# **Muzinich Sustainable Credit Fund**





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## Fund Summary

The Fund invests primarily in corporate bonds priced in European currencies and US dollars issued by European and North American companies, which meet high environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards. The portfolio maintains an average investment grade rating, but may invest up to 40% in high yield (sub-investment grade) bonds.

### Reference Index<sup>1</sup>

Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index - Hedged EUR

# Portfolio Management Team

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### **Fund Facts**

Fund Size	€ 153.29 mn
Fund Inception	14/02/2011
Dealing	Daily
Settlement	T + 3
Domicile	Irish-Domiciled UCITS
SFDR Classification <sup>2</sup>	Article 8
Subscription Fee	Maximum 3%

### **Unit Class Details**

ISIN	IE00B4V6QY02
Bloomberg Ticker	MBEHEIR ID
Valor	26853594
NAV	€ 87.82
Inception	29/01/2015
Minimum Investment	€ 1,000
Management Fee	1.10%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.32%
Countries of Registration	IE,ES,IT,CH,SG,DE

### Fund Characteristics \*

Average Credit Rating inc/ex Cash ‡	BBB2/BBB2
Duration to Worst	4.88
Yield to Worst (%), local/unhedged <sup>3</sup>	5.38
Yield to Worst (%), EUR hedged <sup>3</sup>	4.41
Yield to Maturity (%), local/unhedged <sup>3</sup>	5.55
Yield to Maturity (%), EUR hedged <sup>3</sup>	4.59
Cash Position (%)**	1.79
No. of Sectors	29
No. of Issuers/Issues	204/248

<sup>1</sup> The Reference Index changed as of 1 April 2020. See Administrative Notes section for further information.

<sup>3</sup> The Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) classification relates to Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 whereby an investment product classified as: Article 9 has sustainable investment as its objective; Article 8 is promoted on the basis of certain environmental or social characteristics; or Article 6 does not incorporate sustainability into the investment process.

<sup>3</sup> See Notes section for further information on currency hedging. ‡ The Average Credit Rating reflects the highest rating of Moodys, Fitch and S&P or, where such is unavailable, Muznich assigned rating but may not reflect the ratings regime used for the account's official guideline compliance calculations. \* Securities portfolio noil, excludes cash.

\*\*Cash position is shown on a trade date basis.

Morningstar ratings are sourced from Morningstar



Risk Measures			
	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	
Volatility (%)	5.95	6.89	
Sharpe Ratio			
Max Drawdown (%)	-13.84	-13.84	

**SI** 5.40

-13.84



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Performance (%)	1 Mth	3 M	ths	YTD		1 Yr	3 `	Yrs	5 Yrs		SI
Fund (Net)	1.05	0.	32	0.32		4.86	-2.	07	-0.18		0.52
Fund (Gross)	1.16	0.0	65	0.65		6.24	-0.	79	1.12		1.85
Reference Index <sup>1</sup>	1.15	-0.2	28	-0.28		3.76	-3.	25	-0.38		0.38
Calendar Year (%)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund (Net)	-		-	5.13	3.67	-4.25	7.31	1.27	0.33	-12.03	6.15
Fund (Gross)	-		-	6.56	5.07	-2.93	8.70	2.59	1.63	-10.88	7.54
Reference Index <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	4.58	3.66	-3.76	9.24	6.73	-1.69	-16.31	6.51

All data over 12 months is annualised. Gross performance does not account for the effect of commissions, fees and other charges associated with investment in the Fund, which would reduce the values depicted. Past performance is not an indication of future returns. Source: Muzinich & Co. internal data.



Portfolio

200

150

100

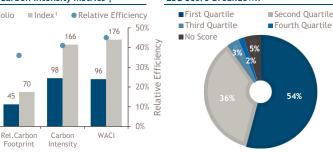
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Carbon Intensity

(tCO2e/mEUR)

### ESG Score Breakdown



The Portfolio Carbon Intensity Metrics show: Rel. Carbon Footprint: Tons of CO2 emitted per EUR million invested. Carbon Intensity: Tons of CO2 emitted per underlying position's EUR million revenues. WACI: Weighted average tons of CO2 emitted per EUR million invested. Source: ISS ESG Data as of 45382. The ESG Score Breakdown shows the weighted breakdown of Fund holdings by percentile as based on Sustainalytics' ESG Risk Rating metrics as of 45382. See Administrative Notes section for further information.

