

European High Yield Bond Fund

'A' shares, EUR As at end May 2021



Objectives and investment policy summary

The Fund aims to generate an income with the opportunity to provide capital growth over at least 5 years.

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of Non-Investment Grade debt securities (e.g. bonds), issued by governments, government agencies, supranational bodies, local authorities, national public bodies, institutions and corporations across the world, with the relevant currency exposure hedged back into U.S. Dollars.

Monthly and annual average performance (%)

	1 month	1 year	3 years annualised	5 years annualised	10 years annualised
Fund - A Inc-2 EUR	0.0	9.7	3.5	3.7	3.7
Benchmark	0.2	13.1	4.6	5.0	5.8

Calendar year performance (%)

	YTD	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund - A Inc-2 EUR	1.0	1.9	10.2	-4.7	5.8	8.7
Benchmark	2.4	2.9	11.4	-3.5	6.8	9.9

Rolling 12 month performance (%)

	31.05.20 -31.05.21	31.05.19 -31.05.20	31.05.18 -31.05.19	31.05.17 -31.05.18	31.05.16 -31.05.17
Fund - A Inc-2 EUR	9.7	-1.2	2.2	-0.7	8.8
Benchmark	13.1	-1.4	2.7	1.6	9.7

Performance (%)



Risk statistics

	3 years	5 years
Annualised volatility (%)	9.1	7.4

Performance data source: © Morningstar, dates to 31.05.21, NAV based, (net of fees, excluding initial charges), total return, in Euro. The Fund does not track an index, any index shown is for illustrative purposes only. Performance would be lower had initial charges been included as an initial charge of up to 5% may be applied to your investment. This means that for an investment of €1,000, €950 would actually be invested in the Fund. Due to a change in investment objective, performance prior to 29.05.09 was achieved under different circumstances.

Past performance should not be taken as a guide to the future and there is no guarantee that this investment will make profits; losses may be made. If the currency of this share class differs from your domestic currency, your returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

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Ratings

Morningstar: ★★ ★

Fund ratings may be provided by independent rating agencies based on a range of investment criteria. For a full description of the ratings please see www.ninetyone.com/ratings

Investors must read the Key Investor Information Document and Prospectus prior to investing

Key facts

Portfolio manager: Jeff Boswell, Garland Hansmann

Fund size: EUR 64.7m

Fund launch date: 26.11.90

A Inc-2 EUR share class launch date: 26.11.90

Domicile: Luxembourg

Sector: Morningstar EUR High Yield Bond

Benchmark: BofAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Hedged EUR (BofAML European Currency Non-Financial High Yield Constrained Hedged EUR pre 01/08/2016, BofAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Hedged EUR pre 01/06/2012)

'A' share class dealing currency: EUR

Risk and reward profile (KIID SRRI): 4 out of 7

'A' Inc-2 Share class charges

Maximum initial charge: 5.00%

Ongoing charge: 1.55%

The Fund may incur further expenses (not included in the above Ongoing charge) as permitted by the Prospectus.

Other information

Pricing: 16:00 New York Time (forward pricing)

Minimum investment:

USD3,000 / equivalent approved currency lump sum

'A' Acc EUR

ISIN: LU2114232346 **Bloomberg:** EUHYBAE LX

CUSIP: L54486474 **Sedol:** BLH8YV2

'A' Inc-2 EUR

ISIN: LU0345766611 **Bloomberg:** GUIEHII LX

CUSIP: L5447M827 **Sedol:** B2PT4G9

Yield: 4.04% (2.49%)*

Payment dates: Monthly

*Yield if charges had been taken from income. See yield explanation on page 4.

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Top holdings (%)

Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Ne 6 Jan 31 25	2.1
Adient Global Holdings Ltd 3.5 Aug 15 24	2.0
United Group BV 3.625 Feb 15 28	1.9
ARD Finance SA 5 Jun 30 27	1.8
Telecom Italia Spa 2.75 Apr 15 25	1.8
TLG Finance Sarl 3.375 Dec 23 67	1.8
Carnival Corp 10.125 Feb 01 26	1.7
Clarios Global LP Us 4.375 May 15 26	1.7
Atlantia Spa 1.875 Jul 13 27	1.6
Ineos Finance Plc 2.875 May 01 26	1.6
Total	18.0

Number of bond holdings: 104

Credit breakdown (%)*

BBB	5.5
BB	45.8
B	38.9
CCC	6.3
Cash and near cash	3.5
Total	100.0
Average credit rating	BB

*Bond ratings are Ninety One approximations.

