# Investment Grade Corporate **Bond Fund**

'A' shares, EUR Hedged (Reference) As at end December 2023



## Objectives and investment policy summary

The Fund aims to generate a high level of income, with the opportunity for capital gain, primarily through investment in a diversified portfolio of Investment Grade fixed and floating rate securities, normally denominated in U.S. Dollars and issued by governments, institutions and corporations in both developing and developed countries. When judged appropriate, the portfolio may be held in fixed interest securities denominated in currencies other than U.S. Dollars, with the relevant currency exposure hedged back into U.S. Dollars.

Past performance should not be taken as a guide to the future and there is no guarantee that this investment will make profits; losses may be made. If the currency of this share class differs from your domestic currency, your returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

## Monthly and annual average performance (%)

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	1month	1 year	3 years annualised	5 annua	years alised	10 years annualised
Fund - A Inc-2 EUR Hedged	3.9	5.8	-6.2		-0.5	0.2
Benchmark	3.5	6.4	-4.3		0.4	1.3
Calendar year performance (%)						
	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund - A Inc-2 EUR Hedged	5.8	5.8	-19.9	-2.6	8.1	9.0
Benchmark	6.4	6.4	-16.2	-1.6	6.6	9.3
Rolling 12 month performance (%)						
	31.12.22	31.12.21	31.12.20	31	1.12.19	31.12.18
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Fund - A Inc-2 EUR Hedged	-4.9	2.4	3.4	-0.6	4.6
Benchmark	-3.6	3.7	4.5	-0.5	7.7

## Performance (%)

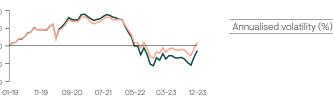
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- Fund - Benchmark

Performance data source: © Morningstar, dates to 31.12.23, NAV based, (net of fees, excluding initial charges), total return, in Euro. The Fund is actively managed, any index shown is for illustrative purposes only. Performance would be lower had initial charges been included as an initial charge of up to 5% may be applied to your investment. This means that for an investment of €1,000, €950 would actually be invested in the Fund. Due to an investment objective and policy change on 31 May 2016, performance shown prior to this date was achieved under different circumstances.

**Risk statistics** 



For general information and/or marketing purposes.

## Ratings

### Morningstar: 🖈

Fund ratings may be provided by independent rating agencies based on a range of investment criteria. For a full description of the ratings please see www.ninetyone.com/ratings.

Investors must read the Key Information Document (or Key Investor Information Document where relevant) and Prospectus prior to investing.

The full list of Fund risks are contained in the appendices of the Ninety One GSF prospectus.

## **Key facts**

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years years

Portfolio manager: Darpan Harar, Jeff Boswell Fund size: EUR 84.3m Fund launch date: 21.06.00 A Inc-2 EUR Hedged share class launch date: 16.04.09 Domicile: Luxembourg Sector: Morningstar Global Corporate Bond -**EUR Hedged** Benchmark: BofAML Global Broad Market Corporate Hedged EUR 'A' share class dealing currency: EUR Risk indicator (KID SRI): 3 out of 7 Ninety One ESG Classification SS: ESG Integration See explanations for SFDR and Ninety One ESG Classification on Page 2.

## 'A' Inc-2 Share class charges

Maximum initial charge: 5.00% Ongoing charge: 1.24%

The Fund may incur further expenses (not included in the above Ongoing charge) as permitted by the Prospectus.

## Other information

Pricing: 16:00 New York Time (forward pricing) Minimum investment: USD3,000 / equivalent approved currency lump sum

## 'A' Inc-2 EUR Hedged

ISIN: LU0416337789 Bloomberg: IGHBAAH LX CUSIP: L5447N809 Sedol: B61PMG5 Yield: 3.77% (2.53%)\* Payment dates: Monthly \*Yield if charges had been taken from income. See yield explanation on page 4.

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## Top holdings (%)

UBS Group AG 4.253 Mar 23 28	1.8
Bank of America Corp 3.419 Dec 20 28	1.7
Comcast Corp 4.4 Aug 15 35	1.5
AKER BP ASA 3.75 Jan 15 30	1.5
BP Capital Markets Plc 3.625 Jun 22 72	1.5
NRG Energy Inc 4.45 Jun 15 29	1.4
Credit Agricole SA 4 Jan 10 33	1.4
Equinor ASA 3.95 May 15 43	1.3
Vici Properties Lp 4.95 Feb 15 30	1.3
Volkswagen International Finan 3.875 Jun 14 72	1.3
Total	14.7
Number of bond holdings:	173

Credit breakdown (%)*	
АА	4.8
А	32.7
BBB	58.8
BB	1.5
В	0.3
С	0.1
Cash and near cash	1.8
Total	100.0
Average credit rating	BBB
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\*Bond ratings are Ninety One approximations.

