# Aberdeen European High Yield Bond Fund

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Performance Data and Analytics to 30 June 2019

### **Objectives and investment policy**

Objective: To generate income and increase the value of the shareholder's investment over the long term (income and capital growth).

Investment policy: The Fund invests 70% or more of its total net assets in sub-investment grade bonds issued by companies, governments and other organisations based in the UK or other European countries.

### Performance (%)

					Annualised		
	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Launch
Fund	1.91	2.63	6.69	3.11	4.63	3.71	5.74
Benchmark	2.48	2.65	8.21	6.68	6.52	5.05	7.18
Difference	-0.57	-0.02	-1.52	-3.57	-1.90	-1.34	-1.45
Sector average	1.90	2.32	7.58	5.21	5.37	3.14	4.76
Sector ranking	15/28	8/28	25/28	26/28	22/28	9/25	4/21
Quartile	3	2	4	4	4	2	1

### Discrete annual returns (%) - year ended 30/06

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	3.11	1.66	9.26	2.83	1.88

### Calendar year performance (%)

	Year to date	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	6.69	-4.24	6.09	7.51	5.11
Benchmark	8.21	-2.38	7.64	10.20	1.90
Difference	-1.52	-1.87	-1.55	-2.69	3.21
Sector average	7.58	-3.44	6.14	9.95	-0.61
Sector ranking	25/28	18/29	15/29	25/29	1/27
Quartile	4	3	2	4	1

Performance Data: Share Class | Acc

Source: Lipper. Basis: Total return, NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net Income Reinvested.

These figures are gross of an initial charge: to the extent that this is paid, it will reduce performance from that shown. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

### Fund manager's report

• European high yield bounced back with a return of 2.4%, the strongest monthly return since 2016.

 Central bank rhetoric was the key driver of the improvement in sentiment as both the US Federal Reserve and European Central Bank expressed their willingness to ease monetary policy if required, which the market interpreted as being highly likely in the near future.

• A truce in the trade war between the US and China, agreed at the G20 late in the month, was an important step towards a trade deal being agreed, with talks expected to resume imminently.

• Higher quality bonds outperformed lower-rated credits in the period, with BBs returning 2.5%, while Bs returned 2.1%.

Risk factors should be read in conjunction with all warnings and comments given in the prospectus for the fund. Please visit the attached link to our Jargon Buster which contains a glossary of terms used in this document > http:// glossary.aberdeen-asset.com/jargonbuster/

### Aberdeen Standard Investments

## he **Adviser** Centre Recommended

Top ten holdings	%
Telecom Italia 1.125% 26/03/22 Cnv EUR	2.6
Unitymedia 3.75% 15/01/27	1.9
Telecom Italia Fin 7.75% 24/01/33 EMTN EUR	1.8
Mizzen Bondco 7% 01/05/21 Regs GBP	1.8
Cybg 8% Var Perp GBP	1.7
Nidda Healthcare 3.5% 30/09/24	1.7
PGH Cap 6.625% 18/12/25 GBP	1.6
Worldpay Finance 3.75% 15/11/22 Regs EUR	1.6
Nassa Topco 2.875% 06/04/24 Regs EUR	1.6
Ziggo Bond Finance 4.625% 15/01/25 Regs Eur	1.5
Total	17.8
Total number of holdings	125

### Credit rating of holdings (%)

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
AA	0.1	-	0.1
BBB	6.8	2.4	4.4
BB	33.9	68.2	-34.3
В	44.8	26.6	18.2
CCC	9.1	2.7	6.4
CC or below	-	0.1	-0.1
Unrated	1.2	-	1.2
Cash	4.1	-	4.1
Total	100.0	100.0	

Cash includes cash at bank, outstanding settlements, call account cash, fixed deposits, cash used as margin and profit/losses on both derivative positions and forward currency contracts. Where bonds are split rated between two or more of S&P, Moody's and Fitch, the data shown takes a more conservative approach, splitting lower This may not be consistent with the arrangement agreed in the prospectus, which may detail taking a higher rating where there is a split. In the absence of any agency ratings an internal Fund Manager rating may be applied. The benchmark shown reflects ratings from S&P, Moody's and Fitch only. This may differ from the ratings used by the benchmark provider detailed in the prospectus.

### Key information

Benchmark	Merrill Lynch European Currency High Yield Constrained (Hedged GBP 100%)	
Sector	IA £ High Yield	
Fund size	£ 76.2 m	
Date of launch	1 October 2012	
Investment team	Euro HY and Global Leverage Loans	
Fund advisory company Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited		

### Aberdeen European High Yield Bond Fund

### Market Exposure (%)

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
United Kingdom	32.7	14.7	18.0
United States	16.0	11.7	4.4
Germany	9.0	9.1	-0.1
Netherlands	7.3	8.8	-1.5
Luxembourg	7.2	7.3	-
Italy	6.3	14.1	-7.8
France	4.4	10.7	-6.3
Sweden	2.8	2.8	-
Denmark	2.5	0.8	1.7
Israel	2.0	1.6	0.4
Other	9.8	18.4	-2.6
Total	100.0	100.0	

Currency Exposure (%)

United Kingdom Pounds	Fund 99.1
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Total	100.0
Sector breakdown	%
Media	12.8
Telecommunications Healthcare	12.3 11:
Financial Services	9.
Travel & Leisure	7.0
Services	6.9
Capital Goods	6.6
Banking	6.0
Transportation	6.
Retail	4.
Other	11.9
Cash	4.
Total	100.0
Figures may not always sum to	100 due to rounding.
Fund Statistics	
Effective duration vs benchr	mark 3.9 vs 4.1
Modified duration (years)	3.9 vs 4.1
Weighted average life	4.6 vs 4.8
Yield to maturity (%)	4.5 vs 4.2
Yields <sup>A</sup>	4.53% underlying 5.23% distribution
Codes (I Acc)	
SEDOL	B5VSSV4
ISIN	GB00B5VSSV49
BLOOMBERG	ABEHYII LN
REUTERS	LP68179426
VALOREN	12679706
Additional information	
Fund type	OEIC
Domicile	United Kingdom
Currency	GBP
Registered for sale	Please refer to
	www.aberdeenstandard.cor
Minimum investment	£500,000
Charges	Current initial 0.00%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) <sup>₿</sup>	0.81%
Price as at 30/06/19	145.69р
Deal closing time	12.00 noon (UK)

Source: Simulated Ongoing charges Aberdeen Standard Investments as at 1 December 2018.

<sup>8</sup>The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF), is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Funds. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 0.70% and other charges. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the Funds. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different Funds.Analytics provided by The Yield Book® Software

Exchange rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates. Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.

The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the

- A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

### Other important information:

Important information

amount invested.

Risk factors you should consider before investing:

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