

# Canaccord Genuity Bond Fund

## Supplement dated 1 April 2022 to the Prospectus dated 1 April 2022

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Canaccord Genuity Bond Fund (the Fund), a sub-fund of Canaccord Genuity Investment Funds plc (the Company), an open ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and with segregated liability between its sub-funds incorporated with limited liability in Ireland and authorised under the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time including any condition that may from time to time be imposed thereunder by the Central Bank (the EU UCITS Regulations).

This Supplement forms part of the Prospectus dated 1 April 2022 (the Prospectus) and should be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus. Unless otherwise set out herein, capitalised terms shall have the meaning given to them in the Prospectus.

Potential investors should note that all ongoing fees and expenses will be charged to capital. This may have the effect of lowering the capital value of an investor's investment in the Fund. Investors should also note that income will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth and on a realisation of their investment in the Fund, they may not receive back the full amount invested.

## **Investment Objective**

To generate positive total returns from a diversified portfolio of bonds and other debt securities and collective investment schemes (CIS), as described below.

## **Investment Policy**

The Fund aims to achieve its objective by investing into a portfolio of high quality bonds, CIS and money market instruments, with a bias towards Sterling denominated assets across all permitted asset classes. In normal circumstances, the Fund will aim to deliver income in excess of the average rate achievable through a one-year cash deposit.

The percentages set out below are indicative only and (subject as provided below), the Investment Manager may, from time to time, alter or adjust such percentage allocation in order to achieve the investment objective of the Fund and having regard to prevailing market conditions.

#### **Debt Securities**

The Fund's portfolio will consist of a range of bonds and other debt securities listed or traded on a Permitted Market listed in Appendix IV of the Prospectus. The Fund will invest in bonds which may include fixed coupon, index linked, floating rate notes (FRNs) and other variable coupon bonds issued by governments, quasi-government institutions, supranationals, and corporates. Examples of bonds which may form part of the portfolio are: Eurobonds, corporate bonds and public utility debt securities. A FRN is a bond whose interest rate is adjusted (typically quarterly) according to the prevailing interest rates of other financial instruments eg LIBOR, so the FRN would pay LIBOR + an agreed spread above, depending on the terms of issue of the FRN. FRNs provide protection against rising interest rates (when the bond market tends to fall), but tend to pay lower yields than fixed rate notes. They are generally issued by financial institutions, whether it be corporate, supranational or government. Up to 20% of the Fund's assets may be invested in money market instruments to include commercial paper, fixed and floating rate notes, and certificates of deposit. All such debt securities and money market instruments will be issued or guaranteed by national governments of EU Member States, OECD Member States, their local authorities and agencies or by the supra-national organisations listed in section 2.12 of the investment restrictions set out in Appendix I of the Prospectus. Up to 30% of the Fund's net assets may be invested in debt securities of issuers located in non-EU and/or non-OECD Member States.

All debt securities and money market instruments must be issued by an issuer having a credit rating at the time of acquisition of at least A-/A3 or equivalent by Standard & Poor's, Moody's, Fitch or a comparable internationally recognised rating agency. In circumstances where the  $\,$ Investment Manager considers it appropriate and having regard to prevailing market conditions, up to 100% of the Fund's net assets may be invested in such securities, subject to and in accordance with the investment restrictions set out in Appendix I of the Prospectus. In the event that the credit rating of any security falls below this minimum credit rating the Investment Manager will monitor the situation and may sell the security or may decide to retain it, if it considers it prudent to do so, having regard to the best interests of the Shareholders provided, however, that no more than 10% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in securities having a credit rating below A-/A3. The Fund may also invest in debt securities which are not listed or traded on a Permitted Market, subject to an overall exposure of 10% of the Fund's net assets.

The Fund has no limitations on the range of maturities of the debt securities in which it can invest and may hold securities with short, medium- or long-term maturities as well as fixed and floating rate securities and coupon or non-coupon bearing securities.

#### CIS

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its net assets in other CIS which are classified as bond funds and are compatible with the investment objective and policy of the Fund. Such CIS may be established as UCITS or AIF open-ended collective investment schemes and may hold no more than 10% of their assets in another CIS in accordance with section 3.2 of the investment restrictions set out in Appendix I of the Prospectus.

Any investment in open ended CIS will be in open ended CIS that satisfy the requirements of the Central Bank (which currently comprise Class A Schemes established in Guernsey, Recognised Funds established in Jersey, Authorised Schemes established in the Isle of Man, retail open-ended CIS authorised by the Central Bank, AIF CIS authorised in an EEA Member State, the United States, Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man) and which comply, in all material respects, with the provisions of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2015, as may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, as well as any guidance issued by the Central Bank in relation thereto (the Central Bank UCITS Regulations). Investment in a single open-ended CIS may not exceed 20% of the net assets of the Fund and investment in AIF open-ended CIS may not exceed in aggregate 30% of the net assets of the Fund.

