

# Preferred Securities Fund - Sterling Hedged A Class Income Units

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**Investment manager**

Principal Global Investors, LLC ("PGI")

**Sub investment manager**Spectrum Asset Management, Inc.  
("Spectrum")

Spectrum specialises in the management of preferred securities.

**Fund managers****Kevin Nugent**

40 Yrs Industry Exp

**Manu Krishnan, CFA**

20 Yrs Industry Exp

**Mark A. Lieb**

47 Yrs Industry Exp

**L. Phillip Jacoby, IV**

42 Yrs Industry Exp

**Bob Giangregorio**

21 Yrs Industry Exp

**Fred Diaz**

32 Yrs Industry Exp

**Satomi Yarnell**

15 Yrs Industry Exp

**Investment objective**

The Fund seeks to provide an income return consistent with capital preservation. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing primarily in a portfolio of U.S. dollar denominated preferred securities and debt securities. At the time of the Fund's investment the majority of these securities will be rated as investment grade. Any exposure to currencies other than US dollar will be hedged back to US dollars.

**Index**BBG GLOBAL AGG CORP USD TR GBP  
HDG**Fund facts**

Fund size	£3.19b
Base currency	USD
Fund domicile	IRELAND
UCITS qualifying	Yes
Dealing	10:00 AM GMT
	Daily
SFDR Categorisation	Article 8

**Unit class facts**

Launch date	27 Mar 2012
Currency	GBP
Minimum investment	US\$ 1,000
Management fee(s)	0.90% pa
Income distribution	Distributing
Distribution frequency:	Quarterly

**Fund grading**Mark A. Lieb A rated - Citywire Fund  
Manager Ratings**Performance (%)**

	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR
Fund Cumulative Net	1.22	2.60	2.60	11.01	0.12	10.29	31.87
Index Cumulative	1.22	-0.27	-0.27	3.87	-7.65	3.06	19.95
Fund Annualised Net	1.22	2.60	2.60	11.01	0.04	1.98	2.80
Index Annualised	1.22	-0.27	-0.27	3.87	-2.62	0.60	1.83

**12-month rolling return (%)**

Apr 19 - Mar 20	Apr 20 - Mar 21	Apr 21 - Mar 22	Apr 22 - Mar 23	Apr 23 - Mar 24
-7.37	18.93	-2.91	-7.11	11.01

**Risk analysis**

	3YR	5YR
Information Ratio	0.5	0.2
Alpha	0.5	1.2
Tracking Error	5.3	5.9
Standard Deviation	6.6	9.3
Beta	0.6	0.9

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Source: Fund Administrator: BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) DAC since February 2011, performance data prior to this date is sourced from PGI and/or its affiliates; and the Index.

Data: From December 2018, the performance data shown is based upon the Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) prices of the last Irish business day of the month. For Funds not open for dealing on this day this will be an indicative NAV. The performance data shown is net of fees and other charges but excludes any potential entry/exit charges- as such the return an investor receives may be lower. Prior to December 2018, the performance data shown is based upon the Fund's month-end market close prices. (See performance note for further details.)

**Fund analysis**

	Fund	Index
Average Credit Quality	Baa2	A3
Current Yield	6.0	4.4
Yield to Worst	6.2	5.4
Yield to Maturity	7.2	5.4
Modified Duration	3.7	6.6

Any yields quoted on the fact sheet are calculated at portfolio level gross of tax and expenses.

