

High Yield Bond Fund



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Fund Objective

To produce a combination of income and capital growth.

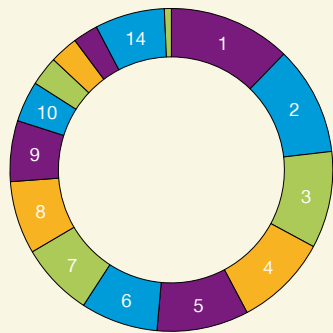
The fund will invest in sub-investment grade bonds and will be actively managed. The fund is global best ideas, hedged to sterling.

The manager believes an appropriate comparison for this Fund is the Investment Association Sterling High Yield Sector average given the investment policy of the Fund and the approach taken by the manager when investing.

Key Information

Fund Managers	Rob Baltzer / Lucy Isles
Launch Date	30 November 2001
Fund Size	£942.28m
IA Sector	£ High Yield

Sector Analysis of Total Assets



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

Performance

Periodic Performance

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)
Class B-Inc (%)	2.4	7.0	4.9	4.9
Sector Average (%)*	3.2	9.8	5.0	4.6
Sector Ranking	28/34	26/33	18/30	8/26

Performance source: FE, total return in sterling.

*IA £ High Yield Sector.

Investment Proposition

The Fund seeks a high total return by investing in a global portfolio of primarily sub-investment grade bonds. 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.

Top Ten Physical Bond Holdings*

Holdings	% of Total Assets
1 PaymentSense 8% 2025	1.9
2 Virgin Media 4.125% 2030 (144A)	1.9
3 Burford Capital 6.25% 2028 (144a)	1.8
4 Rothesay Life 6.875% Perp	1.8
5 Unicredit 4.875% 2024/29	1.8
6 Sirius XM Radio 4.125% 2030 (144A)	1.7
7 Paprec 4% 2025	1.7
8 CrowdStrike 3% 2029	1.7
9 ANGI Homeservices 3.875% 2028 (144A)	1.7
10 First Cash 4.625% 2028 (144A)	1.6
Total	17.5

*The Fund may also hold derivative positions for hedging purposes. Total may not sum due to rounding.

Charges and Yield

	Initial Charge	Ongoing Charge	Distribution Yield	Underlying Yield
Class B-Inc (%)	0.00	0.37	4.20	3.80
Class B-Acc (%)	0.00	0.37	4.20	3.80

The ongoing charge figure is at the latest annual or interim period.

Annual Discrete Performance

	30/06/16-30/06/17	30/06/17-30/06/18	30/06/18-30/06/19	30/06/19-30/06/20	30/06/20-30/06/21
Class B-Inc (%)	12.6	1.7	6.7	-0.6	9.6
Sector Average (%)*	10.4	1.0	5.2	-2.3	13.5

Additional Fund Information

The Fund is a sub-fund of the Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC (Investment Company with Variable Capital) which is an umbrella Open-Ended Investment Company. Its Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD') is Baillie Gifford & Co Limited.

The 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.

The 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.

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. 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.

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 and capital growth 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 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.
- Expenses are taken from the Fund's capital. This will reduce the capital value of the Fund. The figure for the current financial period has not yet been determined.

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

Contact Us

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