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Neuberger Berman High Yield Bond Fund

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FUND OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to increase the value of your shares through a combination of growth and income from investments in high yield bonds (debt securities). High yield bonds have a lower credit rating because they carry a higher risk of not being paid back. High yield bonds typically offer a higher income to make them attractive to investors. The fund invests primarily in high yield bonds issued by US corporations and non-US corporations which conduct a majority of their activity in the US. The fund may also invest in securities of companies and governments located in emerging market (less developed) countries.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

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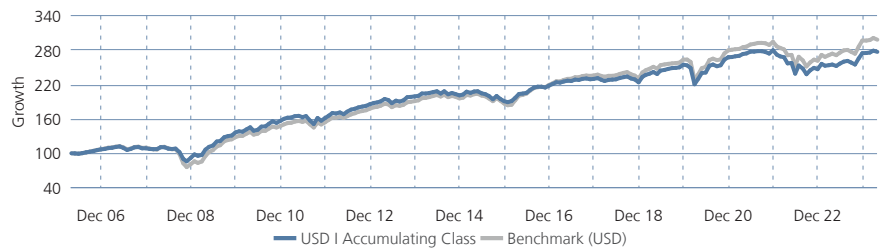
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FUND FACTS

Inception Date (Fund)	03 May 2006
Base Currency (Fund)	USD
Fund AUM (USD million)	2147.24
Domicile	Ireland
Vehicle	UCITS
Valuation	Daily
Settlement (Subscription)	T+3
Trading Deadline	15:00 (Dublin Time)
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland
Benchmark	ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index (Total Return, USD)

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

Past performance does not predict future returns.



PERFORMANCE (%)¹

	1m ²	3m ²	YTD ²	1y ²	3y ³	5y ³	10y ³	SI ^{3,4}
USD I Accumulating Class	-0.75	0.73	0.84	8.69	0.45	2.76	3.05	5.84
Benchmark (USD)	-1.00	0.48	0.50	8.89	1.50	3.52	4.18	6.27

12 MONTH PERIODS (%)

	Apr14 Apr15	Apr15 Apr16	Apr16 Apr17	Apr17 Apr18	Apr18 Apr19	Apr19 Apr20	Apr20 Apr21	Apr21 Apr22	Apr22 Apr23	Apr23 Apr24
USD I Accumulating Class	1.26	-2.11	10.69	1.28	6.04	-4.95	18.92	-6.02	-0.78	8.69
Benchmark (USD)	2.58	-1.30	13.65	3.22	6.71	-5.27	20.01	-4.96	1.03	8.89

CALENDAR (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ⁵
USD I Accumulating Class	-5.06	14.22	5.40	-2.61	13.82	5.13	4.51	-11.84	11.36	0.84
Benchmark (USD)	-4.61	17.49	7.48	-2.27	14.41	6.07	5.35	-11.21	13.47	0.50

The fund is actively managed, which means that the investments are selected at the discretion of the investment manager. The Benchmark is used for performance comparison purposes. The fund's investment policy restricts the extent to which the fund's holdings may deviate from the benchmark, but the fund is not exclusively limited to the securities of the benchmark.

¹Performance to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception, m - month, y - year.

²Returns for these periods are cumulative.

³Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

⁴Returns from 03 May 2006 to latest month end.

⁵Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Fund performance is representative of the USD I Accumulating Class and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund should note that returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. **Fund performance does not take account of any commission or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares.**

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Market Risk: The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

Emerging Markets Risk: Emerging markets are likely to bear higher risk due to a possible lack of adequate financial, legal, social, political and economic structures, protection and stability as well as uncertain tax positions which may lead to lower liquidity. **The NAV of the fund may experience medium to high volatility due to lower liquidity and the availability of reliable information, as well as due to the fund's investment policies or portfolio management techniques.**

Liquidity Risk: The risk that the fund may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value. In extreme market conditions this can affect the fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

Credit Risk: The risk that bond issuers may fail to meet their interest repayments, or repay debt, resulting in temporary or permanent losses to the fund.

Interest Rate Risk: The risk of interest rate movements affecting the value of fixed-rate bonds.

Counterparty Risk: The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction, on the due date.

Operational Risk: The risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems including those relating to the safekeeping of assets or from external events.