#### Maturity profile (%) 2.0 0-1year 1-3 years 8.8 3 - 5 years 20.2 5 - 10 years 41.7 10 - 20 years 14.8 20 years + 12.5 Total 100.0 Average maturity (years) 9.6 Yield to maturity (%) 53

## Geographic allocation (%)

United States	52.3
France	12.0
United Kingdom	11.9
Germany	3.4
Norway	2.8
Switzerland	2.6
Sweden	1.8
Netherlands	1.7
Spain	1.7
Luxembourg	1.1
Austria	1.0
Czech Republic	1.0
Italy	0.8
South Africa	0.8
Belgium	0.7
China*	0.6
Denmark	0.6
Brazil	0.5
Portugal	0.5
Ireland	0.4
Cash and near cash	1.8
Total	100.0

#### Currency positions (%) Duration %NAV contrib. US Dollar 4.3 99.8 Pound Sterling 0.7 0.2 Euro 1.6 -0.1 Japanese Yen 0.1 0.1 Canadian Dollar 0.2 0.0 Total 6.9 100.0 These currency positions are shown before any currency hedging is used in Hedged share classes. Currency hedging in the Hedge Share Class replaces exposure to the Reference Currency of the Fund (in this case, the US dollar) with that of the currency of the Hedged share class (the Euro).

## Sector analysis (%)

	Duration contrib.	%NAV
US Investment Grade	5.3	70.7
European Investment Grade	0.9	17.0
Corporate Hybrids	0.2	6.7
EM Credit	0.2	2.8
Short Duration High Yield	0.0	0.7
European High Yield	0.0	0.3
Derivatives	0.3	0.0
Cash and FX	0.0	1.8
Total	6.9	100.0

## Intended retail investor

This Fund has been designed to form part of a broader portfolio of investments and should be purchased with advice or on an execution only basis by a basic investor. Investors must be able to bear loss of capital in order to seek to generate higher potential returns and should be prepared to remain invested for at least 5 years.

<sup>59</sup>Funds that practice active stewardship whilst considering ESG risks and opportunities. For further information, please see www.ninetyone.com/ESG-explained

The BofAML Global Broad Market Corporate Hedged EUR Index is used for performance comparison and risk management. The Fund does not seek to replicate the index. It will generally hold assets that are components of the index, but not in the same proportions, and it is allowed to hold assets which are not components of the index. The Fund will therefore generally look different from the index, and the Investment Manager will monitor performance differences.

The portfolio may change significantly over a short period of time. This is not a buy or sell recommendation for any particular security. Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

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## **General risks**

The value of these investments, and any income generated from them, will be affected by changes in interest rates, general market conditions and other political, social and economic developments, as well as by specific matters relating to the assets in which they invest.

Past performance does not predict future returns; losses may be made. Ongoing costs and charges will impact returns.

For Inc-2 and Inc-3 shares classes, expenses are charged to the capital account rather than to income, so capital will be reduced. This could constrain future capital and income growth. Income may be taxable.

The Fund's objectives will not necessarily be achieved and there is no guarantee that these investments will make profits; losses may be made.

Environmental, social or governance related risk events or factors, if they occur, could cause a negative impact on the value of investments.

This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within the short to medium term.

## Specific fund risks

Charges from capital: Expenses are charged to the capital account rather than to income, so capital will be reduced. This could constrain future capital and income growth. Income may be taxable.

**Default:** There is a risk that the issuers of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The worse the credit quality of the issuer, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss. **Derivatives:** The use of derivatives may increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses leading to large changes in value and potentially large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

Interest rate: The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates rise.

**Reference Currency Hedging:** Aims to protect investors from a decline in the value of the reference currency only (the currency in which accounts are reported) and will not protect against a decline in the values of the currencies of the underlying investments, where these are different from the reference currency. Difference between the currencies of the underlying investments and the reference currency may cause loss when the reference currency rises against the share class currency. Such hedging will not be perfect. Success is not assured.

