# **iMGP Funds**

### iM Global Partner

# iMGP European Subordinated Bonds

Managed by

**Ersel Asset Management SGR** 

Share class: I EUR ISIN: LU1457568043

For qualified investors only

## Investment objective

The Fund's objective is to generate investment growth mainly through any types of subordinated bonds, including convertible bonds and, for maximum 50%, contingent convertible bonds, issued by European entities or entities predominantly active in Europe. The Fund may, to a lesser extent, invest in other fixed income securities, including ABS (Asset Backed Securities). The Index ICE BofA ML EUR Financial Subordinated is used for comparison only, incl. for performance comparison. The Fund is actively managed and the manager's discretionary powers are not constrained by the Index. Although the manager may take into consideration the Index composition, the Fund may bear little resemblance to the Index. As part of the aforementioned investment policy, the manager may also invest in Credit Default Swaps, both as buyer and as seller of protection.

# Risk/Return profile

.OWER RISK Typically lowe	r rewards)				(Typically	HIGHER RISK higher rewards)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

### Fund facts

Fund manager	Ersel Asset Management SGR
Dividend policy	Accumulating
Last NAV	EUR 1,065.26
Fund size	EUR 100.9 mn
Fund type	Bonds
Investment zone	Europe
Recommended invest. horizon	At least 4 years
Share class currency	EUR
Inception date	2016.09.02
Index	ICE BofA ML EUR Fin Subordinated (TR) EUR
Legal structure	Luxembourg SICAV - UCITS
Registration	NL, LU, IT (QI), FR, ES, DE, CH, AT
Classification SFDR	Article 8

### Performance & risk measures





### ICE BofAML Eur Fin Subordinated (TR)

Monthly returns	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022	-13.9%	-1.4%	-2.8%	0.2%	-2.4%	-0.8%	-5.0%	2.8%	-1.7%	-4.8%	1.2%	-	-
2021	2.5%	0.4%	0.1%	0.9%	0.7%	0.0%	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.6%	0.5%
2020	3.7%	1.5%	-1.2%	-12.9%	6.7%	1.4%	1.2%	1.4%	2.0%	-0.3%	0.2%	4.2%	0.8%
2019	14.1%	2.2%	1.4%	0.5%	2.2%	-1.7%	3.6%	1.2%	0.7%	0.2%	1.1%	0.7%	1.2%
2018	-7.9%	1.1%	-1.1%	-1.3%	0.1%	-2.9%	-1.2%	2.0%	-1.0%	0.3%	-1.6%	-2.4%	-0.1%
2017	10.9%	0.8%	1.5%	0.9%	1.5%	1.1%	0.6%	1.7%	-0.1%	0.5%	1.9%	0.1%	0.0%

Cumulative performance	Fund	Index	Calendar year performance	Fund	Index	Annualized risk measures	Fund	Index
1M	1.2%	1.1%	YTD	-13.9%	-14.4%	Volatility	9.7%	6.8%
3M	-5.3%	-6.7%	2021	2.5%	0.5%	Sharpe ratio	-0.2	-0.5
6M	-8.2%	-7.1%	2020	3.7%	2.8%	Information ratio	0.3	-
1Y	-14.0%	-14.3%	2019	14.1%	10.3%	Duration	2.8	-
3Y	-6.8%	-11.2%	2018	-7.9%	-3.1%	Yield to maturity	6.7%	-
5Y	-3.8%	-5.4%	2017	10.9%	8.0%			
Since inception	6.5%	2.3%						

Annualized performance	Fund	Index		
3Y	-2.3%	-3.8%		
5Y	-0.8%	-1.1%		
Since inception	1.0%	0.4%		

Source: iM Global Partner Asset Management. Past performance does not guarantee or predict future performance. Annualized risk measures based on 3-year weekly returns if more than 3-year history or 1-year if less than 3-year history.

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## **Manager Comment**

### Highlights

- -Market was dominated by high rates volatility and slowing growth data in a context of resilient inflation
- -High beta segments profited from a spread compression driven by a moderation of tightening expectations, while high grade spreads were almost flat,
- -Subordinated rebounded sharply, especially Banking AT1 after being hit hard in September and since the start of the year
- -The strategy slightly overperformed its benchmark thanks to COCO's rebound despite the negative contribution of hedging positions.