Within the 30% limit for CIS above, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in closed-ended CIS (such as UK investment trusts) listed or traded on a Permitted Market:

- which qualify as transferable securities;
- which are subject to the corporate governance regime applied to companies; and
- where asset management activity of such CIS is carried out by another entity, that entity is subject to national regulation for the purposes of investor protection.

The Fund may have an indirect exposure to high-yielding and/or emerging market debt through investment in underlying CIS (i.e. through CIS holding below investment grade assets).

Save as outlined above, there will be no particular geographical or sectoral focus or bias in relation to the Fund's investment portfolio.

## **Currency Exposure**

Although the base currency of the Fund is Sterling, the Fund may have an exposure to non-Sterling denominated assets from time to time. The Investment Manager may hedge unwanted currency exposure to non-Sterling denominated assets. Decisions regarding the hedging policy of the Fund will be based, in part, on the Investment Manager's view of the likely trend of future exchange rates. The Investment Manager will endeavour to ensure that not more than 30% of the Fund's directly held assets are invested in non-Sterling denominated assets at any point in time. To the extent that some of the Fund's assets may not be hedged, the Fund performance may be influenced by adverse movements in foreign exchange rates.

The Investment Manager may also use financial derivative instruments (**FDIs**) such as futures, for the purposes of hedging currency exposure and efficient portfolio management. The principal objective of the Investment Manager, when using FDIs, will be risk reduction and hedging.

#### **Investment Instruments**

The investment restrictions applying to the Fund are those included in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and the EU UCITS Regulations and which are set out in Appendix I to the Prospectus.

## Financial Derivative Instruments (FDIs)

The Fund may enter into currency forwards as described below:

- to hedge foreign currency exposure at a Share class level, only in relation to those Share classes which are denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the Fund (share class hedging).
- to hedge unwanted currency exposure within the portfolio, at the Investment Manager's discretion.

All currency forwards will be over the counter and all counterparties to such transactions will have a Standard & Poor's or Moody's credit rating of at least A. The hedging processes may, from time to time, result in a residual currency exposure due to market movements.

The use of financial derivatives will be fully supported by an in-depth risk management process conducted by the Investment Manager, on a real time basis, to ensure that the use of such financial derivative instruments continues to be commensurate with the overall investment objective of the Fund. The Fund will use the commitment approach to calculate its global exposure, which will not exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

## **Efficient Portfolio Management**

The Fund may also utilise currency forwards for efficient portfolio management purposes. Such transactions entered into may not result in a change of the Fund's investment objective and must be:

- economically appropriate;
- entered into for reasons of reduction of risk, reduction of cost or the generation of additional capital or income with an appropriate level of risk; and
- such that the relevant risks are adequately captured by the risk management process report produced in relation to the Fund.

A default by or insolvency of a counterparty to any currency forward transaction may result in the loss of any accrued profit and loss. All OTC financial derivative positions will be appropriately covered and will be monitored and reviewed on a daily basis.

#### **Profile of a Typical Investor**

Investment in the Fund is suitable for investors seeking positive total returns over the medium term (3-5 years), with a low risk profile and who are prepared to accept some volatility but at the lower end of the spectrum.

## **Investment Restrictions**

The investment restrictions and limitations are those included in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and the EU UCITS Regulations and which are set out in Appendix I to the Prospectus.

#### **Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager to the Fund is Canaccord Genuity Wealth (International) Limited, further details of which are contained in the Prospectus.

#### **Share Class Details**

The following Share Classes are available for subscription:

Share Class name	Currency	Distribution Policy	Investment Management Fee	Subscription Charge	Redemption Charge	Minimum Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment
A GBP (Distribution)	GBP	Distribution	0.50%	Up to 0.5%	Nil	£5,000	£1,000
A GBP (Accumulation)	GBP	Accumulation	0.50%	Up to 0.5%	Nil	£5,000	£1,000
A EUR Hedged (Distribution)	EUR	Distribution	0.50%	Up to 0.5%	Nil	£5,000¹	£1,000¹
A EUR Hedged (Accumulation)	EUR	Accumulation	0.50%	Up to 0.5%	Nil	£5,000¹	£1,000¹
A USD Hedged (Distribution)	USD	Distribution	0.50%	Up to 0.5%	Nil	£5,000¹	£1,000¹
A USD Hedged (Accumulation)	USD	Accumulation	0.50%	Up to 0.5%	Nil	£5,000¹	£1,000¹
A SGD Hedged (Accumulation)	SGD	Accumulation	0.50%	Up to 0.5%	Nil	£5,000¹	£1,000¹
A SGD Hedged (Distribution)	SGD	Distribution	0.50%	Up to 0.5%	Nil	£5,000¹	£1,000¹
A AUD Hedged (Accumulation)	AUD	Accumulation	0.50%	Up to 0.5%	Nil	£5,000¹	£1,000¹
A CAD Hedged (Accumulation)	CAD	Accumulation	0.50%	Up to 0.5%	Nil	£5,000¹	£1,000¹
A CHF Hedged (Accumulation)	CHF	Accumulation	0.50%	Up to 0.5%	Nil	£5,000¹	£1,000¹
X GBP (Distribution)	GBP	Distribution	0%	0%	Nil	£100,000	£5,000
X EUR Hedged (Distribution)	EUR	Distribution	0%	0%	Nil	£100,000¹	£5,000¹
X USD Hedged (Distribution)	USD	Distribution	0%	0%	Nil	£100,000¹	£5,000¹

A reference to a **Share**, **Share**, **Share** Class or **Share** Classes is a reference to one or all of the Share Classes set out in the table above.

Each Share may be offered in the base currency of the Fund or may be denominated in another currency and such currency denomination will be specified in the Share name (as set out in the table above). Shares which are hedged are identified by the word 'Hedged' (Hedged Shares).

Subscriptions should be made using the currency of the relevant Share Class.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

X GBP (Distribution), X EUR Hedged (Distribution) and X USD Hedged (Distribution) (the **X Shares**) may only be acquired by clients of Canaccord group entities.

## Offer Period

Offer Periods for Share Classes not yet launched will be as follows, or at such earlier or later time or date as the Directors following consultation with the Manager may decide and notify to the Central Bank:

A SGD Hedged (Distribution)	9.00 am 18 January 2019	2.00 pm 30 September 2022
A CAD Hedged (Accumulation)	9.00 am 18 January 2019	2.00 pm 30 September 2022
A CHF Hedged (Accumulation)	9.00 am 18 January 2019	2.00 pm 30 September 2022

During the Offer Period, Shares in the relevant Share Class will be issued at an Offer Price of GBP100/SGD100/AUD100/CAD100/CHF100 per Share, as appropriate. Following the closing of the Offer Period, Shares in the relevant Share Class will be issued at their prevailing Net Asset Value.

## **Share Class Currency Hedging**

The Fund aims to provide currency hedges through a number of Hedged Shares. While not the intention, over-hedged and under-hedged positions may arise due to factors outside the control of the Fund. To the extent that these hedging strategies are successful the performance of Hedged Shares are likely to move in line with the performance of the underlying assets. The adoption of these strategies may substantially limit holders of Hedged Shares from benefitting if the currency of that class falls against the Base Currency and/or the currency in which the assets of the Fund are denominated, but it is also designed to substantially protect holders of Hedged Shares if the currency of the relevant class rises against the Base Currency. All costs and gains or losses of such hedging transactions will be borne by the relevant Hedged Shares, shall not form part of the assets of the Fund as a whole and should not constitute a general liability of the Fund.

Any over-hedging is not permitted to exceed 105% of the net assets of the relevant class of shares on any Dealing Day and any under-hedged position will be kept under review to ensure that it is not carried forward from month to month. Any under-hedging is not permitted to fall short of 95% of the net assets of the relevant class of shares on any Dealing Day and any under-hedged position will be kept under review to ensure that it is not carried forward from month to month. It is the intention that hedged positions will be kept under review to ensure that they do not exceed the levels permitted. This review will incorporate a procedure to ensure that positions materially in excess of 100% will not be carried forward from month to month.

Investors in Hedged Shares should be aware that hedging transactions will be attributable to that specific class, therefore any currency exposures of different currency classes may not be combined or offset and currency exposures of assets of the Fund may not be allocated to separate Share Classes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Equivalent value in relevant currency of the Share Class. These minimum amounts may be reduced at the discretion of the Directors.

## **Base Currency**

The base currency of the Fund is Sterling, although investments and Shares may be denominated in a variety of currencies (subject to the general 30% limit set out in the section entitled Currency Exposure above) and the Investment Manager may or may not choose to hedge currency risk back to Sterling.

## **Business Day**

A day on which banks are open for business in Dublin and London or such other day as the Directors following consultation with the Manager and approval of the Depositary may determine, provided that such other day is notified in advance to Shareholders.

