RBC BlueBay Asset Management

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# BlueBay Global High Yield Bond Fund

## I - EUR (AIDiv) Share Class

### Investment objective

The fund is actively managed and targets better returns than its benchmark, the ICE BofA Global High Yield Constrained Index, fully hedged against USD.

### Investment strategy

- There are no restrictions on the extent to which the fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the ones of the benchmark.
- At least two-thirds of the fund's investments will be in fixed income bonds which pay a comparatively high income, rated below investment grade by a credit rating agency.
- At least half of the fund's investments will be in fixed income bonds issued by companies/governments based in the United States.
- Up to 20% of the fund's assets may be invested in securities issued by governments, banks and corporates in Latin America and Asia respectively.

### Share class performance (%) Net of fees EUR

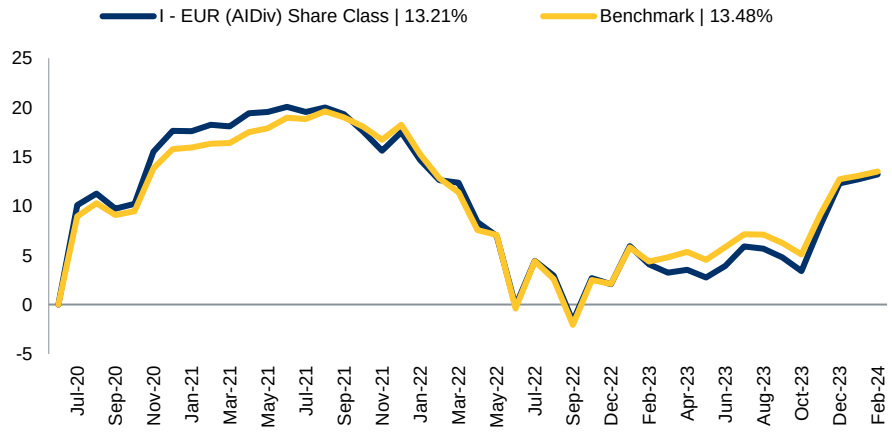
| | 1M | 3M | YTD | 1YR | 3YR | 5YR | 10YR | SI* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I - EUR (AIDiv) Share Class | 0.46 | 4.82 | 0.83 | 8.78 | -1.43 | - | - | 3.32 |
| Benchmark | 0.35 | 3.98 | 0.67 | 8.74 | -0.82 | - | - | 3.39 |
| Relative | 0.11 | 0.84 | 0.16 | 0.04 | -0.61 | - | - | -0.06 |

### Calendar year performance (%) Net of fees EUR

| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I - EUR (AIDiv) Share Class | 10.02 | -13.14 | -0.10 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Benchmark | 10.35 | -13.59 | 2.12 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

**ICE BofA Global High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged to EUR) is the benchmark for the Share Class**. The inception date for the Share Class is 13 May 2020.
*SI – Since inception.

### Cumulative performance Net of fees EUR since inception




### Risk warning

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**Past performance does not predict future returns.** Net performance figures reflect the reinvestment of all dividends and earnings, and the deduction of investment management and performance fees. In addition, the typical fees and expenses charged to a fund will offset the funds trading profits. The specific fee structure for the Fund is detailed in the Key Investor Information document or the Fund's prospectus. Where the Share Class currency is different to that of the Benchmark currency, the Benchmark returns have been converted into the currency for the corresponding Share Class using a hedging method. This adjusts the benchmark returns to account for interest rates differences between the two countries and the spot FX impact on unexpected returns. Performance shown for 1yr periods onwards are annualised figures.

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Source: RBC Global Asset Management as at 29 February 2024. This report is incomplete without the Legal Disclaimer included on the last page.

## Fund characteristics

| | Fund | Benchmark |
|---|---|---|
| Weighted interest rate duration (years) | 3.46 | 3.44 |
| Weighted spread duration (years) | 3.37 | 3.27 |
| Weighted spread | 427 | 367 |
| Coupon (%) | 7.14 | 5.83 |
| Yield to worst (%) | 8.47 | 7.76 |
| Number of issues | 210 | 3,218 |
| Number of issuers | 157 | 1,675 |
| Weighted rating | B+ | B+ |

We have updated our yield calculations for derivatives to reflect the higher rate environment better.

