

# Preferred Securities Fund - Sterling Hedged I Class Income **Units**

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#### Investment manager

Principal Global Investors, LLC ("PGI")

#### Sub investment manager

Spectrum Asset Management, Inc. Spectrum specialises in the management of preferred securities.

### **Fund managers**

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### 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	£3.08b
Base currency	USD
Fund domicile	IRELAND
UCITS qualifying	Yes
Dealing	10:00 AM GMT
Dealing	Daily
SEDR Categorisation	Article 9

# Unit class facts

Launch date	12 Apr 2013
Currency	GBP
Minimum investment	US\$ 2,000,000
Management fee(s)	0.40% pa
Income distribution	Distributing
Distribution frequency:	Quarterly

# **Fund grading**

Mark A. Lieb A rated - Citywire Fund Manager Ratings

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#### Performance (%)

	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR
Fund Cumulative Net	0.36	4.75	1.70	6.90	0.73	14.07	41.46
Index Cumulative	-1.39	2.55	-1.48	5.14	-10.28	4.13	18.65
Fund Annualised Net	0.36	4.75	1.70	6.90	0.24	2.66	3.53
Index Annualised	-1.39	2.55	-1.48	5.14	-3.55	0.81	1.72

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

Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24
10.42	2.55	-1.67	-4.17	6.90
Risk analy	sis			
		0.175		

	3YR	5YR
Information Ratio	0.7	0.3
Alpha	1.3	1.7
Tracking Error	5.4	6.0
Standard Deviation	6.6	9.3
Beta	0.6	0.9

#### Cumulative performance since inception (%)



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 monthend 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	6.3	5.5
Yield to Maturity	7.3	5.5
Modified Duration	3.5	6.5

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

- 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

# 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	2.2
HSBC Capital Funding 10.176 6/30/30 RegS	1.9
Toronto Dominion Bank 8.125 10/27-82	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	1.7
Nippon Life Insurance 2.75 1/31-51 Reg S	1.7
Demeter Swiss Re 5.625 8/27-52 Reg S	1.6
Total	19.9

No. of holdings

# Credit quality (%)

	Fund
AA or AAA	1.8
A	17.5
BBB	61.9
BB and Lower	16.5
UCITS Fund	2.3
FX Hedge	0.0

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

#### Geographic allocation (%)

	Fund
United States	32.8
Great Britain	11.8
Canada	10.2
Switzerland	9.7
France	6.8
Japan	6.0
Netherlands	3.6
Spain	2.8
Finland	2.5
Australia	2.4
Ucits Fund	2.3
Germany	2.2
Italy	2.0
Other	3.2
Cash	1.8

# Industry allocation (%)

	Fund
Banks	48.9
Insurance	29.9
Energy	7.2
Utilities	5.6
UCITS Fund	2.3
Telecommunications	1.3
REITs	1.2
Industrials	1.0
Financials	0.7
FX Hedge	0.0
Other	0.0
Cash	1.8

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#### **Fund codes**

 Bloomberg
 PPSGHII ID

 ISIN
 IE00B2NGK201

 Lipper
 68208625

 SEDOL
 B2NGK20

 Valoren
 3707020

 WKN
 A1W5AK

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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.

This document presents the performance of this particular unit class of the Fund from the date of inception of the unit class in its unit class currency, as specified on the front page. Performance since inception date of the Fund, which precedes the inception date of the unit class, is available upon request.

Prior to 31st December 2018, the data performance calculations reflect the month-end market close prices of the Fund's assets. After 1 January 2019, 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. As a result, it is possible that the stated performance and the actual investment returns available to investors will differ. The performance data shown is net of fees and other charges but excludes any potential entry/exit charges – as such the returns an investor receives may be lower.

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