Derivatives Risk: The fund is permitted to use certain types of financial derivative instruments (including certain complex instruments). This may increase the fund's leverage significantly which may cause large variations in the value of your share. Investors should note that the fund may achieve its investment objective by investing principally in Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI). There are certain investment risks that apply in relation to the use of FDI. The fund's use of FDI can involve significant risks of loss.

Currency Risk: Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund are exposed to currency risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the return on investment. Where past performance is shown it is based on the share class to which this factsheet relates. **If the currency of this share class is different from your local currency, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance shown may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency.**

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TOP 5 COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
United States	84.36	86.70
Canada	3.14	4.42
France	1.68	0.96
United Kingdom	1.53	2.22
Germany	1.27	0.65

TOP 5 SECTOR OVERWEIGHT ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
Gas Distribution	6.73	4.66
Automotive / Auto Parts	4.17	2.18
Capital Goods	3.68	1.75
Consumer Products / Services	9.18	7.75
Chemicals	3.89	2.57

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
Consumer Products / Services	9.18	7.75
Real Estate / Homebuilders / Building Materials	8.96	7.75
Diversified Financial Services	7.74	8.03
Gaming / Lodging / Leisure	7.70	7.56
Health Care	7.38	8.02
Gas Distribution	6.73	4.66
Technology / Electronics	5.76	5.63
Energy	5.26	7.10
Automotive / Auto Parts	4.17	2.18
Telecommunications	4.13	5.51

DURATION DISTRIBUTION % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
0 - 1 Year	9.49	4.07
1 - 2 Years	5.74	11.12
2 - 3 Years	16.78	18.09
3 - 4 Years	29.48	29.32
4 - 5 Years	25.20	22.12
5 - 6 Years	9.20	9.67
6 - 7 Years	2.81	3.61
7 - 8 Years	0.99	0.97
8 - 9 Years	0.00	0.27
9+ Years	0.32	0.75

SECURITY CREDIT QUALITY % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
BBB	2.83	0.00
BB	42.65	51.13
B	40.75	36.66
CCC	12.21	11.57
CC	0.42	0.62
C	0.00	0.01
D	0.00	0.01
Not rated	0.01	0.00
Cash	1.13	0.00

Credit quality ratings are based on the ICE Bank of America ("ICE BofA") Master High Yield Index composite ratings. The ICE BofA composite ratings are updated once a month on the last calendar day of the month based on information available up to and including the third business day prior to the last business day of the month. The ICE BofA composite rating algorithm is based on an average of the ratings of three agencies (to the extent rated). Generally the composite is based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch. For holdings that are unrated by the ICE BofA Index composite, credit quality ratings are based on S&P's rating. Holdings that are unrated by S&P may be assigned an equivalent rating by the investment manager. No NRSO has been involved with the calculation of credit quality and the ratings of underlying portfolio holdings should not be viewed as a rating of the portfolio itself. Portfolio holdings, underlying ratings of holdings and credit quality composition may change materially over time.

CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Bmrk
Weighted Average Maturity (years)	6.15	5.43
Portfolio Price	95.02	91.88
Weighted Average Yield to Worst (%)	7.87	8.16
Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%)	7.99	8.29
OAS (Basis points)	270	303
Weighted Average Duration (years)	3.48	3.60
Weighted Average Current Yield (%)	7.05	6.78
Average Credit Quality	B+	B+

TOP 10 ISSUERS % (MV)

	Fund
Charter Communications	1.93
TransDigm Inc	1.66
Medline Industries Inc	1.34
Carnival Plc	1.30
Vistra Energy Corp	1.28
CSC Holdings LLC	1.03
Tenet Healthcare	0.98
Frontier Communications	0.90
Community Health Systems	0.75
Civitas Resources Inc	0.74

RISK MEASURES

	3 years
Alpha (%)	-1.04
Tracking Error (%)	0.80
Beta	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.24
Information Ratio	-1.29
R-Squared (%)	99.06
Standard Deviation	8.49

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I SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE

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PERFORMANCE (%) ⁶	Inception Date	1m ⁷	3m ⁷	YTD ⁷	1y ⁷	3y ⁸	5y ⁸	10y ⁸	SI ⁸
AUD I Distributing Class	29-12-2011	-0.88	0.40	0.36	6.95	-0.77	1.46	2.88	4.93
CHF I Accumulating Class	27-05-2011	-1.07	-0.31	-0.54	4.17	-2.49	-0.06	0.62	2.04
CNY I (Monthly) Distributing Class	09-11-2012	-0.77	0.23	0.10	5.85	0.10	2.88	4.32	5.14
EUR I Accumulating Class	09-11-2009	-0.89	0.34	0.28	6.52	-1.58	0.63	1.22	4.05
EUR I Distributing Class	18-10-2012	-0.87	0.44	0.32	6.63	-1.56	0.64	1.18	2.03
GBP I Accumulating Class	27-07-2010	-0.80	0.58	0.69	8.14	-0.17	1.72	2.19	4.11
GBP I Distributing Class	08-11-2006	-0.77	0.64	0.83	8.23	-0.16	1.72	2.17	5.63
USD I (Monthly) Distributing Class	13-09-2012	-0.73	0.75	0.86	8.70	0.43	2.75	3.05	3.74
USD I Accumulating Class	03-05-2006	-0.75	0.73	0.84	8.69	0.45	2.76	3.05	5.84
USD I Distributing Class	16-11-2009	-0.77	0.75	0.84	8.73	0.45	2.75	3.04	5.31
Benchmark (USD)	-	-1.00	0.48	0.50	8.89	1.50	3.52	4.18	6.27 ⁹

12 MONTH PERIODS (%)	Inception Date	Apr 14 Apr 15	Apr 15 Apr 16	Apr 16 Apr 17	Apr 17 Apr 18	Apr 18 Apr 19	Apr 19 Apr 20	Apr 20 Apr 21	Apr 21 Apr 22	Apr 22 Apr 23	Apr 23 Apr 24
AUD I Distributing Class	29-12-2011	3.74	-0.42	11.65	1.54	5.49	-6.96	18.29	-6.48	-2.31	6.95
CHF I Accumulating Class	27-05-2011	0.82	-3.49	8.42	-1.24	2.44	-8.44	17.44	-7.07	-4.22	4.17
CNY I (Monthly) Distributing Class	09-11-2012	4.19	1.33	13.10	3.56	7.15	-5.03	20.99	-3.71	-1.60	5.85
EUR I Accumulating Class	09-11-2009	1.20	-2.76	8.95	-0.83	2.86	-8.11	17.78	-6.91	-3.85	6.52
EUR I Distributing Class	18-10-2012	0.75	-2.72	8.98	-0.79	2.77	-8.06	17.75	-6.94	-3.88	6.63
GBP I Accumulating Class	27-07-2010	1.57	-1.90	9.95	0.07	4.03	-7.57	18.40	-6.23	-1.89	8.14
GBP I Distributing Class	08-11-2006	1.59	-2.14	9.96	0.00	4.10	-7.63	18.46	-6.21	-1.94	8.23
USD I (Monthly) Distributing Class	13-09-2012	1.31	-2.08	10.71	1.30	5.95	-4.84	18.79	-6.05	-0.79	8.70
USD I Accumulating Class	03-05-2006	1.26	-2.11	10.69	1.28	6.04	-4.95	18.92	-6.02	-0.78	8.69
USD I Distributing Class	16-11-2009	1.34	-2.07	10.58	1.31	5.95	-4.93	18.85	-6.01	-0.82	8.73
Benchmark (USD)	-	2.58	-1.30	13.65	3.22	6.71	-5.27	20.01	-4.96	1.03	8.89

CALENDAR (%)	Inception Date	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ¹⁰
AUD I Distributing Class	29-12-2011	-3.17	15.43	6.04	-2.86	12.67	3.25	4.11	-13.01	9.56	0.36
CHF I Accumulating Class	27-05-2011	-6.28	12.14	2.95	-5.72	10.01	2.76	3.41	-14.25	6.87	-0.54
CNY I (Monthly) Distributing Class	09-11-2012	-2.06	16.31	9.39	-1.07	13.89	6.15	7.15	-11.23	8.22	0.10
EUR I Accumulating Class	09-11-2009	-5.56	12.81	3.40	-5.28	10.42	3.03	3.65	-14.30	8.96	0.28
EUR I Distributing Class	18-10-2012	-5.56	12.79	3.49	-5.36	10.40	3.00	3.64	-14.32	9.01	0.32
GBP I Accumulating Class	27-07-2010	-4.87	13.82	4.29	-4.24	11.82	3.06	4.25	-12.69	10.69	0.69
GBP I Distributing Class	08-11-2006	-4.88	13.70	4.28	-4.28	11.77	3.10	4.32	-12.72	10.56	0.83
USD I (Monthly) Distributing Class	13-09-2012	-5.08	14.34	5.34	-2.68	13.98	5.13	4.39	-11.86	11.37	0.86
USD I Accumulating Class	03-05-2006	-5.06	14.22	5.40	-2.61	13.82	5.13	4.51	-11.84	11.36	0.84
USD I Distributing Class	16-11-2009	-5.04	14.25	5.29	-2.60	13.78	5.14	4.57	-11.90	11.36	0.84
Benchmark (USD)	-	-4.61	17.49	7.48	-2.27	14.41	6.07	5.35	-11.21	13.47	0.50

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⁶Performance to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception, m - month, y - year.

