

#### Data as of 03/31/2024

This Sub-Fund is managed by Eurizon Capital S.A.

NAV (in EUR) 111.83 Fund Size (in EUR) **Number of Holdings** 323 3,142 mil Morningstar Rating ™ **Fund Manager** E. Musumeci \*\*\*\* **Class Unit Inception Date** 05/08/2017 R. Tommaselli

# **Investment / Performance Objectives & policy**

The fund mainly invests in below investment grade corporate bonds denominated in any currency from issuers that are located, or do most of their business, in Europe. The fund generally favours direct investment

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Specifically, the fund normally invests at least 70% of total net assets in debt and debt-related instruments, including money market instruments. These investments are below investment grade with a minimum rating of B-/B3.

The fund may invest in the following asset classes up to the percentages of total net assets indicated:

- below investment grade debt instruments rated CCC+/Caa1 or lower or unrated, including distressed debt securities: 5%

contingent convertible bonds (coco bonds): 10%

The fund does not invest in asset-backed securities, but may be indirectly exposed to them (maximum 10% of total net assets).

Non-EUR investments are usually hedged to EUR.

The fund may use derivatives for reducing risks (hedging) and costs, and to gain additional investment exposure.

For more information read the Prospectus or Key Information Document (KID).

#### **Benchmark**

ICE BofAML Global High Yield European Issuers, rating BB-B, 3% constrained Index® hedged in EUR

Unit

# Performance and NAV Evolution\* **NAV** Evolution since launch 120 110 90 80

#### **Cumulative and Annualized Performance**

	Unit	Benchmark	Unit	Benchmark
	Cum	ulative	Ann	ualized
YTD	0.76%	1.43%	-	-
1M	0.31%	0.41%	-	-
3M	0.76%	1.43%	-	-
1Y	10.72%	10.96%	-	-
3Y	0.77%	-0.67%	0.26%	-0.22%
5Y	10.25%	9.99%	1.97%	1.92%
Since Launch	11.83%	12.82%	1.64%	1.76%

# **Fund Statistics**

05-2017

	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Launch
Annualized Volatility Unit	4.32%	3.66%	5.66%	8.04%	6.98%
Annualized Volatility Benchmark	3.65%	3.15%	5.58%	7.65%	6.66%
Tracking Error Volatility	0.92%	0.76%	1.31%	1.36%	1.22%
Sharpe Ratio	2.91	2.10	-0.11	0.20	0.21
Information Ratio	0.54	-0.31	0.37	0.04	-0.11
Beta	1.17	1.14	0.99	1.04	1.03

Benchmark

# Annual Performance (Calendar Year)

12.22%	12.72%
-12.22%	-14.57%
2.20%	2.52%
2.99%	2.80%
10.49%	12.56%
	2.20% 2.99%

<sup>\*</sup>Past performance and/or of relevant benchmark if applicable is not guarantee of future performance. The performances are net of ongoing charges and performance fees and exclude any entry and exit fees.

03-2024

Dividend reinvested / Dividend distributed (depending on the case).

Reference period: YTD (year to date) from 01/01/2024 to the date of this reporting. The returns calculations do not take into account taxes applicable to an average professional client in his or her country of residence. When the currency presented differs from yours, there is a currency risk that may result in a decrease in value

# **Risk and Reward Profile**



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 4 years.

The summary risk indicator is a quide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we

We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk class.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-low level, and poor market conditions are unlikely to impact the capacity to pay you.

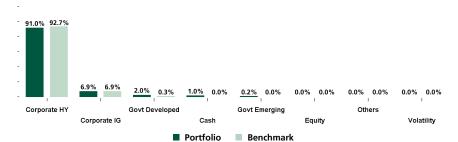
For any further details on investment risks, please refer in particular to the Risks section of the Fund's Prospectus.



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# **Portfolio Information**

# Asset Breakdown\*



<sup>\*</sup>The Corporate asset class may include issues by local agencies or authorities that are equivalent to Corporate instruments issued in terms of creditworthiness. The Developed Governments asset class may include derivative financial instruments on interbank rates.

Derivatives	Weight
Currency	-
Equity	=
Interest rate	1.53%

# Top 10 Holdings (excluding cash)

	Weight	Sector	Duration	Rating S&P
THYELE 4 3/8 07/15/27	1.35%	Corporate	2.90	В
VKFP 8 1/2 06/30/26	1.25%	Corporate	0.01	ВВ
MRWLN 5 1/2 11/04/27	1.25%	Corporate	3.09	B+
FUT EURO-BOBL FUTURE	1.19%	-	-	-
VMED 3 3/4 07/15/30	1.06%	Corporate	5.21	B-
EDPPL 5.943 04/23/208	1.00%	Corporate	3.39	BB+
EIS CONTINGENT CONVER	0.98%	Corporate	2.43	-
TELEFO 3,875% PERP	0.95%	Corporate	2.26	ВВ
EOFP 2 3/4 02/15/27	0.92%	Corporate	2.64	ВВ
ISPVIT TV 12/49	0.92%	Corporate	0.68	-