## **Dealing Day**

The Dealing Day for the Fund is every Business Day.

## **Dealing Deadline**

The Dealing Deadline is 2.00 pm (Irish time) on the Business Day prior to the relevant Dealing Day.

#### **Valuation Point**

The Valuation Point is 11.59 pm (Irish time) on the Business Day prior to the relevant Dealing Day.

## Listing

The status of approval of an application to list and the admission to listing and trading on the regulated market of Euronext Dublin (Euronext Dublin) of the various Share Classes is set out below:

Share Class name	Approved	Admitted
A GBP (Distribution)	✓	16 January 2014
A EUR Hedged (Distribution)	✓	22 April 2015
A USD Hedged (Distribution)	✓	28 November 2014
A GBP (Accumulation)	✓	16 October 2015
A EUR Hedged (Accumulation)	✓	22 November 2016
A USD Hedged (Accumulation)	✓	22 October 2015
X GBP (Distribution)	✓	2 May 2017
X EUR Hedged (Distribution)	✓	3 July 2017
X USD Hedged (Distribution)	✓	5 July 2017
A SGD Hedged (Accumulation)	✓	27 September 2019
A SGD Hedged (Distribution)	✓	[•]
A AUD Hedged (Accumulation)	✓	30 August 2019
A CAD Hedged (Accumulation)	✓	[+]
A CHF Hedged (Accumulation)	✓	[•]

Application has been made for all Shares to be admitted to listing and trading on the regulated market of Euronext Dublin.

The Prospectus together with this Supplement include all information required to be disclosed by Euronext Dublin listing requirements and comprise listing particulars for the purpose of the listing of such shares on the Irish Stock Exchange.

As at the date of this Supplement, the Fund has no loan capital (including term loans) outstanding or created but unissued, and no outstanding mortgages, charges, or other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowings, including bank overdrafts and liabilities under acceptances or acceptance credits, hire purchase or finance lease commitments, guarantees or other contingent liabilities.

The Directors confirm there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Company since 31 March 2021 being the date up to the end of the period for which the last audited financial statements of the Company were prepared and which accounts or the then most recently audited published accounts of the Company form part of the listing particulars.

## **Dividend Policy**

#### **Accumulation Shares**

Shares called ('Accumulation') are accumulation Shares and therefore no dividend will be paid on these Shares.

#### **Distribution Shares**

For Shares called ('Distribution'), it is the intention of the Directors to distribute income on a quarterly basis. Dividends will be declared on or about the second Business Day following the end of the relevant calendar quarter in each year. Dividends will be paid within one month of the end of the relevant calendar quarter. With the exception of Taxable Irish Persons, dividends will normally be paid gross (ie without the deduction of tax). Any dividends payable in a currency other than that in which the Shares are denominated will equal the foreign currency equivalent of the currency denomination on the dividend payment date. Dividends for Hedged Shares will be paid in the relevant currency of the Hedged Class.

It is the intention of the Directors to apply for reporting fund status for all Share Classes, in accordance with the requirement to report rather than distribute income. UK reporting status has been granted for all Share Classes launched to date.

As set out below, the Fund will allocate all fees and expenses to capital. This will result in a higher level of income available for distribution than if all fees and expenses were charged to income.

## **Anti-Money Laundering**

As more particularly described in the Prospectus, measures aimed at the prevention of money laundering may require an applicant for Shares to verify their identity to the Administrator. The Administrator will notify applicants if proof of identity is required.

## **Charges and Expenses**

The following sections on fees should be read in conjunction with the section headed **Charges and Expenses** in the Prospectus.

## • Management Company Fee

The fees of the Management Company are up to 0.01% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. The fees are accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears. The Management Company is entitled to be repaid all of its reasonable agreed upon transaction and other charges (which will be at normal commercial rates) and other out-of-pocket expenses out of the assets of the Fund (plus VAT thereon, if any).

#### • Investment Management Fee

The investment management fee payable to the Investment Manager is set out above under 'Share Class Details'.

Such fee accrues daily and is paid monthly in arrears. The Investment Manager is entitled to be reimbursed out of the assets of the Fund for the reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Investment Manager in the performance of its duties (plus VAT thereon, if any).

#### Distribution Fee

The fees of the Distributors are 0.08% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

Such fees accrue daily and are paid monthly in arrears. The Distributors are entitled to be reimbursed out of the assets of the Fund for reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Distributors in the performance of their duties (plus VAT thereon, if any).