Maturity profile (%)

0 - 1 year	12.0
1 - 3 years	14.1
3 - 5 years	37.7
5 - 10 years	35.1
10 - 20 years	1.1
20 years +	0.0
Total	100.0

Average maturity (years) 4.3

Yield to maturity (%) 3.7

Geographic allocation (%)

United Kingdom	20.9
United States	14.5
Germany	13.4
Italy	10.8
France	10.3
Sweden	5.1
Netherlands	5.0
Luxembourg	3.9
Spain	3.9
Israel	2.1
Ireland	2.0
Mexico	1.4
Czech Republic	1.1
Poland	0.9
Belgium	0.7
Switzerland	0.3
Finland	0.2
Cash and near cash	3.5
Total	100.0

Currency positions (%)

	Duration contrib.	%NAV
Euro	2.8	99.6
US Dollar	0.1	0.2
South African Rand	0.0	0.1
Pound Sterling	0.7	0.1
Total	3.6	100.0

Sector analysis (%)

	Duration contrib.	%NAV
European High Yield	1.8	37.6
Short Duration High Yield	0.6	26.6
Corporate Hybrids	0.6	12.3
Bank Capital	0.4	9.7
EM Credit	0.2	5.5
Floating Rate Notes	0.0	3.6
US High Yield	0.1	1.1
Derivatives	-0.1	0.3
Cash and FX	0.0	3.3
Total	3.6	100.0

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General risks

The value of these investments, and any income generated from them, will be affected by changes in interest rates, general market conditions and other political, social and economic developments, as well as by specific matters relating to the assets in which they invest. Past performance should not be taken as a guide to the future. The Fund's objectives will not necessarily be achieved and there is no guarantee that these investments will make profits; losses may be made. This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within the short to medium term.

Specific fund risks

Charges from capital: For Inc-2 and Inc-3 shares classes, expenses are charged to the capital account rather than to income, so capital will be reduced. This could constrain future capital and income growth. Income may be taxable.

Default: There is a risk that the issuers of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The worse the credit quality of the issuer, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

Derivatives: The use of derivatives may increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses leading to large changes in value and potentially large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

Emerging market (inc. China): These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than more developed markets as they may have less developed legal, political, economic or other systems.

Government securities exposure: The Fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by a permitted sovereign entity, as defined in the definitions section of the Fund's prospectus.

Interest rate: The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates rise.

Liquidity: There may be insufficient buyers or sellers of particular investments giving rise to delays in trading and being able to make settlements, and/or large fluctuations in value. This may lead to larger financial losses than might be anticipated.

Reference Currency Hedging: Reference currency hedging aims to protect investors from a decline in the value of the reference currency only (the currency in which accounts are reported) and will not protect against a decline in the values of the currencies of the underlying investments, where these are different from the reference currency. In addition, where the currencies of the underlying investments are different from the reference currency, investors may suffer a loss when the value of the reference currency increases against the value of the share class currency. There can be no assurance that hedging strategies will be successful and such hedging can positively or negatively impact investors by inaccuracies in the operation of the hedge.

Important information

All data as at 31.05.21. The most up to date fund details (e.g. name, overview, key facts etc) are reflected as at the date of publication. Any changes effective after publication will appear in the next update. This is an advertising communication. We recommend that you seek independent financial advice to ensure this Fund is suitable for your investment needs.

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Glossary summary

Alpha: Jensen's alpha is a risk adjusted measure of a fund's performance relative to its performance comparison benchmark.

Beta: A measure of the volatility of a fund relative to its performance comparison index, i.e. how sensitive the fund is to movements in the market. A figure greater than 1 indicates that the fund will tend to outperform in a rising market and under perform in a falling one, i.e. is more volatile than the market. The reverse applies to a Beta of less than 1.

Credit rating: A score awarded by an independent rating agency to indicate the financial strength of the issuer of a bond, and the potential for a default on interest and principal payments. The top credit rating is 'AAA'. The lowest rating to be considered 'investment grade' is 'BBB'. Below 'BBB', bonds are termed 'sub investment grade' or 'high yield'.