## Top sector relative to benchmark (%, NAV)

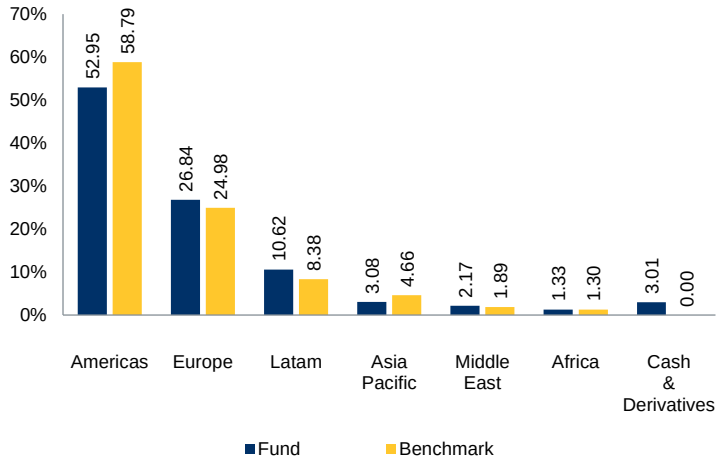
| Overweights | |
|---|---|
| Banking | 5.55 |
| Energy | 4.75 |
| Sovereign | 2.32 |
| Media | 2.06 |
| Basic Industry | 1.49 |

| Underweights | |
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| Leisure | -5.32 |
| Healthcare | -3.65 |
| Capital goods | -2.61 |
| Retail | -2.39 |
| Real Estate | -1.54 |

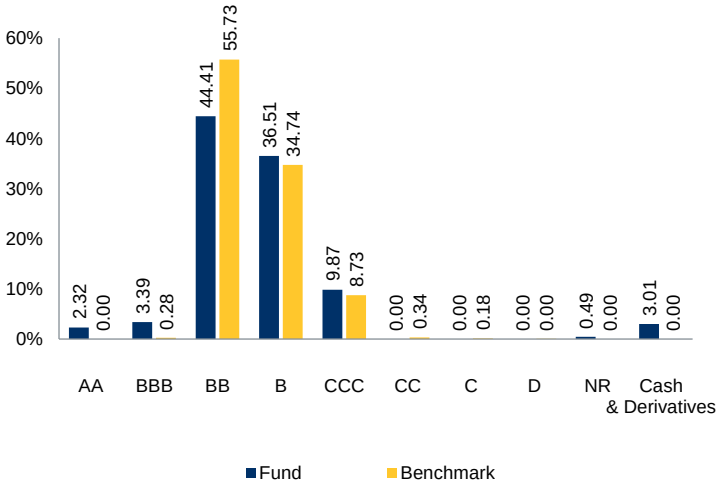
## Currency breakdown before hedging (%, NAV)

| Currency | Fund | Benchmark |
|---|---|---|
| USD | 76.05 | 76.91 |
| EUR | 21.25 | 19.92 |
| GBP | 2.70 | 2.52 |
| CAD | 0.00 | 0.66 |

