

# ASI European High Yield Bond Fund

I Acc GBP



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## Objective

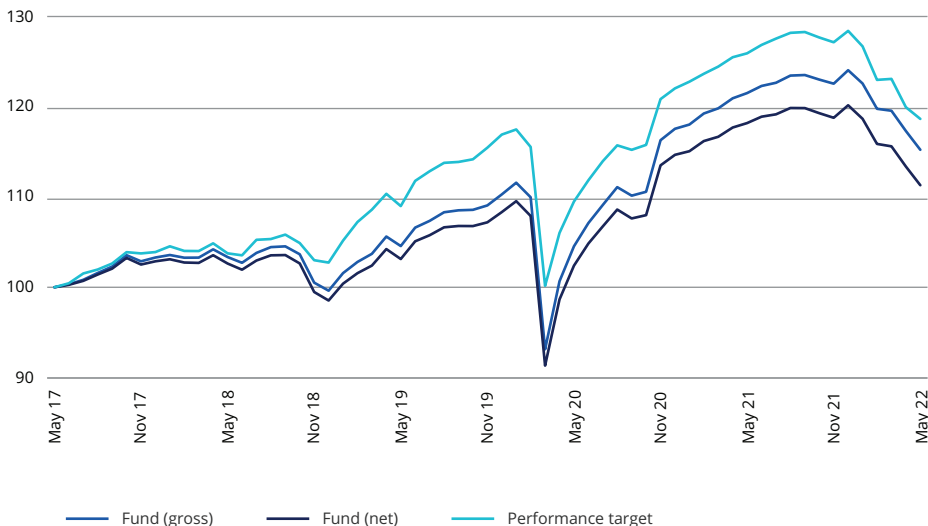
To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Sterling and Euro denominated sub-investment grade (high yield) corporate bonds.

**Performance Target:** To achieve the return of the ICE BofAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged to GBP) plus 1.25% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target. The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

## Portfolio securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in Sterling and Euro denominated sub-investment grade corporate bonds.
- The fund may also invest in bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, such as sub-sovereigns, investment grade, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage-backed bonds.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn), money-market instruments, and cash.

## Performance



## Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)
Fund (gross) (%)	-1.78	-5.98	-7.12	-5.18	3.30	2.89
Fund (net) (%)	-1.83	-6.30	-7.38	-5.83	2.58	2.17
Performance target (%)	-1.09	-6.69	-7.61	-5.78	2.88	3.49

## Discrete annual returns - year to 31/5

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund (gross) (%)	-5.18	16.28	-0.02	1.19	3.36
Fund (net) (%)	-5.83	15.46	-0.71	0.49	2.63
Performance target (%)	-5.78	15.04	0.46	5.06	3.77

Performance Data: Share Class I Acc.

Benchmark history: Performance target – ICE BofA European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged to GBP) +1.25%

Source: Lipper & Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net/Gross Income Reinvested.

“Fund (Net)” refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; “Fund(Gross)” adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the performance target / performance comparator / portfolio constraining benchmark. These figures do not include the initial charge; if this is paid it will reduce performance from that shown.

**Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.**

## Key facts

Fund manager(s)	Ben Pakenham
Fund managers start date	14 May 2012
Fund launch date	09 March 2011
Share class launch date	01 October 2012
Authorised corporate director (ACD)	Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited
Fund size	£34.4m
Number of holdings	133
Performance target	ICE BofA European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged to GBP) +1.25%
Yield to maturity exc derivatives <sup>1</sup>	6.73%
Distribution frequency	Monthly
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	0.00%
Annual management charge	0.70%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	0.81%
Minimum initial investment	GBP 1,000,000
Fund type	OEIC
Valuation point	12:00 (UK time)
Base currency	GBP
Sedol	B5VSSV4
ISIN	GB00B5VSSV49
Bloomberg	ABEHYII LN
Citicode	N2Z9
Reuters	LP68179426
Domicile	United Kingdom

## Risk and reward profile

Lower risk Typically lower rewards Higher risk Typically higher rewards



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years. See Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for details.

## Key risks

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.

## Management process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives after analysing companies prospects and creditworthiness alongside global economic and market conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the ICE BofAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged to GBP) is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 4.50%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the ICE BofAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged to GBP).
- Please Note: The fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

## Top Ten Holdings

Teva Pharmaceutical Finance 4.5% 2025	2.8
Petroleos Mexicanos 4.75% 2029	2.3
Altice France Holding 8% 2027	2.2
Prestigebidco 6.25% 2023	2.0
Encore Capital 5.375% 2026	1.9
Virgin Media Vendor Fin 4.875% 2028	1.7
Rolls Royce 5.75% 2027	1.5
Enquest 7% 2023	1.4
Autostrade Per Litalia 2% 2028	1.4
Kedrion SPA 3.375% 2026	1.4
<b>Assets in top ten holdings</b>	<b>18.6</b>

## Country (%)

United Kingdom	22.6
Luxembourg	13.7
Germany	12.6
United States of America	8.7
France	7.7
Italy	7.7
Netherlands	5.5
Spain	3.1
Other	12.0
Cash	6.2

Source : abrdn 31/05/2022

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

## Sector (%)

Consumer Discretionary	20.8
Financials	12.6
Telecommunication Services	8.2
Health Care	8.1
Capital Goods	6.6
Materials	6.3
Consumer Staples	3.2
Energy	3.0
Other	24.9
Cash	6.2

## Credit rating (%)

A	0.9
BB	40.1
B	40.8
CCC	11.2
N/R	6.9

- (e) The fund invests in mortgage and asset-backed securities (which may include collateralised loan, debt or mortgage obligations (respectively CLOs, CDOs or CMOs)). These are subject to prepayment and extension risk and additional liquidity and default risk compared to other credit securities.
- (f) Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid.
- (g) The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

## Risk stats

Beta <sup>^</sup>	1.01
Fund Volatility <sup>^</sup>	9.96
Index Volatility <sup>^</sup>	9.84
Information Ratio <sup>^</sup>	2.10
R-Squared <sup>^</sup>	0.99
Sharpe Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0.33
Tracking Error <sup>^</sup>	0.96
Effective duration (years)	3.29

Source : abrdn. <sup>^</sup> Three year annualised.

## Derivative usage

- The fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk, or reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

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To help you understand this fund and for a full explanation of risks and the overall risk profile of this fund and the shareclasses within it, please refer to the Key Investor Information Documents and Prospectus which are available on our website [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) The Prospectus also contains a glossary of key terms used in this document.

<sup>1</sup>Yield to Maturity as at 31/05/2022 is the yield that would be realised on a bond or other debt instrument if the security was held until the maturity date.

<sup>2</sup>These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested. In some cases, the charges may be less and you should speak to your financial advisor about this.

<sup>3</sup>The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF), is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the fund. 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 fund. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different funds.

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