⁷Returns for these periods are cumulative.

⁸Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

⁹Data shown since inception of the USD I Accumulating Class.

¹⁰Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Where a benchmark is shown, the benchmark shown is provided in the base currency of the fund and therefore may not be a fair representative comparison to the hedged currency share class shown. The difference in the currency exposure and currency fluctuations in an unhedged benchmark may cause an unintended differential in any performance or risk comparison.

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I SHARE CLASS DATA

Share Class	NAV	Initial Sales Charge (Max)	Ongoing Charges	Management Fee	Minimum Investment
AUD I Dist	9.20	0.00%	0.72% *	0.60%	1,000,000
CHF I Acc	12.99	0.00%	0.70% *	0.60%	1,000,000
CNY I (Monthly) Dist	75.54	0.00%	0.69% *	0.60%	10,000,000
EUR I Acc	17.81	0.00%	0.72% *	0.60%	1,000,000
EUR I Dist	6.74	0.00%	0.72% *	0.60%	1,000,000
GBP I Acc	17.41	0.00%	0.72% *	0.60%	1,000,000
GBP I Dist	8.37	0.00%	0.72% *	0.60%	1,000,000
USD I (Monthly) Dist	7.29	0.00%	0.72% *	0.60%	1,000,000
USD I Acc	27.77	0.00%	0.72% *	0.60%	1,000,000
USD I Dist	9.73	0.00%	0.72% *	0.60%	1,000,000

Share Class	Inception Date	Morningstar Category™	ISIN	Bloomberg	VALOR
AUD I Dist	29-12-2011	Other Bond	IE00B52MT459	NBHYAID ID	14669653
CHF I Acc	27-05-2011	Other Bond	IE00B53JGK04	NBHYCIA ID	13151021
CNY I (Monthly) Dist	09-11-2012	Other Bond	IE00B841H259	NHYRIMD ID	19617716
EUR I Acc	09-11-2009	Other Bond	IE00B12VW904	NBIHYBE ID	2558488
EUR I Dist	18-10-2012	Other Bond	IE00B8FFFY43	NBHYEID ID	19820118
GBP I Acc	27-07-2010	Other Bond	IE00B1G9WC38	NBIIGIA ID	2927461
GBP I Dist	08-11-2006	Other Bond	IE00B1G9WJ07	NBIIGYD ID	2789213
USD I (Monthly) Dist	13-09-2012	USD High Yield Bond	IE00B6VF0729	NBHYBID ID	19496510
USD I Acc	03-05-2006	USD High Yield Bond	IE00B12VW565	NBIUSHY ID	2558478
USD I Dist	16-11-2009	USD High Yield Bond	IE00B1G9WK12	NBIYDU ID	2789263

*The ongoing charge figure (incl. management fee) is based on the annual expenses for the period ending 31 December 2023.

Some share classes listed are subject to restrictions, please refer to the fund's prospectus for further details.

Investors who subscribe in a currency different from their local currency should note that the costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.

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ESG DISCLOSURES

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Except for performance, the data shown is for the fund and is not specific to the share class, it has not been adjusted to reflect the different fees and expenses of the share class. Performance of another share class may vary from the results shown based on differences in fees and expenses, and currency.

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Neuberger Berman Glossary of Terms

ABS (Asset-Backed Security): A security that is backed by a loan, lease or receivables against assets other than real estate and mortgage-backed securities.

Accumulating Class: Any share class which accumulates all net investment income and net realised capital gains and does not declare dividends.

Alpha: The risk-adjusted excess return on an investment in the Fund compared to the benchmark.

Annualised Performance: The returns from a period of time longer than one year, expressed as a yearly geometric average return.

AUM: Assets Under Management.

Average Credit Quality: A weighted average of the credit ratings of all of the bonds in the portfolio.