10 Largest Holdings by Issue	r (%)	
		Fund
Morgan Stanley Bank Na		1.91
Standard Chartered Plc		1.69
T-mobile Usa Inc		1.57
Westpac Banking Corp		1.55
Unicredit Spa		1.48
Aust & Nz Banking Group		1.44
Tdc Net As		1.17
Lowe's Cos Inc		1.12
Abn Amro Bank Nv		1.05
General Motors Finl Co		1.03
Currency Breakdown (%)*†		
	Fund	Index

	Fund	Index
USD	60.53	67.55
EUR	36.16	23.48
GBP	3.31	4.08
Other		
Credit Breakdown (%)*‡†		
	Fund	Index
Investment Grade	76.48	91.51
High Yield	22.77	1.50

	Fund	Index
Banking	24.90	22.68
Diversified Financial Services	11.61	8.32
Homebuilders/Real Estate	7.90	7.96
Telecommunications	7.23	8.16
Automotive & Auto Parts	6.92	6.25
Technology	5.07	5.53
Healthcare	4.87	4.67
Utilities	4.67	4.74
Transportation Excluding Air/Rail	3.27	4.68
Services	3.12	4.43
Duration Distribution (%)*†		
	Fund	Index
<=1	12.30	2.51
	12.30 48.29	
>1 & <=5		50.33
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# **Muzinich Sustainable Credit Fund**

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# Hedged EUR Income R Unit Class

### Administrative Notes

The Fund does not invest in companies deemed to be non-compliant with the principles of the United Nations Global Compact which relate to human rights, the environment, labour rights and anticorruption. The Fund does not invest in companies on the Norges Bank Investment Management exclusion list, those with involvement in child labour or controversial industries. The Fund also pursues an ESG best-in-class approach, targeting companies that are able to demonstrate above average ESG performance within each sector (as researched by an independent ESG advisor).

As of April 1, 2020 the Fund's name changed from Muzinich Bondyield ESG Fund to Muzinich Sustainable Credit Fund. In addition, as of April 1, 2020 the Reference Index changed from ICE BofAML BBB USD Non-Financial Index (EN40) to Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index.

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Please see page 1 for information on management fees, ongoing charges figure and below for more information about the reference index, which is used for comparative purposes only. All data as of 31/03/2024. All calculations in Fund Characteristics are based on internal Muzinich & Co. calculations. SI = since inception. YTD = year to date.

### **Relevant Risks**

Currency Hedging Risk: Currency exposure can introduce significant risk to an international bond allocation; hedging that risk can reduce that volatility over time. Hedging currency, however, produces a return - positive or negative - that is distinct from currency return and the return of an investment's underlying bonds. This "hedged return" is part of the investor's total return, and it effectively replaces the currency return. The hedged yield may therefore differ materially from the local currency yield.

Credit Risk: Issuers of bonds, loans and other fixed income investments ("Investments") held in the portfolio may default on their obligations or have their credit rating downgraded, possibly resulting in a temporary or permanent decrease in the value of those Investments. Investments in the portfolio may be below investment grade, meaning that they may produce a higher level of income but also carry greater risk of default than higherrated Investments.

Sustainability Risk: Consideration of Sustainability Risks in the investment process may result in the avoidance or exclusion of certain securities and the Fund might underperform or outperform a fund that does not consider such risks.

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#### About the reference index

The Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate - Corporate Index is a flagship measure of global investment grade, fixed-rate corporate debt. This multicurrency benchmark includes bonds from developed and emerging markets issuers within the industrial, utility and financial sectors.

The Fund is not managed against a particular benchmark or index unless otherwise stated in the relevant KIID/KID or prospectus. Any reference to a benchmark or index in this document is purely for risk/performance comparison purposes.

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