## Regional breakdown (%, NAV)



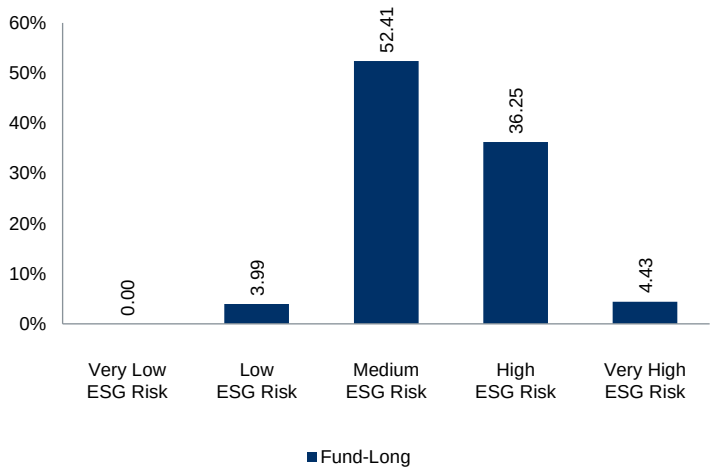

## Credit quality breakdown (%, NAV)



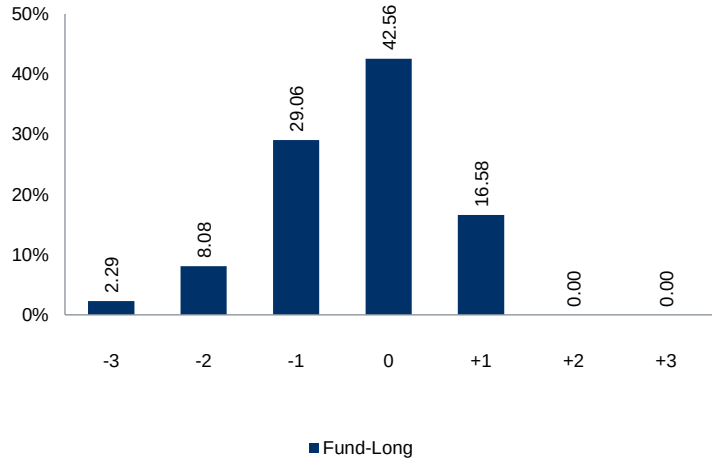

## Important risk considerations

- At times, the market for high yield bonds may dry up, which could make it difficult to sell these bonds, or the fund may only be able to sell them at a discount.
- There may be cases where an organisation with which we trade assets or derivatives (usually a financial institution such as a bank) may be unable to fulfil its obligations, which could cause losses to the fund.
- Investing in high yield bonds offers you the chance to gain higher returns through growing your capital and generating income. Nevertheless, there is a greater risk that the organisation which issued the bond will fail, which would result in a loss of income to the fund along with its initial investment.
- RBC BlueBay could suffer from a failure of its processes, systems and controls – or from such a failure at an organisation on which we rely in order to deliver our services – which could lead to losses for the fund.

## BlueBay: Issuer fundamental ESG risk ratings[1]




## BlueBay: Security investment ESG scores[2]




## Top 5 issuers (%, NAV)[1, 2]

| Issuer | Weight (absolute) | Weight (relative) | ESG Risk Rating | ESG Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States Treasury Note/Bond | 2.32 | 2.32 | Medium | 0 |
| CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp | 1.71 | 0.55 | Medium | 0 |
| Petroleos Mexicanos | 1.64 | -0.34 | Very High | -1 |
| CITGO Petroleum Corp | 1.29 | 1.15 | Very High | -2 |
| Intesa Sanpaolo SpA | 1.23 | 0.89 | Medium | +1 |

## Fund information

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Investment manager** | RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited | **Fund type** | UCITS |
| **Base currency** | USD | **Fund domicile** | Luxembourg |
| **Fund inception date** | 02 November 2010 | **SFDR** | Article 6 |
| **Fund size (USD)** | 1,588 m | **Benchmark** | ICE BofA Global High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged to USD) |
| **Portfolio Manager(s)** | Andrzej Skiba, CFA; Justin Jewell; Timothy Leary | | |

The Funds AUM is stated on a T+1 basis and includes non-fee earning assets. The benchmark is hedged into the Share Class currency where relevant.

## Share class information

| | |
|---|---|
| Share class inception date | 13 May 2020 |
| Initial charge | 0.00% |
| Annual management fee | 0.70% |
| Performance fee | N/A |
| Total expense ratio | 0.86% |
| Share class price | 92.07 |
| Minimum initial investment | EUR 500,000 |
| Minimum subsequent investment | N/A |
| Dividend paying policy | Yes |

## Fund identifiers

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| ISIN | LU0549552270 |
| Bloomberg | BBHYIED LX |
| WKN | A1JT3P |
| Valoren | 18089977 |
| Lipper | 68156123 |

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## Glossary of terms

**Aggregate:** The fund or the benchmark contains a mix of government and corporate bonds at a fixed proportion or fixed weighting.

**Annual management fee:** Annual fee charged by the fund manager for management of the fund, expressed as a percentage.

**Article 6:** Financial products, not falling into either the Article 8 or 9 category. Where such products deem sustainability risks to be relevant to the returns of the product, the regulation requires transparency of the integration of sustainability risks. Where such risks are not deemed relevant, the regulation requires an explanation of the reasons. Such products are not subject to any of the additional transparency required for Article 8 or 9 products.

**Article 8:** Financial products where sustainable investment is not the objective, but they are promoting environmental or social characteristics (or a combination of those characteristics), provided that the companies in which the investments are made follow good governance practices. The regulation requires such products to have additional transparency on the promotion of environmental or characteristics.

**Article 9:** Financial products with sustainable investment as its objective. The regulation requires such products to have additional transparency of sustainable investments.

**Base currency:** The currency of which the is fund managed in.

**Benchmark:** An index that is used to reference the overall investment performance of the fund. Calculated by a 3rd party using a documented methodology.

**Bond:** Financial instrument issued by governments and corporations as a way to borrow money. By buying a bond, the investor is giving the issuer a loan, and the issuer agrees to pay back the face value of the loan on a specific date, and to pay periodic interest payments (coupon) along the way.