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## Glossary summary

Alpha: A measure which describes whether an actively managed portfolio has added value in relation to the amount of risk taken relative to the benchmark. Alpha can be positive or negative.

Benchmark: A standard to represent the wider market, such as an index, more than one index or a market average, that can be used to measure a fund's performance or risk.

**Beta:** A measure of the volatility of a fund relative to its benchmark, i.e. how sensitive the fund is to movements in the market. A figure greater than 1 indicates that the fund will tend to outperform in a rising market and under perform in a falling one, i.e. is more volatile than the market. The reverse applies to a Beta of less than 1.

**Credit rating:** A score awarded by an independent rating agency to indicate the financial strength of the issuer of a bond, and the potential for a default on interest and principal payments. The top credit rating is 'AAA'. The lowest rating to be considered 'investment grade' is 'BBB'. Below 'BBB', bonds are termed 'sub investment grade' or 'high yield'. Average credit ratings are based on the individual bond ratings issued by the ratings agencies. For each bond, the ratings issued by each agency are combined to form a single rating based on the methodology that most closely matches the benchmark, otherwise median is typically used where there is no benchmark. The portfolio rating is the weighted average of the above bond ratings.

## Share class distribution types

Accumulation (Acc): An accumulation share will not make income payments to shareholders but will instead accrue the income daily in the net asset value of the share class.

Income (Inc): An income share will distribute all or part of the income accruing in that share class.

**Income-2 (Inc-2):** These distribute the income accruing in the share class and charge all their expenses to capital. This maximises the income available for distribution – although it also reduces capital by an equivalent extent which could constrain future capital and income growth. This can be inefficient from a tax perspective in those countries where income tax rates are higher than those on capital gains.

Duration: Expressed in years, this measures how much a bond's price will rise or fall when interest rates change. The longer the duration, the more sensitive it is. The higher the duration, the greater the potential return (and the greater the risk).

## **GSF:** Ninety One Global Strategy Fund.

**Information ratio:** A measure of a portfolio manager's skill against a benchmark. The over or underperformance of the fund relative to its benchmark is divided by the tracking error. In this way, we arrive at the value, per unit of extra risk assumed, that the manager's decisions have added to what the market would have delivered anyway. The higher the Information ratio the better.

**KID SRI:** The Summary Risk Indicator (SRI) appears in the Key Information Document (KID) and it is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely the product will lose money because of movements in the markets. A rating of 1 represents a low level of potential losses from future performance and a rating of 7 represents a high level of potential losses from future performance. UK-domiciled investors should refer to the risk indicator contained in the relevant Key Investor Information Document (KID).

Maturity profile: The average life of each bond in a fund's portfolio, weighted by value.

Morningstar 'star' ratings: The overall rating for a fund, often called the 'star rating', is a third party rating derived from a quantitative methodology that rates funds based on an enhanced Morningstar™ Risk-Adjusted Return measure. 'Star ratings' run from 1 star (lowest) to 5 stars (highest) and are reviewed at the end of every calendar month. The various funds are ranked by their Morningstar™ Risk-Adjusted Return scores and relevant stars are assigned. It is important to note that individual shareclasses of each fund are evaluated separately and their ratings may differ depending on the launch date, fees and expenses relevant to the share class. In order to achieve a rating the share class of a fund must have a minimum three-year performance track record.

For a further explanation, please visit

https://www.morningstar.com/company/morningstar-ratings-faq

Ongoing charge: The ongoing charge figure is the charge you'll pay over a year for as long as you hold your investment in a fund. It relates to the costs of running the fund (including the annual management fee).

NAV: The Net Asset Value (NAV) represents the value of the assets of a fund less its liabilities.

Sector: A peer group of funds managed to a similar investment policy. Not every fund will have a relevant sector. Tracking error: A measure of how much a fund's returns deviate from those of its benchmark. The lower the number the closer the fund's historic performance has followed that of its benchmark.

Volatility: The pace or amount of change in value of an aspect such as an investment, an asset class or a fund. YTD: Year to date.

## Yields

Yield: The Yield reflects the amounts that may be distributed over the next 12 months as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value per share, as at the date shown, based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. Where there is a yield number in brackets, it is calculated in the same way, however, as the charges of the share class are deducted from capital rather than income, it shows the level of yield had these charges been deducted from income. Yields do not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. The effect of taking expenses from capital is to increase income whilst reducing capital to an equivalent extent and may constrain future capital and income growth.

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