# **Duration Evolution**

	Portfolio
10-2023	3.49
11-2023	3.38
12-2023	2.94
01-2024	2.94
02-2024	2.89
03-2024	2.83

#### **Sector Allocation**

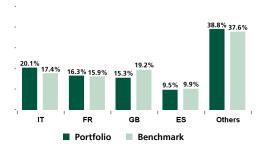
	Portfolio
Treasury	1.52%
Government Related	
Agency	-
Local Authority	-
Supranational	-
Sovereign	-
Corporate	
Industrial	69.15%
Financial Institutions	22.16%
Utility	4.92%
Securitized	-

### **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Portfolio
Weighted Average Coupon	5.01%
Current Yield	5.15%
Average Rating	BB-
Yield to Worst*	6.74%

The portfolio Yield to Worst refers only to the component of fixed income and is calculated as a weighted average of returns of the single bond instruments, where the weighting takes place with respect to the value of the individual instrument. Returns hold account of the operating probabilities of the optional components possibly present in

# **Duration Contribution by Country**



# Contribution to Duration by Maturity

	% Contrib.
0-1	0.23%
1-3	12.78%
3-5	30.49%
5-7	18.98%
7-10	7.20%
>10	30.32%
Total	100.00%

# Allocation by S&P Rating / Maturity\*

	0-1	1-3	3-5	5-7	7-10	>10	Total
AAA	0.31%	0.00%	0.00%	1.19%	0.01%	0.02%	1.53%
AA	0.01%	0.00%	-	-	0.00%	0.04%	0.05%
Α	0.00%	0.00%	-	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	0.05%
BBB	0.02%	0.23%	1.98%	0.42%	0.21%	3.01%	5.87%
ВВ	0.05%	6.87%	9.79%	6.85%	2.95%	16.53%	43.04%
В	0.38%	8.40%	12.97%	6.48%	0.67%	3.96%	32.87%
Below B	0.07%	1.32%	1.45%	0.49%	0.33%	-	3.66%
Total	0.85%	16.82%	26.19%	15.44%	4.19%	23.58%	

<sup>\*</sup>Instruments without ratings are excluded from the calculation.

# Geographical Breakdown by Issuer



The sum of the weights represents the total bond exposure, including derivative instruments.

Allocation subject to change. Reference in this document to specific securities should not be construed as recommendation to buy or sell these securities.



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# Sustainability characteristics

#### **ESG** score

The ESG score considers environmental, social and governance factors based on data on the individual issuer provided by MSCI ESG, which are then aggregated according to the underlying securities in the portfolio. The same methodology is also applied to the product benchmark.



**ESG** score



10

**ESG** score



The fund is qualified pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088; see the Sustainability Report for more details.

#### Percentage of issuers involved in controversial sectors





0



Values other than zero may be due to (i) discontinued issuers, in the best interest of participants and in accordance with current legislation, (ii) issuers for which an engagement activity is in progress or (iii) indirect exposures.

Source: Internal processing of data provided by MSCI ESG Research

Survey period: 12-month rolling average

#### **Appendix**

### Percentage of issuers involved in controversial sectors

Issuers operating in sectors deemed controversial (not "socially responsible"), to which restrictions or exclusions apply with respect to the entirety of the individual assets under management, are companies (i) that have a clear direct involvement in the manufacture of unconventional weapons; (ii) at least 25% of whose turnover is generated from thermal coal mining or power generation activities; (iii) at least 10% of whose turnover is generated from the exploitation of oil sands.

More specifically, unconventional weapons are understood as: anti-personnel mines; cluster bombs; nuclear weapons\*; impoverished uranium; biological weapons; chemical weapons; stealth cluster bombs;

blinding lasers; incendiary weapons; white phosphorus.

These provisions do not apply to the activities permitted by the following treaties and/or conventions:

- The Ottawa Treaty (1997) which prohibits the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines; the Convention on Cluster Munitions (2008) which prohibits the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of cluster bombs;
- The Chemical Weapons Convention (1997) which prohibits the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of chemical weapons;
   The Biological Weapons Convention (1975) which prohibits the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of biological weapons;

- Regulation (EU) 2018/1542 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons;
These exclusions are also intended to comply with the requirements established by Law no. 220 of 9 December 2021 on measures to counter the financing of companies producing antipersonnel mines, cluster bombs and submunitions.

\*With regard to exclusions on nuclear weapons, issuers based in states that have adhered to the "Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty" stipulated on 1 July 1968 are not considered.

# Percentage of critical issuers

"Critical" issuers are those companies having a higher exposure to environmental, social and corporate governance risks, i.e. which have a lower ESG sustainability rating level (equal to "CCC" assigned by the specialized info-provider) in the equity and bond investment category and for which an escalation process has been activated, or is being assessed, which determines restrictions and/or exclusions with respect to the entirety of the individual assets under management ("ESG Binding screening").