**Coupon:** The annual interest rate paid on a bond, expressed as a percentage of the face value and paid from issue date until the bond is repaid.

**Credit quality:** The bond credit rating represents the credit worthiness of a bond as rated by a 3rd party ratings agency. The ratings are published by credit rating agencies and can be used by investment professionals to indicate the likelihood the debt will be repaid.

**Credit spread:** Is a measure of the credit risk compared to the risk free interest rate, often the equivalent government bond. The higher the number, measured in basis points, the higher the perceived risk that the issuer will fail to repay the bond. The weighted spread is the average spread for the whole portfolio weighted by the size of the position.

**Derivatives:** A type of financial instrument whose value is dependent on an underlying asset, group of assets, or benchmark. A derivative is set between two or more parties that can trade on an exchange or over-the-counter (OTC).

**Dividend paying policy:** Does the specific share class pay a dividend or not.

**Emerging market bonds:** Bonds issued by developing countries. These bonds tend to be issued at higher yields than those issued by developed countries.

**Fund domicile:** The country in which the fund is legally incorporated.

**Fund size:** Total value of assets of the fund.

**Fund type:** The legal structure of the fund.

**Hedged:** A risk management strategy that involves buying or selling an investment or currency to potentially help reduce the risk of loss of an existing position.

**High yield:** Bonds that are believed to have a higher rate of default and receive lower ratings by the credit rating agencies, namely bonds rated BB or below. These bonds tend to be issued at higher yields than more creditworthy bonds to compensate for the higher risk.

**Inception date:** The date when the fund or share class launched for investors.

**Initial charge:** The charge by the fund manager for new investments in a fund, expressed as a percentage of the amount being invested.

**Interest rate duration:** A measure of the sensitivity of the price of a bond to a change in interest rates. In general, the higher the duration the more a bond's price will rise as interest rates drop. There are several versions of duration such as 'effective' and 'modified' which represent different mathematical methods to measure the sensitivity.

**Investment grade:** Bonds that are believed to have a lower risk of default and receive higher ratings by the credit rating agencies, namely bonds rated BBB or above. These bonds tend to be issued at lower yields than less creditworthy bonds.

**Investment objective:** The investment target of the fund set out in the prospectus.

**Investment strategy:** The strategy that the fund implements in order to achieve its investment objective.

**Issuers:** The distinct number of issuers based on their Bloomberg Issuer code, held by the fund. An issuer may be a company, government or investment trust.

**Issues:** The distinct number of insturments held by the fund.

**Maturity:** The date when the bond issuer must repay the original bond value to the bond holder. Issuers can sometimes pay early if the Terms and Conditions of the bond allows.

**NR:** No rating has been requested, or there is insufficient information on which to base a rating.

**Performance fee:** The charge by the fund manager if certain performance levels are attained in a set period of time.

**Relative:** Difference between the performance of the fund and the performance of the benchmark. Can be positive (outperformance) or negative (underperformance).

**SFDR:** The European Commission's Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) is regulation on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector. It sets out rules for financial market participants and financial advisers on transparency with regulation to the integration of sustainability risks and the consideration of adverse sustainability impacts in their processes and the provision of sustainability-related information with respect to financial products.

**Share class:** Each class invests in the same portfolio of securities and has the same investment objectives and policies. Each class has different shareholder services and/or distribution arrangements with different fees and expenses.

**Spread duration:** Spread duration is the sensitivity of the price of a bond to changes in its credit spread. The credit spread is the difference between the yield of a security and the yield of a benchmark rate, such as a cash interest rate or government bond yield. In general, the higher the duration the more a bond's price will drop as credit spreads rise.

**Total expense ratio (TER):** The ongoing costs associated with managing and operating an investment fund. This will include annual management fee, performance fee (if applicable) and some other expenses, but not the fund’s transactions costs such as dealing commissions.

**Weighted rating:** The average credit rating of the fund weighted by market exposure.

**Yield to maturity:** The total return anticipated on a bond if the bond is held until maturity, expressed as an annual rate.

**Yield to worst:** A measure of the lowest possible yield that can be received on a bond considering the fact that the bond issue could repay early, this calculation excludes the possibility the issuer defaults on any of it's payments.

**Yield:** The return an investor expects to receive each year over its term to maturity, taking into account changes in a bond's price.

## Notes

1. Fundamental ESG risk rating is assigned at an issuer level by BlueBay. Categories range from 'very high' ESG risk rating to 'very low' ESG risk rating and is a function of the ESG risk profile of an issuer and how well it manages these risks.
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