurate as at 16/02/2024.