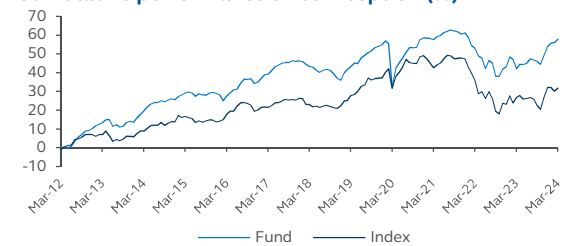
**Top 10 holdings (%)**

	Fund
Zurich Finance Ireland 3 1/31-51 REG S	2.7
Bank Of Nova Scotia 4.9 6/25 perp	2.5
Enterprise Products Oper 5.25 8/27-77	2.1
Toronto Dominion Bank 8.125 10/27-82	1.9
HSBC Capital Funding 10.176 6/30/30 RegS	1.9
Enbridge Inc 6 1/27-77	1.8
MetLife Inc. 10.75 8/1/39	1.7
Munich Re 5.875 11/31-42 REG S	1.6
Nippon Life Insurance 2.75 1/31-51 Reg S	1.6
Demeter Swiss Re 5.625 8/27-52 Reg S	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.4</b>

No. of holdings 222

**Geographic allocation (%)**

	Fund
United States	32.4
Great Britain	11.3
Canada	10.0
Switzerland	9.5
Japan	5.9
France	5.8
Ucits Fund	4.5
Netherlands	3.6
Spain	3.0
Finland	2.3
Australia	2.3
Italy	2.2
Germany	2.1
Other	2.9
Cash	2.1

**Cumulative performance since inception (%)**

- Current Yield is the annual interest earned on the underlying bonds divided by the market price of the underlying portfolio of bonds. The figure is not the dividend yield received by the investors and is subject to change depending on the underlying portfolio of bonds.
- Yield to Worst is the lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer actually defaulting. The yield to worst is calculated by making the worst-case scenario assumptions on the issue.
- Yield to Maturity is a concept used to determine the rate of return an investor will receive if a long-term, interest-bearing investment, such as a bond, is held to its maturity date. Please note that this is not the return or dividend to be received by investors in the fund.

**Credit quality (%)**

	Fund
AA or AAA	2.1
A	18.6
BBB	57.9
UCITS Fund	4.5
BB and Lower	16.9
FX Hedge	0.0

Credit Quality refers to the credit ratings for the underlying securities in the Fund as rated by Standard &amp; Poor's or Moody's Investors Service, and typically range from AAA/Aaa (highest) to C/D (lowest). If Moody's and S&amp;P assign different ratings, the higher rating is used. Ratings methodologies and individual ratings can change over time.

**Industry allocation (%)**

	Fund
Banks	47.7
Insurance	29.6
Energy	6.0
Utilities	5.4
UCITS Fund	4.5
Telecommunications	1.3
Financials	1.2
REITs	1.1
Industrials	1.0
FX Hedge	0.0
Other	0.0
Cash	2.1

Source: Principal Global Investors and/or its affiliates and the Index. Characteristics sources: Bloomberg, Moody's, S&amp;P, Fitch, and Spectrum Asset Management.

Data: This data/analysis is not sourced from the Fund's official record. It is based upon data from the internal systems of Principal Global Investors and/or its affiliates. Performance shown in this section is gross which does not take into account any fees or other charges which, if taken into account, would reduce the figures shown.

Fund codes

Bloomberg	PPSSHA1 ID
ISIN	IE00B2NGK193
Lipper	68043932
SEDOL	B2NGK19
Valoren	3706982
WKN	A1JGF5

Registration

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macau, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UAE and UK

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Risk warnings

- The market value of debt securities is affected by changes in prevailing interest rates and the Fund may be exposed to credit risk by investing in debt securities.
- Default risk and liquidity risk associated with investment in below investment grade securities.
- Contingent Convertible Securities risk is due by the substantially greater risk that these instruments may have compared to other forms of securities in times of credit stress and may result in a material loss to the Fund.
- Currency hedging may reduce but will not remove risk. Hedging will incur more transaction costs and fees, which will affect overall return.

Performance note

\*Index disclosure: The Fund is actively managed and aims to outperform the BBG GLOBAL AGG CORP USD TR GBP HDG (the "Index"). However, the Index composition is not factored into the investment management process and the portfolio manager maintains full discretion to select investments for the Fund in line with the above investment policy.

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