Base Currency: The currency in which the net asset value of each portfolio is evaluated.

Basis point (Bps): Basis point (Bps) refers to a unit of measure for interest rates and other percentages in finance. One basis point is equal to 1/100th of 1%, or 0.01% (0.0001).

Beta: A measure of the systematic risk of a portfolio relative to the benchmark based on historical returns. The beta of the benchmark will always be 1. For example, a portfolio with a beta above the benchmark (as in, more than 1) indicates that the portfolio has greater volatility than the benchmark and would be expected to outperform in up markets and expected to underperform in down markets.

Bmrk/Benchmark: An index that is used to compare the performance of a fund, or that is used with the purpose of tracking the return of such index, or that is used to define the asset allocation of a portfolio or to calculate performance fees.

Cash Equivalent: A short-term money-market instrument, such as a Treasury bill or repurchase agreement, of such high liquidity and safety that it is easily converted into cash.

Core Strategy: The Core strategy is the portion of the portfolio invested mainly in short- to medium-term investment grade bonds with maturity on average less than 3 years.

Cumulative Performance: The returns generated by an investment over an entire specified period, as opposed to the performance of an investment over each discrete period of, for example, one month, one quarter or one year.

Distributing Class: Any share class which declares dividends.

Dividend Yield: The annual percentage return earned by a fund from company dividends, calculated by dividing the amount of the annual dividends per share by the current net asset value or public offering price.

Domicile: The geographical location where a fund is incorporated.

Duration: This measurement is used as an indication of the sensitivity to interest rate movements of the price of a bond. Longer duration indicates greater sensitivity.

EPS Growth: EPS growth (earnings per share growth) illustrates the growth of earnings per share over time. EPS growth rates help investors identify stocks that are increasing or decreasing in profitability. Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth is an estimate of how earnings per share are expected to grow in the next 3 to 5 years. There is no guarantee that the estimated EPS growth will be achieved.

ESG: ESG represents Environmental issues, (such as the impact on natural resources), Social issues (such as human rights) and Governance, (being the way in which the company is run).

Forward Price/Earnings (P/E) ratio: This is the price of a share at a given time divided by its forecasted earnings per share for the next fiscal year. The forecasted earnings are based on consensus estimates, not Neuberger Berman's own projections, and forecasts may or may not be realized. In addition, any revision to a forecast could affect the market price of a share. If the forward P/E ratio is higher than the current P/E ratio, it indicates decreased expected earnings.)

Gross Exposure: The notional value exposure to market movements in an investment portfolio, expressed as a total of both its "long" positions (where securities are owned directly or via the usage of derivatives) and its synthetic "short" positions

(where securities are borrowed and sold to be repurchased later). For example, a strategy that has 50% of portfolio assets in "longs" and 50% in "shorts" would have 0% net market exposure but 100% gross market exposure.

High Yield: A security or asset, usually a bond or loan, that has received a rating below BBB-/Baa3, or not even received a rating from a nationally recognised statistical rating organisation (NRSO). Sometimes referred to as "speculative-grade", "non-investment grade" or "junk" bonds or loans.

Information Ratio (IR): The expected active return, relative to its benchmark of reference, of an investment strategy (Alpha) divided by its tracking error. This is a measure of the efficiency with which an investment strategy takes risk against its benchmark.

Initial Sales Charge (Max): The maximum amount that an investor in an investment fund may be required to pay when investing in the fund, expressed as a percentage of the value of the investment.

Investment Grade: A security or asset, usually a bond or loan, that has received a rating from a leading credit ratings agency of BBB/Baa or above.

KIID (Key Investor Information Document): A short document that fund management companies are required to provide for investors, giving the key facts and figures about an investment fund.

Listing: The stock exchange on which a security or investment fund has been floated and is traded.

Long Exposure: Indicates the proportion of the Fund's NAV invested in long positions. A long position means the Fund owns a security (such as an equity, a bond or an option) and will profit if its price goes up.

Management Fee: The fixed annualised fee that an investor pays in order to have assets managed in an investment fund or by an investment manager.

Maturity: The date upon which an asset, for example a bond or derivative, must be redeemed by its issuer. In the case of a bond, this is the date upon which the final coupon is paid and the principal is returned to investors. In the case of a derivative, this is the date upon which the contract expires.

MV: An abbreviation of 'Market Value'.

NAV (Net Asset Value): The net asset value of a portfolio.