#### Administration Fee

The Administration Fees are on a sliding scale from 0.06% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund subject also to specific charges for reporting and an overall minimum for the Company. Such fees, which are accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears, will be discharged by the Fund. The Administrator is entitled to be repaid all of its reasonable agreed upon transaction and other charges (which will be at normal commercial rates) and other out-of-pocket expenses out of the assets of the Fund (plus VAT thereon, if any).

#### Depositary Fee

The Depositary Fees are on a sliding scale from 0.02% per annum on the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Such fees, which are accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears, will be discharged by the Fund subject also to transaction charges and an overall minimum for the Company. The Depositary is entitled to sub-depositary's fees (which will be charged at normal commercial rates) as well as agreed upon transaction charges (which will be at normal commercial rates) and other out-of-pocket expenses which will be paid out of the assets of the Fund (plus VAT thereon, if any).

## • Establishment Costs

The preliminary expenses incurred in connection with the establishment and initial issue of Shares in the Fund were amortised over the first five financial years of the Fund.

#### Allocation of Fees and Expenses

The Fund will allocate 100% of fees and expenses to capital. This will help to maximise dividends, which will be paid from income, as a significant contribution to the overall total returns of the Fund. The Directors consider that this allocation will enable the Fund to distribute income in line with a Shareholder's expectations.

The result of this allocation policy is that the capital growth of the Fund will be less than if all fees and expenses were charged to income. The estimated effect would be 0.85% of the Net Asset Value each year.

Shareholders should also be aware that, as this allocation policy will result in a higher level of income being distributed than if all fees and expenses were charged to income, a larger portion of the overall return of the Fund may therefore, be subject to income tax rather than capital gains tax, depending on the tax regime applicable in the Shareholder's country of residence for tax purposes.

#### General

Where the Fund invests more than 20% of its net assets in other UCITS or other open ended CIS or both, the maximum level of the management fees that may be charged in respect of the Fund and the underlying CIS will not exceed 3.25% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Details of such fees will also be contained in the Company's annual report.

#### **Risk Factors**

The general risk factors under the heading **Risk Factors** of the Prospectus apply to this Fund. In addition, the following risk factors are also relevant.

All fees and expenses will be allocated to capital. This allocation method will enable the Fund to distribute higher income but may constrain future capital growth.

Investment in the Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.

The base currency of the Fund is Sterling, and although the Investment Manager has the ability to seek to hedge the Fund's exposure to movements in other currencies, there is the risk that any foreign currency exposure will not be fully or successfully hedged and that the Fund's Net Asset Value could move down due to a fall in the value of non-Sterling currencies against Sterling.

Where the Investment Manager decides to hedge part or all of a currency exposure, the hedging process may from time to time result in a very small residual currency exposure due to market movements. This exposure will be monitored on a daily basis and, if practical and subject to the discretion of the Investment Manager will be re-hedged to adapt the foreign currency exposure once again to the Investment Manager's target.

Any OTC currency forwards entered into will be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. A default by or insolvency by a counterparty to any OTC transaction may result in a loss of premium payable to the Fund. Any resultant trade will be on a delivery versus payment basis. Any counterparty to an OTC derivative contract will have a minimum credit rating of A-2 or equivalent or implied equivalent, in according with the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

All futures contracts will be exchange traded and will be listed or traded on Permitted Markets. As such, the sole risk to the Fund in terms of such exchange traded contracts will be with the appropriate clearing house who will hold any margin due.

The intention of Hedged Shares is to minimise foreign currency exposure for non-Sterling investors. To the extent that these hedging strategies are successful the performance of the Hedged Shares are likely to move in line with the performance of the underlying assets, however some differences in performance against the A Shares may arise due to small over- or under-hedging. As set out above, hedged positions will be kept under review to ensure hedging is within +/- 5% of the net assets attributable to the relevant class of Hedged Shares under normal circumstances, and to bring hedging within these levels each month. The adoption of these strategies may substantially limit holders of the Hedged Shares from benefitting if the currency of that class falls against Sterling and/or the currency in which the assets of the Fund are denominated, but it is also designed to substantially protect holders of the Hedged Shares if the currency of the relevant class rises against Sterling.

## **Material Contracts**

The Investment Management Agreement dated 30 July 2008 between the Company and the Investment Manager as novated and amended by way of a novation and amendment agreement dated 31 March 2022 and as may be novated, amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

## **Miscellaneous**

There are five other Funds of the Company currently in existence, namely:

- Canaccord Genuity Cautious Fund;
- Canaccord Genuity Growth Fund;
- Canaccord Genuity Balanced Fund;
- Canaccord Genuity Opportunity Fund; and
- Canaccord Genuity Global Equity Fund.