Cumulative performance	Fund	Index		
1M	1.2%	1.1%		
YTD	-13.9%	-14.4%		

#### Market Review

October was dominated by high volatility on sovereign rates driven by weaker macro numbers and central banks actions and statements in a context of still resilient inflation. BOE interventions on one side and Australian and Canadian Central Banks change of pace, pushed markets towards a more dovish reading also of the ECB. In this context rates showed large swings during the month before closing unchanged in Euro area but higher in US. Risky assets, on the other side, enjoyed a significant rebound with high beta credit experiencing a relevant spread compression, pricing a moderation in the pace of tightening, and gaining between 2 and 3 points in EUR and USD high yield respectively. A strong positive performance was also recorded on subordinated bonds where CoCo, severely affected in September and since the start of the year, recovered more 6% in Euro and 2% in USD markets. In terms of valuation, spreads for this asset class continue to hover around historical highs as investors are still worried of a new wave of non-performing loans and missing calls remains due to a higher cost of replacement.

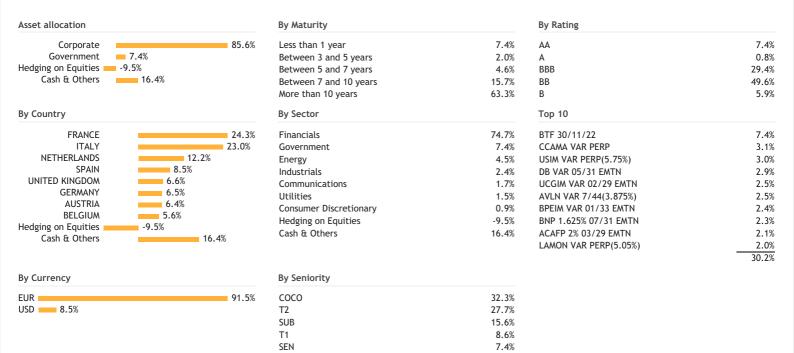
#### **Fund Review**

The strategy slightly outperformed its reference index mostly due to its larger exposure to COCOs and HY rated subs, whose contributions were partially offset by the negative charge of hedging positions. In terms of contributions, indeed, worst performers have been equity derivatives, which subtracted more than 80 bps from the monthly performance, and a Tier2 from Banco Comercial Portugues, down more than 10%. On the positive side, the whole COCO segment contributed by almost 160 bps to the portfolio's performance in October. Best performer banking AT1 were Rabobank, Intesa and Unicredit, all up more than 7%. During the month the strategy closed some positions in favour of cash generation within the legacy space (Aegon and CNP) and the tier 2 space, where one BPER Tier 2 was sold entirely to keep only the newest issue and BCP was reduced for risk management purpose. Finally, hedging was increased to -10% after an equity rally not justified by the still worsening macro picture. As a result, cash and equivalents at the end of October amount to around 13% and the strategy remains still in the lower bound of its relative risk positioning, as slightly higher long exposure is compensated by a higher hedging position with duration at around two thirds of its reference index.

#### Outlook

The growth outlook remains roughly unchanged from the previous month as high inflation will keep central banks in tightening mode adding to the energy crisis in impacting companies' margins. Both rates and spread could experience further widening until central banks and prices pressure fades, but valuations look quite attractive on most credit segments especially for Euro denominated bonds. As such the strategy is expected to keep its hedging on risky assets while at the same time looking forward to adding new long positions on undervalued instruments.

### Portfolio Breakdown



1.4%

Source: iM Global Partner Asset Management

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# Dealing information

Liquidity	Daily
Cut-off time	TD 12:00 Luxembourg
Minimum initial investment	1,000,000
Settlement	TD+3
ISIN	LU1457568043
CH Security Nr	33361694
Bloomberg	OYESBIE LX

### Fees

Subscription fee	Max 0.00%
Redemption fee	Max 1.00%
Management fee	Max 0.55%
Performance fee	

### Administrative information

Central Administration	CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch
Transfert Agent	CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch
Custodian Bank	CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch

Auditor	PwC Luxembourg
Management company	iM Global Partner Asset Management S A

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