Net Exposure: The notional value exposure to market movements in an investment portfolio, expressed as its "long" positions (where securities are owned) minus its "short" positions (where securities are borrowed and sold to be repurchased later).

Non-Investment Grade: A security or asset, usually a bond or loan, that has received a rating below BBB/Baa, or has not received a rating from a nationally recognised statistical rating organisation (NRSO). Sometimes referred to as "speculative-grade", "high yield" or "junk" bonds or loans.

NRSO: Nationally Recognised Statistical Rating Organisation.

NV (Notional Value): The total underlying asset value of an exposure implemented, or part implemented, using derivative instruments, given the current spot price of the underlying assets. A large total asset value exposure to markets can be created with a relatively small allocation of cash collateral against a derivative contract. The true size of the exposure is therefore better represented by this leveraged notional value than by the value of the cash allocation.

OAS (bps): The "Option-Adjusted-Spread" ("OAS") is the difference, in basis points ("bps"), between the yield of an asset and the yield of a benchmark rate such as the risk free rate cash index, adjusted to take account of the value of options embedded in that asset. Some bonds and loans, for example, give the issuer the option to "call" the security earlier than the maturity date (in other words, to redeem and repay the principal value to the investor early).

Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF): The ongoing charge figure represents the annual costs of a fund, and it includes the ongoing costs of running the fund, such as operating costs, management costs, administration costs, distribution costs and

transaction costs incurred as a result of buying or selling investments. The ongoing charge figure does not include one-off costs such as entry or exit charges and performance fees. The ongoing charge figure replaced the Total Expense Ratio (TER).

Price / Sales: A company's share price divided by its sales revenue per share. An alternative method to price/earnings ratio for valuing a stock

R-Squared: A statistical measure representing the percentage of an investment portfolio's movements that can be explained by movements in the benchmark. A high R-squared (between 85 and 100) indicates the portfolio's performance patterns have been historically in line with the benchmark.

Return on Equity: Return on equity is the level of net income returned as a percentage of the shareholder's equity.

Settlement (Subscription): The process by which securities or units in an investment fund are delivered in exchange for cash.

Sharpe Ratio: Characterises how well the return of the Fund compensates the investor for the risk taken relative to a risk free cash investment. When comparing two funds versus a common benchmark, the one with a higher Sharpe Ratio provides better return for the same risk (or, equivalently, the same return for lower risk).

Short Exposure: Indicates the proportion of the Fund's NAV invested in short positions. A short position means the Fund benefits from a fall in the price of a security. Funds implement short exposures via synthetic investments using derivatives, which will generate leverage in the portfolio.

Standard Deviation: Measures the historical volatility of the Fund's return. Standard deviation is a statistical measure of the dispersion of a set of data relative to its mean value. The higher the standard deviation, the wider the variability of the returns is and the higher the portfolio risk. In investment the term is usually applied to a series of historical returns, and is often referred to as "volatility".

Tactical Strategy: The tactical strategy is the portion of the portfolio invested mainly in Eurozone government bonds (rated A or below) with maturity above 3 years and non-investment grade bonds.

Tracking Error: A measure of the volatility of the difference between the return to an investment strategy and the return to its benchmark. It is a measure of how closely the strategy's performance may differ from that of the benchmark. A higher tracking error implies that a portfolio is actively managed versus its benchmark.

Trading Deadline: The last point on each day at which a request to subscribe or redeem units in an investment fund can be submitted to the fund management company. Requests to trade submitted after this deadline will be executed the next day.

Vehicle: Any structure established to accept cash from investors with which to make investments in assets and securities. Examples include closed- or open-ended collective investment funds, limited partnerships, and exchange traded funds.

Volatility: Also referred to as the standard deviation of the stream of returns to an asset, portfolio, market or benchmark.

Yield to Maturity: The total annualised return anticipated on a bond if it is held until the end of its lifetime. Yield to maturity is considered a long-term bond yield, but is expressed as an annual rate.

Yield to Worst: The lowest potential annualised total return that can be received on a bond without the issuer defaulting. This can be different from the yield to maturity because it assumes that the issuer will exercise any option it has to "call" the security at the earliest opportunity (to redeem and repay the principal value to an investor early).

WAL (Weighted Average Life): The weighted average life for a bond or another interest-bearing investment means the average number of years that the unpaid principal amount takes to be repaid. Bonds with higher weighted average life values may be riskier. Bonds that pay back more money sooner will have shorter weighted average life.