Average credit ratings are based on the individual bond ratings issued by the ratings agencies. For each bond, the ratings issued by each agency are combined to form a single rating based on the methodology that most closely matches the performance comparison index (PCI), otherwise median is typically used where there is no PCI. The portfolio rating is the weighted average of the above bond ratings.

Distribution types

Accumulation (Acc): An accumulation share will not make income payments to shareholders but will instead accrue the income daily in the net asset value of the share class.

Income (Inc): An income share will distribute all or part of the income accruing in that share class.

Income-2 (Inc-2): These distribute the income accruing in the share class and charge all their expenses to capital. This maximises the income available for distribution – although it also reduces capital by an equivalent extent which could constrain future capital and income growth. This can be inefficient from a tax perspective in those countries where income tax rates are higher than those on capital gains.

Income-3 (Inc-3): These share classes are similar to Inc-2 share classes in that they charge all their expenses to capital in order to maximise the amount of distributable income. Additionally, Inc-3 share classes aim to provide a consistent distribution rate which is based on the investment manager's expectation of the long term underlying yield. To achieve this they may make distributions from capital or carry over excess income from one calendar year to the next. As the income rate is based on a forecast, there is a risk that future income generated by the fund is overestimated leading to distributions being taken from capital which could also constrain future capital and income growth.

Duration: This is a measure of risk for funds which invest in bonds as it predicts the sensitivity of the value of a fund's portfolio given changes in interest rates. The higher the value the greater the volatility of the fund's performance resulting from changes to interest rates. The Modified duration is shown.

GSF: Ninety One Global Strategy Fund.

Information ratio: A measure of a portfolio manager's skill against a performance comparison index. The over or underperformance of the fund relative to its performance comparison index is divided by the tracking error. In this way, we arrive at the value, per unit of extra risk assumed, that the manager's decisions have added to what the market would have delivered anyway. The higher the Information Ratio the better.

KIID SRRI: The Synthetic Risk Reward Indicator (SRRI) which appears in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID). A number on a scale of 1 to 7 based on how much the value of a fund has fluctuated over the past 5 years (or an estimate if the fund has a shorter track record). A rating of 1 represents the lower end of the risk scale with potentially lower rewards available whilst a rating of 7 reflects higher risk but potentially higher rewards.

Maturity profile: The average life of each bond in a fund's portfolio, weighted by value.

Morningstar 'star' ratings: The overall rating for a fund, often called the 'star rating', is a third party rating derived from a quantitative methodology that rates funds based on an enhanced Morningstar™ Risk-Adjusted Return measure. 'Star ratings' run from 1 star (lowest) to 5 stars (highest) and are reviewed at the end of every calendar month. The various funds are ranked by their Morningstar™ Risk-Adjusted Return scores and relevant stars are assigned. It is important to note that individual shareclasses of each fund are evaluated separately and their ratings may differ depending on the launch date, fees and expenses relevant to the share class. In order to achieve a rating the share class of a fund must have a minimum three-year performance track record.

Ongoing charge: This figure includes the annual management fee and administrative costs but excludes any performance fee or portfolio transaction costs (except in the case of an entry or exit charge paid by a fund when buying or selling units in another fund). Ongoing charges may vary from year to year.

NAV: The Net Asset Value (NAV) represents the value of the assets of a fund less its liabilities.

Sector: A peer group of funds managed to a similar investment policy. Not every fund will have a relevant sector, but for those that do, a full list of the funds included in the sector can be obtained from us on request.

Tracking error: A measure of how much a fund's returns deviate from those of its performance comparison index. The lower the number the closer the fund's historic performance has followed that of its performance comparison index.

Volatility: The amount by which the performance of a fund fluctuates over a given period.

YTD: Year to date.

Yields

Yield: The Yield reflects the amounts that may be distributed over the next 12 months as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value per share, as at the date shown, based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. Where there is a yield number in brackets, it is calculated in the same way, however, as the charges of the share class are deducted from capital rather than income, it shows the level of yield had these charges been deducted from income. Yields do not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. The effect of taking expenses from capital is to increase income whilst reducing capital to an equivalent extent and may constrain future capital and income growth.

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