#### Percentage of issuers selected on the basis of positive and negative criteria

The weighting of issuers that comply with the specific positive and negative selection criteria identified by the Product, i.e. (i) issuers of green/sustainable bonds and (ii) companies publicly engaged in the energy transition process, particularly through the progressive reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions to reach climate neutrality by 2050 ("Net Zero" goal).

#### Percentage of assets in government issuers meeting the screening criteria

The weight of government issuers that meet the selection criteria defined on the basis of the indicators of the "Sustainable Development Report" and Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 to monitor the principal adverse impacts relating to government issuers.

# Percentage of assets in ESG or sustainable investment type UCIs

This is understood as assets of UCITS that promote environmental and/or social characteristics pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation 2019/2088 or which pursue sustainable investment objectives pursuant to Article 9 of said Regulation.

#### Carbon footprint

The value represents tonnes of carbon dioxide (direct - Scope 1 and indirect - Scope 2) of the investee companies in relation to their turnover.

Weighting (i) of issuers with net positive alignment with at least 1 of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and no misalignment with any of the SDGs and (ii) of green, social and sustainability bonds.



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# **Investment Manager Commentary**

#### **Market Development**

The European high yield market performed well in March, supported by the government component. The best performances were recorded by BB-rated securities, which benefited from both narrowing spreads and the favourable movement of government curves. On the macro side, the rhetoric from central banks remained rather accommodative in the face of a series of very strong US economic data and a slower-than-expected decline in inflationary pressures, fuelling hopes of a first announcement of interest rate cuts in the summer. In Europe in particular, the still weak, albeit recovering, growth data and the continued downward trend in inflation left room for accommodative statements by several ECB board members. In terms of changes in spreads, the European high yield market widened by around 10 basis points on average in absolute terms, with some volatility during the month: after reaching a minimum of around 290 basis points, the spread settled at just over 315 basis points at the end of March. Some idiosyncratic stories on individual issuers weighed on the performance of B-ratings. In terms of spreads, the lowest rated components (B and CCC) underperformed BB bonds. Of particular note was the return of activity in the primary market, with 14.5 billion of new issuance in March, a record for the market and significantly more than in the first two months of the year. The synthetic market performed well over the period, with the Itraxx Xover index showing a more modest widening than the cash market, rising by around 3 basis points to 308 basis points.

#### **Performance and Investment Choices**

The Fund turned in a positive absolute performance, marginally lower than that of the benchmark. The long spread duration positioning contributed positively to performance over the month. The overweight of At1 (Additional Tier 1) made a positive contribution, which almost completely offset the performance of selection activity, which was negative. The position on the Itraxx Xover index also made a modest positive contribution. The Fund was selectively active in the primary market during the month, favouring B-rated issues with high spreads and substituting securities with very compressed spreads, preferably without ESG ratings and those upgraded to BBB. The weight of B-securities was increased to an overweight of about 2%. The underweight in Turkish corporate bonds, mainly in the banking sector, was hedged and the exposure to the real estate sector was increased to an overweight of around 0.5% and positions in hybrids were increased to an overweight of around 1%. The position in the Itraxx Xover index was also maintained.

#### **Outlook and Investment Strategy**

In the coming weeks, the Fund will continue to consider entering the primary market and additional selection transactions will be considered. The positioning will be continuously re-evaluated in relation to evolving market risks.

Source: Eurizon Capital SGR S.p.A., the Investment Manager of the Sub-Fund.

This commentary constitutes opinions that are subject to change. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance.

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Home jurisdiction of the Fund	Luxemburg
ISIN Code	LU1559925570
Class Unit Inception Date	05/08/2017
Valuation	Daily
Bloomberg Code	EUBHYEX LX
Entry costs	-
Exit costs	-
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.52% (of which management commission constitutes 0.35%)
Transaction costs	0.26%
Performance fees	•
Minimum amount	3,000,000 EUR
Taxes	The tax treatment depends on the individual circumstances of each investor and may be subject to change in the future. Please refer to your financial and tax advisor.
Management Company	Eurizon Capital S.A.
Investment Manager of the Sub-Fund	Eurizon Capital SGR S.p.A.
Category	GLOBAL HIGH YIELD BOND - EUR HEDGED

The Sub-Fund is not an Index-tracking UCITS and then does not intend to passively replicate, track or leverage the performance of a Benchmark through synthetic or physical replication.



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# Access to Fund documents and other information in your country

Before making an investment decision, you must read the Prospectus and KIDs, as well as the Management Regulations and the last available annual or semi-annual financial report and in particular the risk factors pertaining to an investment in the Sub-Fund and may be obtained at any time, free of charge on the Management Company's website www.eurizoncapital.com. These documents are available in English (and the KIDs in an official language of your country of residence) and paper copies may also be obtained from the Management Company upon request.

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